

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Call to Order**

**Call for Quorum**

**Adoption of an Agenda**

**Introductions and Announcements**

**Council Address**

**5.1 Assistant Chief Returning Officer (By-Election)**

**Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

**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: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report: August 28<sup>th</sup> and  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

**Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: Summer 2002, September 9<sup>th</sup> and  
September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

**Business**

**9.1 Board Selections: Operations and Finance Board, Code of Ethics  
Disciplinary Committee, Academic Affairs Board and Student Issues  
Board**

**New Business**

**10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports**

**10.2 Louis' Project Update**

**Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

**Any Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kirstin Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
Dave Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashim, Chair  
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More  
Michael Hagel, Commerce  
Sharla Daviduik, USSU Researcher

**Regrets**

Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)

**Absent**

Mark Gordon, Vocational Agriculture

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Assistant Chief Returning Officer**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes**

The minutes for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002 were reviewed.
  - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes**

The minutes for August 20<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 were reviewed.
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes for Summer 2002, September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002 were reviewed.
- 9. Business**
  - 9.1 Board Selections**

The following Councilors were elected to the Operations and Finance Board:

James Furlan, Engineering  
Trent Evanisky, Arts && Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology

The following Councilors were elected to the Academic Affairs Board:

James Furlan, Engineering  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Tera Schneider, Commerce

The following Councilors were elected to the Student Issues Board:

Kirstin Loepky, Nursing  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Chad Hamre, Engineering

The following Councilors were elected to the Code of Ethics Committee:

Shannon Whyley, Law

Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports**

This item was tabled indefinitely.

**10.2 Louis' Project Update**

President Stehr gave an update on the Louis' project.

**11. Questions and Comments**

The following questions were brought to the Executive's attention.

Where are the Council minutes located?

The Council minutes are available for pick up by noon on the Wednesday prior to the weekly meetings. Extra sets are also available on the board outside of the USSU General Office. If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the Confidential Secretary at 966-6991. If you are unable to attend a meeting, let her know and she will send you a package in the campus mail.

How much did the resignation of the VP (Operations and Finance) cost the USSU? Is there any penalty in place for the person resigning? VP Jackson noted that she will contact other Student Associations to find out what they have done in similar situations.

At what stage is the Place Riel Expansion plan? What will happen to the project now that the Louis' renovation has gone over budget? What are the projected revenues for the new Louis'? President Stehr assured Council that he would bring a response to Council as soon as possible.

It was also suggested that a list of duties for MSC's be brought to Council.

**12. Any Other Business**

**13. Adjournment**

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 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**
- 6.7 Elections Board Minutes and Report: September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

**Minutes and Reports for Information**

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: September 9<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002**

**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

**Business**

**New Business**

- 10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports – tabled indefinitely**

**Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

**Any Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Kirstin Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
Dave Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Mark Gordon, Vocational Agriculture

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashim, Chair  
Brandi Gazdewich, Arts & Science  
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More  
Michael Hagel, Commerce  
Leigha McAree, University  
Advancement

**Regrets**

Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Samara Worth, Education  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

**Absent**

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION USC01:** Villeneuve/Stehr

Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Stehr apologized for starting the meeting late.

VP McDaid distributed the University Council handbooks. Any students elected to Council that did not attend orientation should receive a handbook.

Councilor Villeneuve reminded Council to attend the Huskie football game on Saturday. The Kinesiology students are going out to support the team and he invited other to do the same.

Councilor Schneider reminded Council that tomorrow is the Commerce Golf Tournament. There are five spots open, so if you are interested, it starts at 12:30 p.m. at the Saskatoon West course. The cost is \$40. She also noted that the Finance Students' Society is having a Beach Volleyball Tournament, with a Hawaiian pub crawl to follow. It starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Sutherland and tickets are \$10 at the door. Next Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Marketing Students' Society is having their Three-Legged Pub Crawl. Tickets can be bought at the Commerce man landing.

Councilor Loeppky announced that the College of Nursing is choosing a charity to focus on this year. She asked that any College's that have a sole charity, let her know so Nursing does not choose the same group.

Councilor Leask announced that this weekend the Pharmacy & Nutrition Student Society is having it's annual Rider Trip. Tickets are \$60, which includes an overnight stay in Moose Jaw.

President Stehr announced that the USSU has a petition going around against student debt load. If you haven't had a chance to sign it, please stop by the USSU office. College Society's can also sign out a petition to take back to their students. He also asked that if anyone has input for the Campus Confidential Survey, please let him know. He also noted by the by-election is currently happening and he encouraged Councilors to attend a forum and to vote! The elections committee for the 2007 World University Games will also be on campus

tomorrow. Various activities have been planned in the Bowl extending over the lunch hour and into the afternoon. Please come out and participate.

Councilor Derdall introduced Brandi Gazdewich, an STM Vice-President, Philip Brost, the STM President, and Robert Hiskamp, a visitor from the Netherlands.

**5. Council Address**

No Council address.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

6.1 USC Minutes: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002

President Stehr apologized for the quality of the minutes, as the Dictaphone was not in working order. The technical problem has been fixed.

Move to add Councilor Gordon's name to the "regrets" list for the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002, council meeting.

**MOTION USC02:** Stehr/McDaid Carried.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board

VP McDaid noted that although the Board has not met yet, he wanted to welcome the Councilors elected to his Board.

6.3 Operations and Finance Board

No report.

6.4 Student Issues Board

No report.

6.5 Appointments Board

No report.

6.6 Elections Board

Councilor Coupal reviewed the minutes. It was noted that a portion of the minutes were missing. President Stehr asked that if Councilor's did not have a complete copy, to stop by the office and further copies will be made available.

6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee

No report.

**7. Executive Committee Minutes and Reports for Information**

7.1 President Stehr reviewed the minutes for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2002.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.



**9. New Business**

9.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports

President Stehr noted that the reports will be brought available for pick up at the USSU Office early next week. Discussion on the reports will take at the next Council meeting.

**10. Questions and Comments**

Move to enter questions and comments for a period of thirty minutes.

**MOTION USC03:** Schneider/Hamre Carried.

President Stehr noted that Councilors can pick up a copy of the USSU Budget for the MUB renovation project. This is a copy of the document that was provided to Council last year. Please direct any questions or comments to President Stehr.

Councilor Furlan asked where Councilor's can check the polling station schedule. President Stehr responded that the USSU Researcher and Policy Coordinator could answer any questions with regard to the election. Her e-mail address is [Sharla.Daviduik@usask.ca](mailto:Sharla.Daviduik@usask.ca). He also thanked all of the volunteers for their time.

Councilor Schneider noted that she felt three days' notice wasn't enough to plan to attend the World University Games activities. She asked that next time, more notice be given so more students can attend. She recommended that students signing the tuition petition are aware of what the petition is for before they sign it.

Councilor Derdall expressed her frustration with computing services on campus. VP McDaid asked that any students experiencing computing difficulties, to please make him aware of the situation and he will pass the message on to Computing Services.

Councilor Eisenbart asked if a more detailed summary of the Place Riel renovation project budget could be provided to Council. President Stehr noted that the initial budget proposed to Council has changed somewhat and he will be bringing the updated numbers to Council as soon as it's available. The replacement of the escalator has since been removed from the renovation budget due to the cost.

Councilor Whyley also noted her frustration with computing. Some of the professors in Law have put their entire textbooks on line and all her syllabuses are also on line. This is a huge problem when printing is not widely available. VP McDaid noted that he spoke with Rick Bunt last week and he assured that the various problems will be fixed soon. He noted that he will be in touch with Computing Services to relay this problems.

Councilor Furlan noted that Engineering has very few recycling bins and those that the custodians empty are just thrown in the garbage. He asked that

Councilors check with their Colleges to determine if the paper waste in their building is actually being recycled.

Philip Brost commented on the re-evaluation of the budget for the Place Riel renovation plan. He noted that the removal of the escalators should be looked at again. Councilor Furlan noted that a Councilor from last year's USC was present at the last meeting and commented that the removal of the escalators would hinder the management of traffic flow during peak periods. President Stehr asked that Council evaluate all aspects of the project, keeping in mind the opinions of all of the stakeholders.

President Stehr asked that Councilors swipe their student cards for the purpose of tracking attendance at Council meetings. He also asked for Council's opinion on where the meetings should be held. He mentioned that microphones are being installed in the Sask Hall Meeting Room, which may assist with the acoustics. Councilor Derald noted that she prefers the Thorvaldson classroom better. She mentioned that it was easier to see and hear everyone and that there was more room available for guests. Councilor Schneider noted that the other classroom didn't have much room for the gallery either, and she asked if there is another option. President Stehr noted that the rooms are roughly the same size. Other options could be investigated if need be.

Councilor Schneider asked why the Place Riel budget is being brought forward again when it was passed at Council last year. President Stehr noted that because the Louis' project is over budget, the budget for Place Riel would put the USSU into a deficit of about \$500,000. He believes that the expansion plan options and budget should be re-evaluated.

Councilor Leask noted that students in her College have an 8 a.m. class on Mondays and that the sprinklers are on everywhere, which poses a problem in getting to Thorvaldson.

President Stehr asked for Council's opinion on the location of future USC meetings.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Move that University Students' Council select Thorvaldson Rm. 205A as its' permanent meeting space for the year.

**MOTION USC04:** Stehr/Schneider

DEFEATED.

Councilor Schneider noted that Council should have a consistent place to meet every week. If a large number of guests are expected Council will have to relocate, which may cause some confusion. It was suggested that other spaces should be investigated.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the space available to guests and spoke in favour of the room with the largest capacity.

Councilor Leask noted that the size of gallery should not be the focus of the debate, it should be the acoustics and set up of the room.

President Stehr noted that the table set up of the orientation room was a waste of space and that he felt it could be set up much more efficiently.

Councilor Derald .....inaudible.

Move that University Students' Council meetings take place in Room 77 Lower Saskatchewan Hall.

**MOTION USC05:** Coupal/McDaid Carried.

Councilor Coupal reminded Council that the drop microphones would address the audio concern and he also noted that washroom facilities are close as well. It was noted that there are vending machines right outside of the room in Thorvaldson.

VP McDaid spoke in favour of the motion. He noted that the meeting room in Lower Saskatchewan Hall was just renovated by the Students' Union and that Council should be using it.

Move to strike Item 7.1; September 9<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Elections Board minutes from the agenda.

**MOTION USC06:** Stehr/Coupal Carried.

### 13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC07:** Derald/Evanisky Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002

**Call to Order**

**Call for Quorum**

**Adoption of an Agenda**

**Introductions and Announcements**

**Council Address**

**5.1 Craig Stehr – CASA**

**Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**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**

**6.8 Elections Board Minutes and Report: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

**Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

**Business**

**New Business**

**10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports – tabled indefinitely**

**Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

**Any Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kirstin Loepky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
Dave Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Mark Gordon, Vocational Agriculture  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Michael Hagel, Commerce  
Kirk Ewen, Engineering  
Lauren Beliveau, Arts & Science

**Regrets**

Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy

**Absent**

Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Chad Hamre, Engineering

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION USC08:** Coupal/Evanisky Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Schneider introduced Kirk and Lauren, the Co-Presidents from Club Greystone, which is a new club on campus through University Advancement. They are sitting in observing the meeting procedures. She also noted that Commerce has added a stock ticker board to the PCS Centre that was contributed by Mr. Murray Edwards. Mr. Edwards is looking to contribute more funds in the future as well. The Grand Opening was today for the opening sell. The resurfacing of tables and other renovations are going to be taking place in the New Year.

She also announced that on October 4<sup>th</sup> is the 3-legged Pub Crawl, which is put on by the Marketing Students' Society. The cost is \$10 for non-members and \$7 for members, starting at 6 p.m. at the Sutherland Hotel with a two-hour beer night. Every Thursday at the Sutherland Commerce has token nights from 7 - 9 p.m. with drinks only costing \$1.25.

President Stehr welcomed all guests and thanked them for attending. He also mentioned that there is a petition on campus against student debt. He invited all the Councilors to see him after the meeting to get a petition to take back with them and get as many signatures as possible.

President Stehr mentioned that the Accountability Reports are not complete as VP Jackson was away at a Conference for a week and then took ill. It is preferred that VP Jackson has a chance to look over the documents before presented to council. There hasn't been a date set but they will ready soon.

Election results for the new VP Operations & Finance will be announced tonight at 8:30 p.m. at Place Riel Theatre.

He announced that Louis' will be opening on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. He invited all to come to the opening and check out the new party place. A major new development for Louis' is that during the day and for special events it will be all-ages. During the day he believes that the cut off is at 8:00p.m.

Councilor Avinashi made a couple of announcements. He is sending an invitation to all colleges to support a fundraiser for the College of Medicine, Physical Therapy, Dentistry as well as a few other colleges. The fundraiser is .....Mania, which is taking place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup> for the Children's Health Foundation. This is an entertainment program with comedy, skits, cultural performances and professional singing. He will be bringing tickets next week and appreciates everyone's support.

Councilor Avinashi added the initiative called Medicine's in Taking regarding student wellness which is a serious issue for the college as many others. The maximum amount of student enrollments available is less than the amount for tuition. Therefore they are making an initiative of talking to MLA for the city and sending out letters. He will be keeping Council up-to-date..

Councilor Derald announced that St. Thomas More College is having a dance on October 25<sup>th</sup> called the October Nocturne. The cost is \$12 for students and it's being held at the Delta Bessborough. The U of S Jazz band is performing and it promises to be a good time. She has invitations for everyone and can bring tickets to council. If any one is interested please see her.

Chair Hashmi spoke briefly about the rules and regulations for council meetings. The proper way for speaking is to stand up when it is your turn to talk and to not starting speaking until you are standing and then address the chair. If you would like to be acknowledged by the chair please stand up and then wave your placquard. He also mentioned that whispering should not be taking place as it is not only courteous but also all the little noises get picked up on the recorder. He added that everyone should be speaking loudly so the minutes can be typed accurately. When passing a motion you must stand up and state if you speak for or against the motion and then propose your motion. Everyone is asked to be courteous to others. With these in place everything will be kept orderly.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Craig Stehr - CASA**

President Stehr reminded Council that the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union is a member of CASA, which is the national lobby group. He explained some of the history of the group and what they do for students.

The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and the Canadian Federation of Students are the two national lobby groups in Canada. CASA began in 1993 when the Liberal were elected in to government. The review of social policy related to the federal government level was the key inspiration for this new group. The document "The Winds of Change" was created, with five schools supporting it. There has been significant growth over the years, with 23 member schools currently.

CASA firmly believes in equality, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, etc. and that all should have access to affordable education. CASA also operates in both French and English. It's primary focus is secondary education and it is essentially run by it's member schools. They typically set reasonable goals that they feels are attainable through lobbying the federal government and are flexible in meeting the needs of all schools.

The National Director is the primary spokesperson for the organization. There are 23 member schools and five staff members. Aaron Dougan, a former USSU President, is currently the Researcher for CASA.

President Stehr noted that he will be attending the National Lobby Conference at the end of October and he will be bringing his conference report to Council shortly thereafter.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the difference between CASA and CFS. President Stehr mentioned that CFS is managed by the top person and CASA's model is more from the bottom up, from the students. He also noted some people feel CASA is a little too close with government, however they still operated in a transparent manner. The National Conference is the members' opportunity to give their opinions and feedback.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC09:** Evanisky/Coupal

Carried.

President Stehr explained the organizational chart for CASA. He noted that each region is represented by a Regional Director. With this model, each school has the same voice. Although the size of the schools varies, most of the issues surrounding federal government are similar.

CASA also has an "easy in, easy out" philosophy. This means that if your school wants to be a part of the organization, it's easy to become a member school and if you want out, that is never a problem. If a school changes it's mind, by referendum or not, it's not locked into the organization.

The cost to join CASA is calculated by a complicated formula. There is a cap, which is slightly more than \$25, 000. The cost for the University of Saskatchewan to join CASA is \$25,752 for the current year.

The CASA Annual AGM was held at Brock University this summer. The National Lobby Conference is being held at the end of October. The next AGM will be held at Bishop's in June after transition takes place.

The National Campaign is "Education Builds a Nation." Each school holds four CASA days per year to increase awareness about CASA and what they are about.



President Stehr asked that if Councilors have any questions or concerns, to please contact him. He also noted that if anyone is interested, he can send a copy of the presentation to each College.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

Move to amend the minutes to read that Councilor Tanner was present.

**MOTION USC10:** Tanner/Schneider Carried.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**6.6 Elections Board Minutes: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

Councilor Behari reviewed the minutes for September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002. He also reminded Council that the elections results would be announced in Place Riel Theatre this evening.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Stehr noted that there are no minutes to review as no regular meetings were conducted over the last week.

**11. Questions and Comments**

Move to have 30 minutes of questions and comments.

**MOTION USC11:** Coupal/Hurst Carried.

Councilor Sharma wanted to make Council aware that the maximum amount of funding a Saskatchewan resident can obtain through student loans is \$10,000, while some of his Alberta counterparts are getting around \$25,000.

VP McDaid spoke in regards to the computing questions brought forward at the last Council meeting. He met with Jonathan More Wright of Computing Services and Mr. More Wright noted that there will be a Town Hall Meeting in Place Riel Theatre from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Topics to be discussed include the new labs, terminals, SaskTel installations, support and help, etc. Please attend to give your feedback.

Volunteer training for the USSU volunteers is this weekend, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. President Stehr and VP McDaid will both be doing presentations. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to stop by the Goodspeed Theatre between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday.

If anyone has ideas of speakers to bring in to Council, please let one of the Executive know.

VP McDaid also noted that there are a few University Council Orientation binders left. If your College's representative hasn't picked up their copy, please remind

them to do so. He would also like each College to e-mail him with the name and contact information of their University Council representative.

Councilor Evanisky asked for an explanation of why Louis' was not open at the expected date and how much money the USSU lost to cancel the band. He also commended President Stehr for his apology in response to VP McDaid's comments the previous week. He asked why VP McDaid did not write the apology.

President Stehr responded that Not By Choice was cancelled at the cost of \$500. He also noted that he wasn't apologizing on behalf of VP McDaid and that he was merely explaining the USSU's stance on the issue. VP McDaid mentioned that he was away at a conference when the article came out in the Sheaf. He has not been asked to apologize for the parody article and although he understands the disappointment of the owner of the Treats Emporium, he hoped people would take the article in humor.

President Stehr noted that he was happy to see that many student groups have taken action on the issue of student loans. He asked that students with concerns about student loans come see him with their feedback.

Councilor Avinashi asked what the USSU is doing about the student loans situation. He noted that the College of Dentistry students are allowed the same maximum as Arts & Science students, which is approximately \$10,000. He also noted his disappointment with the computers during voting time.

President Stehr noted that the USSU has met with the Deputy Minister and the Assistant Deputy Minister of Post Secondary Education and Skills Training. He noted that they are pushing for an increase in funding to the professional colleges and an increase in debt forgiveness.

Councilor Schneider asked when the USC and board minutes would be made available. She also voiced her concern with the slow start Louis' has had so far. President Stehr noted that the minutes will be available, at the latest, the morning of the meeting. He is also looking into having the minutes available on line. President Stehr noted that the initial timeline stated that Louis' would be open on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and because of some delays with the trades people, it has been pushed back a bit. He promised that it would be well worth the wait.

Councilor Whyley spoke to the issue of student loans. She noted that students in the College of Law are coming up short. The College of Law President, Shawn Blackman, has been working with President Stehr and he has sent out a letter to all of the MLAs. She encouraged other Colleges to do the same.

Councilor Furlan also spoke about student loans. He feels that the parental contribution should not be a factor and that Council should address this issue.

Councilor Schneider further expressed her concern with the delay in the Louis' opening date.

Councilor Behari commended the Committee on the World University Games Bid events on Friday. He thought everything went great!

VP McDaid noted that he attended an Oxfam forum on Friday. They will be starting a fair trade coffee on campus. Browsers is currently the only place on campus that offers fair trade coffee.

Councilor Derald asked for an update on Browsers. VP McDaid noted that the gas line has been installed and the fireplace and dishwasher should be running shortly. He noted that Louis' will be provided the catering for Browsers.

**12. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC12:** Schneider/Furlan

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002**
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**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

**Business**

**New Business**

- 10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports – tabled indefinitely**

**Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

**Any Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President	Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)	Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)	Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)	David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine
Faye Dokken, Agriculture	Robert Tanner, VPRA
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science	
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce	<b>Also Present</b>
Tera Schneider, Commerce	Mariah Battiste, Arts & Science
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry	
Neal Cantin, Education	<b>Regrets</b>
Samara Worth, Education	Soleman Hashmi, Chair
James Furlan, Engineering	Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science
Chad Hamre, Engineering	Shannon Whyley, Law
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology	Mark Gordon, Vocational Agriculture
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine	
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing	
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition	

**1. Call for Order**

The meeting was called to order.

President Stehr is sitting in the for Chair Hashmi. He informed the councilors that if there are any questions they should be directed to the other Executive members.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION USC13:** Villeneuve/Furlan Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

VP Jackson welcomed Danphy Wong as the new VP Operations & Finance.

Councilor Hamre announced that the Engineers Without Borders is having a Pub Crawl tonight to raise money to help with a water park in Kenya.

Councilor Hurst announced that the Small Town Pub Crawl is being held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. If there is any interest she will have more information at the next meeting. On November 5<sup>th</sup> is Etiquette Night at the Top of the Sheraton. Tonight, from 8:00p.m. – 10:00p.m., Commerce is having a Beer Night at the

Sutherland. The cost is \$5 and all you can drink. The profits will be going to the Western Business Games team.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology is having a Steak Night at Bro's on Third on October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. The tickets are \$12; which includes a steak with all you can eat salad bar.

Councilor Schneider apologized for being late. She introduced Cora Schneider, Director of Student Recruitment, and Michelle MacDonald, Recruitment Officer, both from the office of Student Enrollment Services.

Move to amend the agenda to read that there will be a presentation from Student Enrollment Services regarding Experience US!

**MOTION USC14:** McDaid/Hamre Carried.

Councilor Derald noted that the Autumn Nocturne is coming and tickets are selling fast. She congratulated the Engineers on ??????????

## 5. Council Address

Move to consider Experience US! presentation informally.

**MOTION USC 15:** Villeneuve/McDaid Carried.

### 5.1 Michelle MacDonald & Cora Schneider- Experience US!

Experience US! is coming up on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be approximately 4000 Grade 12 students on campus from across Saskatchewan. This is the largest University's recruitment event. Michelle asked that the word be passed around the colleges for that volunteers are still needed. In the packages that were handed out there are volunteer registration forms and posters.

There will also be a moral boosting event both afternoons at 1:00p.m. in the Education gym. The Mother Culture and breakdancers will be coming in as entertainment. Come out and interact with the Grade 12 students. October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:31p.m., everyone is invited to the Volunteer Appreciation which will take place in Marquis Hall. Councilor Schneider will bring by tickets at next weeks meeting.

She asked if there were any questions or comments and then thanked council.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC16:** Jackson/Leask Carried.

## 6. Minutes and Reports for Action

### 6.1 USC Minutes: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002

Move to amend the minutes to read that Councilor Cantin and Councilor Hamre were present and that Councilor Dokken had sent regrets.

**MOTION USC17:** Wong/Worth Carried.

**6.6 Election Board Minutes: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002**

Councilor Coupal mentioned that VP Wong had been ratified.

**MOTION USC18:** Coupal/Eisenbart Carried.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

VP Jackson reported that there are no minutes due to the training of new Confidential Secretary but they will be available for next week's meeting.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports**

VP Jackson noted that the Accountability Reports are at the printers and will be available for pick up on October 17<sup>th</sup> by 1:00p.m.

**11. Questions and Comments**

Move to have 30 minutes of questions and comments.

**MOTION USC19:** Villeneuve/Schneider Carried.

Councilor Schneider wanted to know if they could get the Accountability Reports by Wednesday at the latest. This would give Council a chance to look over the reports. She also mentioned that there was an Academic Affairs Board meeting and she did suggest that there be no motions made. She didn't feel that it would be appropriate having no Students-At-Large present. She clarified that she didn't tell VP McDaid that he couldn't prepare minutes for presentation at Council.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that at Louis' on Monday they didn't have Interac. He had to then pay \$1.50 service charge to withdraw \$20 from the machine.

VP McDaid responded that when SaskTel came into do the work they were in the way of the contractors. This placed a delay on the phone lines but now everything is up and running.

VP Jackson responded to Councilor Schneider's concern as to when the Accountability Reports would be available. VP Jackson said that the reports would be ready in time for Council to view the them.

VP McDaid attended the Computing Townhall meeting on computing along with Councilor Dokken and Councilor Whyley. He mentioned that there will be a written report of the meeting from Town Hall available soon.

Councilor Derald expressed her concern on behalf of St. Thomas More College on their ratification. The Society had submitted their documents 4 weeks ago and they haven't heard anything on ratification or funding.

VP Wong responded to Councilor Derald's concern that there was no one in his position and no board in place as of yet.

Councilor Coupal inquired if there is anything being done to find out the student input on the new Louis'.

VP Jackson responded to Councilor Coupal's inquiry about Louis'. She mentioned that TalkBack cards have been handed out to clients and results will be ready in a couple weeks. There are TalkBack cards available at Louis' and any feedback is welcomed.

Councilor Tanner ????????????

Councilor Schneider responded to the Interac issue, if there is no Interac you will lose business.

Councilor Behari expressed his disappointment with the new Louis'. The service was slow and area looks incomplete.

VP McDaid addressed the Louis' concerns. The first day was a bad day but it was the first day. In regards to the interior, he stated that that is the way it is going to look with a few touch ups. The dimmer pack for the lighting arrived and will be installed. He also agrees with the importance of having an Interac machine.

Councilor Coupal voiced that there is a bit disappointment in how Louis' did turn out. He wants to know if the fluorescent lighting can go?

VP McDaid spoke to Councilor Coupal's concern on the fluorescent lighting. He noted that Louis' is currently running on the emergency lighting system and that is why the lighting is so poor. When the new lighting is installed it will look better.

Councilor Hurst talked of the small proportions being served at Louis'.

Councilor Schneider mentioned that her and Councilor Whyley discussed and will be preparing an amendment to bring forth at this year's Annual General Meeting regarding Executive resignation. Any ideas are welcomed.

Councilor Dokken mentioned that she visited Louis' today with about 30 Agriculture students and had a good experience. They were given 7 pitchers of free beer with okay service. She also inquired as to when the Annual General Meeting would be taking place.



Councilor Worth stated that it is important to remember that the Councilors should remain positive about Louis' because bad word travels quickly. It will get better with time.

VP Wong spoke to the inquiry as to when the Annual General Meeting would be taking place. The date set is November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002 at 5:30p.m.

Councilor Villeneuve asked where the pictures of the past bands that have played at Louis' went to.

VP Wong noted that the pictures would be hung back up.

Councilor Sharma spoke on the tuition document.

Chair Stehr asked that VP Jackson take Chair position.

President Stehr spoke on the tuition document. He noted that the document will be brought to Council soon to get ideas. Until the new document is in place they will be using last year's document but will be looking at to be sure that all of Council is in agreement.

Craig Stehr took Chair position.

VP McDaid mentioned that himself along with Chair Stehr were on the CFCR radio show, Higher Learning, Tuesday night at 7:00p.m. Next Tuesday, VP Wong and VP Jackson will be on the show. The show touches base on student debt along with the entertainment coming to Louis'.

Chair Stehr encourages all Councilors to tune into the Radio show on Tuesday nights from 7:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Councilor Schneider encourages all Councilors to bring concerns and suggestions to Council regarding Louis'. It is the Councilor's job to bring any concerns of the student body to the meetings. She wants to be able to hear from either Louis' management or the Executive if things are changing so Councilors can pass on the good word. She noted that the comment made by Councilor Sharma towards Councilor Villeneuve regarding the Interac was not acceptable and thought that an apology is in place.

Councilor Sharma apologized.

Chair Stehr welcomes all comments on Louis' so that the Executive can pass it along.

Councilor Coupal is wondering if it is VP Jackson that is responsible for the students opinions on Louis'; does she look through the TalkBack cards. He agrees that the opinions of the students need to be brought forth. He asked if it is

easier to sit at Council and talk about Louis' for 15 minutes or to just fill out the cards.

VP Jackson responded to the inquiry made by Councilor Coupal. She stated that the Researcher is responsible for going through the TalkBack cards and then prepares a document. It is up to the Councilors how they would like to bring forth their comments, but it would be properly looked at when it goes on the cards.

VP McDaid mentioned that he would bring cards to Council and then they can then be taken back to student lounges.

VP Wong stated that the TalkBack cards are reviewed weekly.

Councilor Tanner ???????

VP McDaid noted that the Campus Club cards are available for either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights and suggested to talk to Louis' Site Manager, Rob Fyke, or the USSU office.

Councilor Ferlan stated they had tried to get Louis' in their Pub Crawl but their was a band playing. He also asked if Louis' holds the All-ages license as of yet?

VP Wong stated that Louis' does hold the All-Ages license.

Councilor Hurst inquired if Louis' is always going to have bands in or if it will be the dance club as well.

VP Wong addressed the entertainment issue. There will be DJ's in the bar on Fridays and Saturdays.

Councilor Derald was wondering if there were any tickets available for the Councilors for tonight's concert.

VP McDaid stated that there are no tickets available for tonight but for future events on Thursdays there will be.

**12. Any Other Business**

VP McDaid invited all the Councilors over to Louis' to have a drink before the entertainment started.

Councilor ISC (name???) she stated that she was there for Cameron Arcand, he will be attending the following Council meetings.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC20:** Schneider/Furland

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Call to Order**

**Call for Quorum**

**Adoption of an Agenda**

**Introductions and Announcements**

**Council Address**

**5.1 Chief Returning Officer, David Smith**

**5.2 Proposed Place Riel Expansion**

**Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

**6.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report: October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**6.10 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

**6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

**Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

**Business**

**New Business**

**10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports**

**10.2 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

**10.3 Where We Stand: Student Computing**

**Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**

**Any Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Op. & Fin.)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Samara Worth, Education  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Mariah Battiste, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law

Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kirstine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Mark Gordon, Vocational Agriculture  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Daniel Hewson, Physical Therapy

**Regrets**

Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
Dave Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine

**11. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**12. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**13. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated

**MOTION USC21:** Villeneuve/Evanisky Carried.

**14. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Avinashi announced that October 18<sup>th</sup> is the Date Auction for Medicine. An entertainment fundraiser, for the Children's Health & Education program, will be taking place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased either at the door or at the Information Kiosk.

VP Wong presented a cheque in the amount \$300 to Shinearama.

Councilor Coupal introduced David Smith, Chief Returning Officer and Sharla Daviduik. David will be speaking on the by-election.

Councilor Furlan announced that on October 19<sup>th</sup> the Engineers are having their Toga Small Town Drive.

Councilor Worth introduced the President of the Educations Students' Society.

Councilor Sharma announced that Wayne Lee, the hypnotist, will be performing at the Pat next week. He has tickets for all the councilors. Dentistry is also having a pub crawl on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Tanner announced that VPRA is having a dance, the Fall Frolic, on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an all-ages event.

Councilor Hurst announced that on October 24<sup>th</sup> will be the Small Town pub crawl. Tickets will be on sale October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **15. Council Address**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC22:** Stehr/Jackson Carried.

### **5.1 Chief Returning Officer, David Smith**

David stated that he was pleased to be in this position for this year and the last year's elections. He will talk on why the by-election occurred for the VP (Operations & Finance) position. Usually there is only one election per year but this year Gordon Randall Steeves resigned. The election went very smoothly.

The voter turnout was 5.2% for the by-election, which is approximately 1,200 voters. He believes that one of the reasons for a good turn out was the computerized voting system. His statistics prove that the computerized system is more accessible for students; this allows students to vote at anytime of the day.

One minor problem was a couple of computerized polling stations broke down. In David's opinion, everything went smoothly. Are there any questions?

Councilor Furlan was wondering if David had a breakdown of the percentage for Engineer voter turnout.

David Smith stated that the Engineer voter turnout was 8.25%. The highest voter turnout was for Agriculture at 9.45% and lowest was Veterinary Medicine at .35%. He also added that Sharla, USSU Researcher and Bonita, Assisting Chief Returning Officer, did a wonderful job.

Councilor Schneider was inquiring about the MSC time slot.

David Smith stated that there are two people needed at polling stations. There was problems getting enough people to fill the DRO positions.

Sharla added that an election policy revision would be coming up soon. At this time they will be addressing the issue of DRO's.

Councilor Coupal announced that on behalf of Councilor Behari and himself that it was a pleasure to work with Sharla and David and looking forward to doing it again.

## **5.2 Proposed Place Riel Expansion – Craig Stehr**

President Stehr reminded all in attendance that the Louis' renovations are almost complete but he does not have a final dollar amount as of yet.

The Executive feels that it is very important for the Councilors this year to understand the plans from last year in order to make an educated decision as a council. They also believe that the plans should proceed for renovating Place Riel and to make it a successful project.

President Stehr reviews the plans for last year by showing an overhead. The new plans for Lower Place Riel would include; expanded food court, new retail opportunities, and new food vending opportunities. Currently the food choices are limited. Students want healthy and fast foods and are not satisfied with their current options. Travel cuts would be relocated. Place Riel has run out space but is trying to accommodate to its tenants. Student Affairs & Services would be relocating to the USSU offices and the Centre Shop taking over Student Affairs & Services offices. There would be a Wellness Centre worked into the plans as well.

Councilor ??????? was wondering what the old seating capacity for Lower Place.

President Stehr will look into the finding out the current seating capacity.

Councilor ??????? was inquiring about the dollar amount.

President Stehr stated that \$3.09 million is the number for both Upper and Lower Place Riel.

Councilor Avinashi thought that the approximate seating in Lower Place Riel was 140.

President Stehr concludes that the plans for Lower Place Riel offers increased capacity, increased ability for University and the services for students. He begins explaining the second part of the project, Upper Place Riel. The current breeze way will become the USSU General office. The ATM's will be relocated to where the Post Office is currently. An office for Safewalk will also be placed in

Upper Place. Where the plans first placed retail stores is now the Indigenous Students' Lounge.

President Stehr reinstated that the Executive feel very strongly about putting this project through. President Stehr welcomes comments.

Councilor Sharma was inquiring about the contribution to the ISC lounge as well as the plans for the escalators.

President Stehr replied to Councilor Sharma's inquiries. There was a private donation given of \$721,000 specifically for ISC space. There was a motion passed to have the escalators out and to be replaced with stairs, due to the cost of upkeep.

Councilor Hurst shared her concern with the financial issues.

President Stehr agreed that it would be a challenge for the Place Riel project financially. He also agreed that the MUB project did not go as planned and it did go over budget. He feels that we should still go ahead with the Place Riel project in a responsible manner, as it is essential; essential for both the organization and the students. If we don't renovate now, we will definitely pay a larger price in the future. He encourages all of council to be as dedicated to this project as the Executive is.

Councilor Behari inquires as to why they are looking at last year's plans.

President Stehr states that they may not proceed with these exact plans but want to begin discussion.

Councilor Hurst inquires about going into debt for the project.

President Stehr says that he doesn't feel that only future students should have to pay for this project. There are many options; possibly debt financing. We feel that we should do the most responsible thing.

Councilor Furlan feels that a budget would help as well as copies of the last year's plans.

President Stehr stated that all the resources are available in their offices. Copies will be made available of the corresponding budget and expansion plans.

Councilor Whyley spoke to the issue of debt financing. She wonders if there have been any other options considered like corporate sponsorship.

VP Jackson replied to Councilor Whyley's concern. VP Jackson clarified that the reason it was not possible to reach the first dollar amount was because of the incorrect perception that the USSU and the U of S are the same.

Councilor Evanisky mentioned that he was here for the presentation three years ago. He feels the reason for the uncertainty is because this isn't the first time for a Place Riel expansion proposal.

VP McDaid reminded the Councilors that a decision is not needed right away and that there is time to review options such as corporate funding or bank loan, to raise the \$3.09 million. This project is a priority of this year's Executive.

Councilor Coupal is wondering if we can fix the misperception this year with co-operate funding.

VP Jackson replies to say that it is an option.

Councilor Hurst suggests that we should do what we can afford and not go into debt.

Councilor Schneider agrees that everyone wants a new Place Riel. But if it is not an option then let's not waste months and months discussing the project. Either the money is there or it is not.

VP McDaid states the money is going to have to come from somewhere at sometime to do the renovations.

Councilor Schneider suggests that we need to look at our priorities. We may need to hold off on the Student Centre.

President Stehr agrees that priorities have to be set. His priority is the long-term sustainability of the USSU. Place Riel does not provide people with what they need and because of this; revenue has decreased.

Councilor Sharma thinks that Place Riel would be sustainable in 3 – 5 years.

President Stehr voiced that 3 – 5 years is not sustainability; we need to look into long-term sustainability. What he is suggesting is how it can be addressed in the future.

Councilor Avinashi voiced that the thing to worry about right now is where are we going to get the funds.

Councilor Schneider feels that 3 – 5 years is long-term with Executive turn over happening every year.



President Stehr stated that it is the Executive's responsibility that the organization has a plan and a direction for future years. There is no harm in putting out a vision and a direction.

Councilor Schneider asked to explain what fiduciary means.

President Stehr explained that it has an obligation of greater responsibility.

Councilor Hurst inquired about the capital funding. If we did wait where would the money come from.

VP McDaid feels that that is why they are here; it is their job to figure this out.

Councilor Whyley is wondering if the Executive is going to be doing some research on the financial end and bringing back a report.

President Stehr stated that a report would not be available for next week. The Executive feels that this issue is important enough to spend time discussing. President Stehr encourages the Councilors to go back to their student body and see what they think.

Councilor Sharma commends the Executive for bringing forth this information in advance.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC 23:** Coupal/Schneider Carried.

## **16. Minutes and Reports for Action**

### **6.1 USC Minutes: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

Move to amend the minutes to read Kenya Water Project not Kenya Water Park.

**MOTION USC24:** Furlan/Hurst Carried.

Move to amend the minutes to read the correct spelling for Councilor Furlan.

**MOTION USC25:** Furlan/Tanner Carried.

Amend the minutes to read Mariah Battiste, ISC and not Mariah Battiste, Arts & Science as present.

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

Amend the minutes to read that the next meeting will be Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00p.m. not Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m.

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

The minutes were reviewed for October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

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

The minutes were reviewed for October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

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

### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. New Business**

### **10.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports**

VP Jackson announced that they are now available to view and will be open to discussion at next week's Council meeting.

### **10.2 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

President Stehr encourages Councilors to pick up the document to be discussed at next week's Council meeting. This document is the official lobbying position of the USSU from last year.

### **10.3 Where We Stand: Student Computing**

VP McDaid announced that this document would be available at next week's Council meeting.

## **11. Questions and Comments**

Move to have 30 minutes of questions and comments.

**MOTION USC26:** Coupal/McDaid

Carried.

Councilor Coupal asked President Stehr who is allowed to apply for funding from the USSU.

President Stehr replied that he does not have the policy with him. Any campus club, student group, campus organization that is putting on an event or going to a conference. The Executive must feel that is benefiting the campus. The policy is available at the USSU office.

Councilor Schneider announced that there were over 2,000 Grade 12 students attended Experience US! today and more tomorrow. She also reminded Council about the Volunteer Appreciation Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:31p.m. at Marquis Hall. Councilor Schneider also gave some options as to viewing the Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues document.

Councilor Furlan inquired on the status of having microphones installed in the Council Chambers. He also inquired if PCL is coming.

President Stehr stated that PCL are coming as soon as Louis' is complete.

VP Jackson said that she would look into the microphones.

Councilor Behari apologized for arriving a couple minutes late. He announced that STM was having their Autumn Nocturne was on October 25<sup>th</sup>. They are also having a Halloween function at Centennial and tickets are free. Councilor Behari would like to see the discussion levels higher as he doesn't feel the opinions of certain colleges are heard.

Councilor Evanisky voiced his concern on Louis' as his experiences have not been pleasant. The previous night he was there there was no Talkback cards available and no place to bring them back to.

VP McDaid commented that he spoke to Melanie Zaitsoff, Operations Manager, and the printing problems with the Talkback cards. The hostess will hand out the cards to customers with the menus.

Councilor Coupal stated that he was at Louis' and he did manage to get a card and there was a box in the Louis' lobby to drop them off at. Councilor Coupal also talked on the issue brought up by Councilor Behari regarding the communication amongst the councilors. He suggested that emailing other councilors to get their opinions.

Councilor Leask brought forth opinions of some students from Pharmacy & Nutrition on Louis'. They feel that Louis' is not a hang out place anymore; students don't want a restaurant they want a place to hang out.

Councilor Hurst expresses that she doesn't agree with emailing because if you do not bring your opinions to council they will not get documented in the minutes.

Councilor Coupal clarified his statement made on emailing. He wanted to know if Louis' is meant to be a restaurant or a hang out.

VP McDaid voiced that the marketing plan last year with the full-service kitchen the intention was a restaurant.

Councilor Avinashi talked on communication between Councilors. He doesn't feel that microphones are necessary for the Council chambers. He asked for clarification on the Executive funding. He appreciates that the idea of the Expansion of Place Riel was brought forth this early. He would like some rough numbers to take back to the student body.

Councilor Coupal is asking if Louis' is understaffed and is that the reason for slow service.

VP Wong stated that Louis' is understaffed and having a hard time filling daytime shifts.

President Stehr agreed with Avinashi on the Expansion of Place Riel. He sees the main issue is the funding and it is their job to find out how and where the funding is coming from. The Executive wants Council's opinions on how this project should be funded. He speaks to Councilor Schneider's comment on the Tuition document. He asks that there be no written submissions but to have roundtable discussion next Council meeting.

Councilor Tanner brought forth opinions of students from VPRA on Louis'. Some think that it is weird looking. Does not agree with the please wait to be seated atmosphere.

Councilor Furlan inquired if there is an electronic document for the Where We Stand documents.

President Stehr stated that there is and he can send it on the USC list serve.

Councilor Battiste asked what happened to a computer lab.

VP McDaid stated that he wasn't aware of this but would have an answer by next week's council meeting.

Councilor Avinashi announced the location for the Date Auction that will be at MUMPS starting at 4:30p.m.

### **13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC27:** Schneider/Gordon

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Call to Order**

**Call for Quorum**

**Adoption of an Agenda**

**Introductions and Announcements**

**Council Address**

**5.1 Gordon Barnhardt, University Secretary**

**Minutes and Reports for Action**

- 6.1 USC Minutes: October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002**
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- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.11 Elections Board Minutes and Report: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

**Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002**

**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

**Business**

- 9.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports**
- 9.2 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

**10. New Business**

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

**Any Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Shannon Whyley, Law

Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derdall, St. Thomas More  
Mark Gordan, Vocational Agric.  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair

**Regrets**

Blair McDaid, VP (Academic)  
Chad Hamre, Engineering

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION USC28:** Coupal/Villeneuve Carried.

Move to amend the agenda to read under 6.4 Student Issues Board minutes from October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**MOTION USC 29:** Jackson/Wong Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Evanisky introduced Michel Carpentier from Arts & Science Students' Union External Director.

Councilor Leask announced that the College of Pharmacy students are planning on attending a conference in January at Halifax and will be doing some fundraising.

VP Jackson introduced Dr. Gordon Barnhart, University Secretary, to be addressing council. She announced on behalf of VP McDaid that there are Writing it Right posters and Teaching Excellence Awards posters for pick up to take back to the colleges.

Councilor Schneider announced that this coming Saturday at 8:00p.m. is the Commerce Cabaret at the Sutherland. Etiquette night will be on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Top of the Inn starting at 5:30p.m. Currently it is open to Commerce students and if there are still tickets available it will be open to the general student body. She also apologized for having to leave early tonight.

President Stehr reminded Council of the Annual General Meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002, starting at 5:30p.m. Forms are available for amendments to be made to the constitution at the USSU office.

Councilor Gordon invited everyone out to the Sutherland on Wednesday nights.

Councilor Furlan announced that tomorrow the Engineers were having a pub crawl, they have already sold over 200 tickets. As well the Ultimate Frisbee club will be having a year-end wind up at Amigos.

Councilor Behari announced that the Autumn Nocturne would be tomorrow night at the Delta Bessborough. He also mentioned that STM is sponsoring a Halloween bash at the Centennial and tickets are free.

Councilor Cantin asked where the AGM would be held.

President Stehr replied that the AGM would be at Place Riel Theatre.

Councilor Dokken announced that Ag Bag Drag will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available last week of October.

Councilor Behari announced that they have sold 300 tickets to the Autumn Nocturne.

VP Wong announced that Louis' will be hosting a Halloween party with the Huxxtabulls as well Full Tilt will be playing this Saturday.

## **5. Council Address**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC30:** Stehr/Coupal

Move to grant speaking privileges to Dr. Gordon Barnhart.

**MOTION USC31:** Derald/Schneider

## **5.1 Dr. Gordon Barnhart, University Secretary**

Dr. Barnhart firstly announced that he has worked in Legislature and he is very impressed with the procedure of how Council is run.

He circulated posters around to have each Councilor take back to their college. The posters are part of a campaign to avoid plagiarism as well as a website that students can view in regards to their rights when it comes to an appeal.

Dr. Barnhart talks of the two different kinds of student appeals and discipline on the non-academic side. Some cases that do come up are harassment and vandalism. There is a new process that came about in the last couple years for when a student makes an appeal. The key part of this new process is that students have rights. Where a student can make an appeal against a professor if he/she feels they were discriminated against. The appeal cannot be made towards the mark a student received.

He then explained that when an appeal comes in it goes to a Panel; consisting of two Faculty and one Student. The Panel will then hear the case from the student and possibly from the college. He noted that if there is any doubt the case usually won by the student and then went on to explain the process in how the things are resolved.

He went onto explain what happens when a student is caught plagiarizing or cheating on an exam. The University is taking a much harsher approach on plagiarism. It may result in the student failing the class.

Next year around the end of September will be Academic Integrity week with workshops and speakers; this will be for both students and professors.

Councilor Derald asked what approach would be taken if there is a discrepancy with the mark.

Dr. Barnhart replied that the first approach to talk with the professor.

Councilor Schneider inquired about the number of academic dishonesty cases that have gone to the Panel.

Dr. Barnhart stated that in his office they get very few academic appeals due to plagiarism. But there would be possibly one or two cases in a year. In terms of non-academic there may be five to eight. Plagiarism cases have been increasing fairly quickly. He hopes to get the message out to students what plagiarism is as some students do not know.

Councilor Behari commented it is a very useful tool to get to know your professor.



Dr. Barnhart noted that he encourages professors to talk about plagiarism with the students and for the professors to get to know the students.

Council extended their thank you to Dr. Gordon Barnhart.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC32:** Leask/Schneider

Carried.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes are approved as distributed.

**6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes were reviewed for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002.

**6.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes were reviewed for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

**6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes were reviewed for October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2002, were approved as distributed.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed for October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Executive Summer Accountability Reports**

President Stehr welcomed questions regarding the document.

Councilor Derdall commended the Executive on how cost efficient the trip to Alberta was.

Move to table the Executive Summer Accountability Reports indefinitely.

**MOTION USC33:** Sharma/Villeneuve

Move to withdraw motion of tabling the Executive Summer Accountability Reports.

**MOTION USC34:** Sharma/Worth Carried.

VP Jackson voiced that it was more fun billeting with fellow student executives than staying in a hotel.

Councilor Derdall inquired if the Executive felt that the CCSA Conference beneficial.

President Stehr stated he had mixed feelings of the CCSA Conference. It is worth the investment.

VP Jackson felt the same as President Stehr on CCSA Conference.

## **9.2 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

President Stehr announced that Council would be breaking up into 4 discussion groups. Either an Executive member or Chairman Hashmi will facilitate a group. President Stehr clarifies some terminology that is in the document.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC35:** Behari/Leask Carried.

Councilor Furlan asked for a breakdown of the schools in other provinces to know exactly whom the U of S is being compared to.

President Stehr noted that he does not have that available at the moment but could have it available at November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Move to break into four groups and return in 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC36:** Furlan/Hurst Carried.

VP Jackson briefly presented Group #2. They felt that money was a large concern that students currently face. This group believes that quality is the number one importance. They felt that scholarships, bursaries and student services need an increase of funding. Differential tuition is acceptable to a point (to cover cost of program) but not to hinder accessibility. They do not support the National Norm policy because it encourages a competitive attitude between universities. It is preposterous to even consider normalizing the diversity of the provinces and their institutions unless the quality meets national norm status. There is inadequate scholarship/bursary support that could be alleviated by corporate monies from our big box tenants. The policy document should indicate our dissatisfaction with the inadequacy of the McLean's ranking due to the fact that tuition increases occur in order to further our ranking rather than improve the quality of our education.

Councilor Coupal briefly presented Group #3. This group felt that an adoption of a national average tuition, then adopt national average scholarships and bursary levels. They think that there is no parallel of tuition to the quality of education. The document should show the monies paid towards practicum be shown to those who pay. Because of the different provincial policies, they feel that the U of S will never be able to compete with other universities. They do not support the National Norm policy. They would like to have more of student input when tuition discussions take place. The students should have more say. The U of S requires change in increase of scholarships and bursaries.

Councilor Sharma briefly presented Group #4. The single greatest concern for students is loans. They feel that differential tuition is a good thing as dentists make more and would use more than arts. But it should not be based on future earnings, as that is undetermined. They feel that quality should have to be given up for accessibility. They believe that once the bar is raised in the quality of education then raise tuition. The areas in need of funding are grad studies, student services and student retention. They would like to see student loans in the policy document.

Chairman Hashmi briefly presented Group #1. Their group felt that student loans are the greatest financial problem that students currently face. They explained that differential tuition is bad if based on future earnings. The group believes that all students should have equal access. The University and government instead of students should absorb the burden of differential tuition. They state that if there is differential tuition there should be differential student loans. When a vote came down to what was most important for the U of S it was a 3:2 split on accessibility and quality. The group was very much against the National Norm policy. When discussing scholarships and bursaries the first emphasis was on academic merit and second on financial need. Corporate sponsorship/bursaries favors more specialized colleges and are not universally accessible. The areas and services that are in greatest need of increased funding are accessibility for disabled students (wheelchair), attracting quality professors and the number of professors. They felt that the National Norm Policy should be addressed in the document as well as students need to do more lobbying.

Councilor Furlan inquired about the wording on scholarships and bursaries in the document.

## **11. Questions and Comments**

Move to have 30 minutes of questions and comments.

**MOTION USC37:** Wong/Whyley

Carried.

President Stehr replied to Councilor Furlan's inquiry regarding scholarships and bursaries.

Councilor Whyley pointed out that there were several grammatical errors in the document that should be fixed.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that at the last Operations and Finance Board Meeting Rob Fyke, Louis' Site Manager, came in and answered a lot of questions about the new Louis'. He now has more confidence in Louis'.

Councilor Loeppky asked questions on behalf of Councilor Avinashi regarding the \$2000.00 sponsorship for t-shirts. She also inquired what was happening with the Public Outreach project and email project.

VP Wong stated that the sponsorship was for 230 cotton t-shirts at \$8.00 per t-shirt.

President Stehr noted that the timeline was set back somewhat due to vacancy of VP Operations & Finance position. The Public Outreach project will hopefully be taking place at the end of November.

VP Jackson added that the next email will be happening in January of 2003.

Councilor Cantin inquired about the cost of practicums and where do the policies come from.

Councilor Leask explained the process of paying for practicums in her college.

VP Jackson stated that the Executive would look into the college practicums.

Councilor Behari noted that he took some of the Place Riel renovation ideas and got feedback. He would also ask for clarification on how the information will be carried from last year to this year's Council. What is the procedure?

President Stehr asks if there are any other issues that were left out of the Student Related Financial Issues document other than student loans. He also notes that the practicum issue is not out of the control of this body. He then spoke on the Place Riel procedure; he feels as well as the Executive, that they are very much following the Rules of Order. He clarified that council approved the financial expenditure last year. President Stehr announced that he was going to CASA this week and would be meeting with some MP's if anybody wanted to pass some information along with him.

Councilor Evanisky thought it was a great idea going over the Where We Stand document. Inquired about the discussion that took place in the groups.

President Stehr noted that the discussion notes would be available in the minutes at next the Council meeting.

Councilor Furlan wanted to hear discussion on exclusivity agreements; which he is against.

Councilor Sharma encourages the use of the USC email address regarding the tuition policy.

Councilor Arcand apologizes for not being at the last USC meeting. He talks on the ISC Learning Centre that is in the Place Riel renovation plans.

President Stehr addressed Councilor Arcand's concerns on the downscaling of the ISC Learning Centre.

Councilor Whyley spoke about internship policies and she feels that not only the colleges should be targeted but also the professional societies. She also talked on the tuition document and the endorsement of decentralized tuition.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC38:** Derald/Coupal

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002

**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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.12 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
- 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**

**Minutes and Reports for Information**

- 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

**Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

**Business**

**10. New Business**

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

**Any Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
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**Present**

Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Medicine  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

Agriculture

Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Michael Hagel, Commerce

**Regrets**

Craig Stehr, President  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine

**Absent**

Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Mark Gordan, Vocational

**18. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**19. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**20. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION USC39:** Wong/Furlan Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

Chair Hashmi announced that VP Jackson would be acting as President Jackson tonight as President Stehr is absent.

Councilor Schneider announced that a Beverage night would be held this Friday at the Sutherland. This Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is the Business Etiquette night and tickets are still available at \$25.00 a ticket.

Councilor Furlan announced that next Thursday the Engineers are having a pub crawl.

VP McDaid announced that Integrated Planning Town Hall meetings will be doing presentations in various locations on campus; the first presentation on November 5<sup>th</sup> and last on November 19<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that there is a free public event at Place Riel Theatre on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. regarding agriculture. There will also be a Festival of Faiths on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas More at 2:30p.m. He added that the USSU Film Festival is taking place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Place Riel Theatre. VP McDaid also announced the events coming soon to Louis’.

President Jackson announced there are Open Mic posters to be picked up at the front and taken back to the colleges.

Councilor Behari thanked all who attended the Autumn Nocturne.

VP McDaid announced that there are also Teaching Excellence Awards posters and Writing it Right posters to be picked up at the front. Teaching Excellence Award nomination forms are available at the USSU office. He mentioned that there would be a wreath laying on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Browsers at 5:00p.m.

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

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

President Jackson noted that the notes from the group discussions were summarized in the USC Minutes.

Minutes for October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002, are approved as distributed.

### **6.3 Operations & Finance Board**

Minutes for October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, were reviewed and approved as distributed.

### **6.4 Student Issues Board**

Minutes for October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, were reviewed and approved as distributed.

## **11 Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes for October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, were reviewed and approved as distributed.

## **12 Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.



**12. New Business**

VP McDaid passed around minutes from the Canadian Academic Roundtable Conference. He asked that the Councilors read over the common declaration and will be discussed at next Council meeting.

**11. Questions and Comments**

Move to have questions and comments for 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

**MOTION USC40:** Coupal/Wong Defeated.

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes

**MOTION USC41:** Sharma/Schneider Carried.

Councilor Sharma, on behalf of a student from the College of Dentistry, expressed that the Sheaf isn't good reading material.

Councilor Leask inquired about the Arts & Science computer labs.

VP McDaid replied that he doesn't know that much about the issue on the computer labs at the moment but requested emails to be sent to him and he would get it sorted it out.

Councilor Furlan spoke on the photocopier issues in Engineering and he feels that they give the USSU a bad name. He noted that nobody yet has received orientation on the photocopiers as promised. The photocopiers always seem to be broken down.

President Jackson stated Len Derksen, Copy Desk attendant, has reported possible abuse to the copiers at Engineering.

VP McDaid reminded the Councilors that the Annual General Meeting will be at 5:30p.m. at Place Riel Theatre on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The deadline for constitutional amendments is November 8<sup>th</sup> by 4:30p.m.

Councilor Schneider asked for Councilor Sharma to elaborate on why the student feels that the Sheaf is substandard.

Councilor Sharma stated that the student doesn't feel that it is worth his/her \$5.00 in Sheaf fees.

Councilor Hamre suggested that everyone get people involved in the Speak your Mind Mic Nights at Browsers.

Councilor Derald informed all that the Autumn Nocturne was a good time. She also thanked Councilor Hurst and Councilor Schneider for attending.

VP McDaid announced that himself and VP Jackson are judging at the Louis' Halloween party.

President Jackson informed Councilor Sharma to have the student write into the Sheaf to express his/her opinion on the Sheaf.

Councilor Behari invited everyone to come out to the Film Festival on the weekend.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC42:** Coupal/Wong

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 U of S President, Peter MacKinnon**
  - 5.2 Studentcare Networks**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.13 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.1 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.1 Code of Ethics**
  - 10.2 Elections Policy**
- 13. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
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**Present**

Agriculture  
Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Samara Worth, Education  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loepky, Nursing  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine

Mark Gordon, Vocational

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Michael Hagel, Commerce  
Philip Brost, St. Thomas More  
Carman Rabuka, St. Thomas More

**Regrets**

Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to add the CART document to Business 9.2.

**MOTION USC43:** McDaid/Schneider

Carried.

Add Where We Stand: Student Computing to New Business 10.3.

Agenda was adopted as amended.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Stehr introduced President Peter MacKinnon and Lev and Kristen from Studentcare Networks. He announced that there would be a Free Pancake breakfast on November 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:30a.m.-9:30a.m. at Louis'. He added that the Annual General Meeting would be on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30p.m. at Place Riel Theatre.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that on November 15<sup>th</sup> there would be their first pub crawl. Tickets are available at the Kinesiology office or from himself next Thursday. He also added that the International Students Studies Association would be having their Bladder Burst November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Chura announced that this year the Executive raised \$300 for Shinearama. In total Physical Therapy raised \$13,300 for Cystic Fibrosis.

Councilor Schneider announced that the Semi-Finals for Women's Campus Recreational Soccer just took place. Commerce and Physical Therapy will be playing in the finals. Mercedes-Benz Canada chose the College of Commerce team in a marketing competition. She also mentioned that raffle tickets for a Hockey Trip to Calgary are available. The Aboriginal Business Students' Society is holding a Steak Night on November 15<sup>th</sup> with a Guest Speaker.

Councilor Behari introduced President Philip Brost and Treasurer, Carman Rabuka. The STM is holding a Date Auction.

Councilor Dokken announced that Ag Bag Drag is November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Avinashi announced that the fundraiser for the Children's Health & Education program was successful raising over \$2,500. The new College President for Medicine is Holly ??? but he will continue to be MSC until March 2003. There was an AGM constitutional change where Councilor from Medicine will only be a one-year position instead of two years.

VP Wong announced that VP Jackson would be a little late as she is attending the USSU Childcare Annual General Meeting. Clarknova is playing tonight at Louis' and Tegan and Sara are playing on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Hamre invited all to the Christmas Formal on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets can be purchased for \$20. "Engineers Without Borders" has selected their intern who will be going to Kenya for 8-months working on the water project.

Councilor Eisenbart complimented College of Medicine on their Medical Mania. He also commented that on how well the USSU Film Festival turned out. He noted that he has been listening to the Higher Learning

show on Tuesday nights and commended the Executive on a job well done.

**5. Council Address**

Move to grant speaking rights to Peter MacKinnon and Studentcare Networks.

**MOTION USC44:** Stehr/Hamre Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC45:** Schneider/Hamre Carried.

**5.1 U of S President, Peter MacKinnon**

He is here to offer his perspective on some of the major issues with universities across Canada. Many institutions have similar issues.

There hasn't been much debate around the evolution of post-secondary education from the realm of the public good to the realm of the private good. He then goes into further explanation on this issue.

He goes on to compare the public investment in Health Care to the public investment in post-secondary education and how post-secondary education receives much less now than it was 10 years ago. He believes that if this is a trend that is going to continue it will have a huge influence on the profiles of universities across Canada.

One of his biggest concerns is the level of student assistance that is available for students. There is no reserve of funds built up to financially assist students properly. It is one of the fundamental budget priorities to build up the capacity to offer better financial assistance to students.

He also touched on strategic directions and integrated planning. Strategic directions say three fundamentally important things; we will pursue and we will entrench and we will adhere to international standards in all activities. The second one being; we are as a University going to identify a certain number of areas in which we expect to establish this University. The third one being, accomplishing these things while maintaining a sense of place.

Integrated planning is the planning regime at the University. The concept is the budget of the University. The budget represents the academic priorities of the University of Saskatchewan.

Councilor Schneider inquired about the Big Box revenue allocation to scholarships and bursaries. She also expressed a concern in tuition at the College of Commerce.

President Peter MacKinnon stated that the money is still going towards student aid. It will take about two years until the money actually starts flowing in. In regards to the tuition comment he noted that money is coming back into the College it just may not be seen.

Councilor Behari inquired about the National Norm Policy.

President Peter MacKinnon stated that the University of Saskatchewan has caught up to the national norm after years and years of low tuition.

VP Jackson asked for President Peter MacKinnon to explain to council any initiatives for reducing the costs of utilities and enhancing sustainability plans.

President Peter MacKinnon voiced that he will answer that question at the next breakfast meeting as he just received a document today and hadn't had a chance to review it.

Councilor Derald inquired about the possible parkade going up in Z Lot. She would like to know what would happen to the student spots that are currently there. She also stated that the traffic is already bad and this would make it worse.

President Peter MacKinnon spoke on the parking issue. He spoke briefly on scramble parking. With all the new facilities on campus the parkade will be needed to accommodate the visitors.

Councilor Cantin asked how many more years would there be tuition increases?

President Peter MacKinnon replied that tuition would most likely continue to go up but how much is unknown.

Councilor Whyley expressed her concern with the College of Law tuition.

President Peter MacKinnon stated that he hoped that their tuition wouldn't be going up as much last year. He also mentioned that it is a good idea to express such concerns to government officials.

Guest, Michael Hagel from the College of Commerce, inquired on faculty counts.

President Peter MacKinnon expressed that they are working on a compliment plan, an allocation of an optimum number of faculty members per college.

?????? inquired if the faculty negotiated directly with the government would they be able to get more increases. As well he inquired why is there more trouble lobbying for money for education than for health.

President Peter MacKinnon noted that he merely used health care as a comparison and hoped that faculty would never have to go directly to the government for funding. The possible reason being for having such a hard time lobbying for money is because some in government don't share our view.

Guest, Philip Brost from St. Thomas More College, inquired on the National Norm policy.

President Peter MacKinnon replied that the National Norm policy is not the most reflective policy. He voices that he is opposed to basing tuition on expected earnings after graduation. When the University of Saskatchewan do the norm's they took University of Toronto out of the picture.

Councilor Hamre is concerned that researchers are being placed as a professor and they don't have a place in the classroom. They are unable to communicate, teach or speak the language.

President Peter MacKinnon states that they look for people that will do research, participate in the discovery of knowledge and expect them to teach well. He encourages students to discuss any concerns of professors with their College Dean.

## **5.2 Studentcare Networks**

This presentation is basically to inform of how things are going. Kristen briefly explains what the Health & Dental plan is about.

Lev explains on how the Health & Dental plan is working and how students are using the plan. He notes that the most used portion of the health plan would be coverage for prescription drugs. And on the dental side, 2/3 of the services are used on check-ups, cleanings and fillings. Currently the plan is being very well used by the students.

Kristen talks on what is happening this year with the Health & Dental plan. The breakdown between enrollments and opt outs is that the number doubled for students using the on-line option rather than visiting the office. She talks on the different ways they communicate with students.

Kristen talks about the Health & Dental Service office on campus. It is there for the convenience of the students. She mentions about the new Vision Care Network which is similar to the Dental Network plan. She concludes that the plan is being used and everything is going well.

Councilor Avinashi wonders out of the 7500 students enrolled in the plan how many students actually make claims.

Lev replies that they are in the process of getting the exact statistics.



Councilor Villeneuve inquires why the first month of the plan you cannot use your prescription plan.

Kristen replies that in order to get the final list, from the university, to the insurance company they must have a black out period for administrative purposes. She assured that a student is covered as of September 1<sup>st</sup> but will not be reimbursed until the Black Out Period is over. She clarified that the Black Out period is for all coverage and not just prescription drugs.

Councilor Schneider inquired if students will eventually be able to opt out without having to have other coverage.

Kristen explains that the reason it is currently set as a “group plan” is so students can receive lower premiums.

Councilor Schneider asked if they do the same opt out process with the other University’s or if you can opt out without proof.

Kristen states that 99.9% of the universities have the same set up as the University of Saskatchewan because of the expense.

Chair Hashmi inquired about the bargaining with the provider.

Lev clarified that when negotiating with providers it is based on the entirety of the students they represent. The providers are different for the universities. The network is national. The \$150,00 savings are just for the University of Saskatchewan; the overall savings for all the schools is in the millions of dollars.

Lev talks again about opting out and clarifies why and how the opting out process was decided upon. A survey is conducted every year to get feedback from the students on the plan. A survey will be distributed shortly for the University of Saskatchewan students.

Councilor Schneider comments on how some students may not be able to afford the \$176 every year.

Lev states that they only work with student plans that are definitely unique from employer plans. The reason for having a plan is because you can never know when you will need to use it. He suggests that taking a portion of the fees that are collected from the health & dental plan and put that towards a fund for students that cannot afford the plan.

Councilor Schneider asked if the University of Saskatchewan students are paying the same as the other universities.

Kristin states that the fee isn't the same across the board and it all depends on the coverage level.

Move to have a 10 minute recess.

**MOTION USC46:** Behari/Cantin  
Carried.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Amend minutes to have Councilor Villeneuve's name under Regrets and not Absent.

Minutes approved for October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002.

**6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes**

Minutes for October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002, are approved as circulated.

**6.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes**

Minutes for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002, are approved as circulated.

**6.4 Students Issues Board Minutes**

Minutes for November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC47:** Behari/Villeneuve  
Carried.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

President Stehr explains on how the document came about and where the information came from. He recommends that Council go through each point.

Councilor Schneider feels that their recommendation should be included.

President Stehr responded that the purpose of the submissions was to get the general feelings of the Councilors which were the same as the previous document. If there is no agreement with the statements councilors may propose an amendment.

Move to table motion until next meeting.  
**MOTION USC48:** Hurst/Schneider  
Carried.

Councilor Derdall ????????? (inaudible).

President Stehr states that the previous document dealt with university issues. He recommends to deal with the institutional issues in this document and continue to draft a document that relates to provincial and federal issues.

Councilor Eisenbart thought that there was a decision made to include student loans in the document.

President Stehr states that student loans would have to be part of the next document as it is a provincial and federal issue unless Council would like all to be included in one document.

Councilor Schneider would like clarification on what is actually being tabled.

Chair Hashmi states that the actual document that was brought to Council is being tabled.

Councilor Schneider was hoping that a new document would have come forward with all the recommendations.

President Stehr notes that it will be up to the MSC to bring it to the table at next discussion. Some submissions did not provide specific policy statements. Any other information would follow in a preamble.

Councilor Whyley wonders if an issue can be removed from the table.

Move to place document back on the table.

**MOTION USC49:** Whyley/Cantin  
Defeated.

VP McDaid feels that if there are any amendments or recommendations they should be in writing.

Councilor Schneider understood that the feedback they submitted it would be included in the document and discussed in Council.

## **9.2 CART Document**

VP McDaid explained that CART provides a common declaration of what students and student leaders feel are important academic issues. He briefly reviewed the document.

Move that the University of Saskatchewan adopt the Common Declaration of the Academic Round Table.

**MOTION USC50:** McDaid/Jackson  
Carried.

Councilor Cantin asked if there was a National document.

VP McDaid states that the five points are what the group came to an agreement on.

## **11. Questions and Comments**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC51:** Villeneuve/Wong  
Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve mentioned that Imperial Tobacco Company came to the Operations and Finance Board with a proposal of \$75,000 cash and to help sponsor three events at Louis'. This proposal was defeated.

Councilor Derdall requested to hear the pros and cons on the ITC proposal.

VP Wong reviewed the pros and cons. The pros being that with the money they could have attracted big-name bands and made money at the door. The cons were that the affiliation with a tobacco company.

VP Jackson announced the Nutana Local area plan report that is coming up at City Council. She briefly explained the plan. She also inquired about Ag Bag Drag.

Councilor Dokken mentioned that Ag Bag Drag was a week later than usual. As of today they had only sold 100 tickets which would be 200 people. Their usual attendance is around 1,000 people.

Councilor Schneider thinks that it is a timing thing with Ag Bag Drag. She inquired about the ITC proposal and wanted to know if the proposal was out of the picture and if some of issues would be brought to Council. She also asked if the financial document recommendations should be emailed.

Chair Hashmi would like the recommendations put into clause form and submitted to the USSU office.

VP Wong stated the Operations and Finance Board were strongly opposed to accepting the proposal from ITC. There hasn't been any other proposals brought forth by the ITC.

Councilor Hurst voiced why she voted for the ITC's proposal.

Councilor Villeneuve asked VP Jackson if the low turn out for Open Mike was because of the time of day. He also voiced why he voted no to ITC's proposal.

VP Jackson noted that this the first year for Open Mike. The plans are to have three Open Mike's during the year. The next Open Mike may be held at Place Riel Theatre and the year-end Open Mike to be possibly held at Louis'.

Councilor Hamre apologizes for addressing the question to President Peter MacKinnon regarding the quality of the teaching and would like to know if other Councilors feel the same. He also asked what Louis' Site Manager's view on the proposal.

President Stehr states that because of the political nature it is taken directly to the Executive board and the next appropriate board would be Operations and Finance Board to gain student input.

President Stehr talked briefly on the Financial document. The issue of student practicums and how they affect colleges should be kept in mind. He asked that all recommendations be emailed to all Councilors as well as dropped off at the USSU office.

VP McDaid announced a Free Public event at Place Riel Theatre, Beyond Factory Farming at 7:30p.m. Integrated Planning town hall meetings are taking place. Festival of Faith will be at STM Auditorium on November 10<sup>th</sup>. He also has postcards about FTAA. He also mentioned that

Constitutional amendments are due November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m. He spoke on the professor issue being that through the Gwenna Moss Teaching Centre a student can fill out an evaluation on a professor. This evaluation will then be taken to the Dean.

Councilor Tanner (inaudible)???????

Councilor Schneider recommended to the Operations and Finance Board to look into further negotiations with ITC.

VP Jackson commends Councilor Hamre for bringing forth his concern of the teaching quality to President Peter MacKinnon.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that with ITC it would be an exclusivity issue. He believes that there should be options on campus.

Councilor Cantin believes that by endorsing the proposal it is going against what they are studying.

President Stehr states that the movement by the Operations and Finance Board, in effect, eliminates the ITC proposal. He spoke on the Code of Ethics policy and that the Executive would like to propose to Council to not only have it as a policy but as a by-law.

VP Wong corrects that the vote was 4-3.

**14. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC52:** Derdall/Hamre

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.3 Ross Wilson, Huskie Athletics and Cary Primeau, Campus Recreation**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes & Report: November 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.14 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.2 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**
  - 9.3 Code of Ethics**
  - 9.4 Elections Policy**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing-tabled indefinitely**
- 14. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Medicine  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derdall, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Michael Hagel, Commerce

**Regrets**

Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Samara Worth, Education

**Absent**

Mark Gordon, Vocational

Agriculture

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC53:** Wong/McDaid  
Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Stehr introduces Sharla Daviduik, USSU Researcher. He also introduced Ross Wilson with Huskie Athletics and Cary Primeau with Campus Recreation.



VP McDaid introduced Michael Hagel, a Councilor of the Academic Affairs Board. He also announced that the Integrated Planning meetings are taking place.

Councilor Behari announced that the Date Auction had just finished at Louis' and they raised \$490.

VP Wong announced that Sturgeous Trash along with Nero would be playing at Louis' Saturday night. He also mentioned that the Bubba Kegs are now at Louis'. The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Wednesday between 7:30-9:30a.m at Louis'.

Councilor Hurst announced that tickets are would be on sale next week for their Hockey trip in January.

Councilor Leask apologized for not being at last week's meeting as the doors were locked. She also announced, on behalf of the Pharmacy Professional Development Fundraising Committee, that they were grateful for the Councilor's support on the parking raffle.

Councilor Furlan announced that they will be having a pub crawl and he also apologized for the missing last week's meeting.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that the International Studies Students' Association is having their Bladder Burst on Friday night.

Councilor Avinashi apologized for being late. He invited all to an information session with Roy Romanow on the health care commission in Canada on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30p.m. in Room B6 in Health Sciences.

## **5. Council Address**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC54:** Stehr/Wong

Carried.

Move to grant speaking rights to Ross Wilson and Cary Primeau.

**MOTION USC55:** Hamre/McDaid

Carried.

### **5.1 Ross Wilson, Huskie Athletics and Cary Primeau, Campus Recreation**

Ross Wilson stated that it is up to them to educate the student body as to who Huskie Athletics are and what they do. They represent approximately 350 student athletes and 15 teams. He noted that the Athletic fee in which students pay forms about 40% of the athletics budget. A committee meets each year to discuss

whether there is a need for an increase. He clarified that of the 40% of the budget collected from students it is not used towards salaries but used for programming. He explained that all students are able to try out and eligible to be a student athlete.

Cary Primeau spoke about what Campus Recreation does and how students can get involved and benefit. He stated that Campus Recreation is a student organization and is the largest employer of students on campus. He stated that 44% of their budget goes towards student wages. The \$18.44 student fee constitutes approximately 90% of their budget. One part of what they do is intermurals and they also run the Fit Centre. He would like everyone to know that Campus Recreation has something for everybody. He commented on how the University of Saskatchewan has one of the largest Campus Recreation programs in Canada.

VP McDaid wanted to wish the Huskie Football team the best of luck in their game this coming weekend in Montreal.

Councilor Behari inquired about team debt.

Ross Wilson stated that it is Huskie Athletics responsibility to challenge a team if the team is having financial difficulties which then results in team fundraising.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the new Kinesiology building would increase Campus Recreation activities.

Cary Primeau believes that it is fantastic opportunity and he emphasized that the new building is a student facility. Campus Recreation will benefit from the new building with better game times, parking and security. He also explained some of the new facilities that would be included in the new building.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC56:** Coupal/Jackson

Carried.

## **6 Minutes and Reports for Action**

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes are approved for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as circulated.

### **6.2 Academic Affairs Board and Report**

Amend date of minutes to read November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Amend minutes to read Councilor Furlan's correct name to also read that Tera Schneider had sent regrets.

Minutes were reviewed for November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002, and approved.

### **6.3 Student Issues Board and Report**

There were no minutes due to the Student Transportation Committee meeting.

## **7 Minutes and Reports for Information**

### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed for November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002, and approved.

Councilor Furlan asked what appropriate steps would be taken on the constitutional amendment submission of an all-male Executive.

VP Jackson replied that this motion should not have been brought forward but will be dealt with appropriately. Is not likely to pass.

## **8 Motions Arising from Minutes and Reports**

No motions arising from minutes and reports.

## **9 Business**

### **9.1 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

President Stehr thanked all you submitted their submissions to the Executive. He explains the process that will be followed.

Move Policy recommendation #1, Tuition General.

“The USSU advocates that the University of Saskatchewan, must actively and openly seek widespread student input prior to any increase of tuition or similar fees. The USSU adamantly imposes the total waiver of tuition for graduate students.”

**MOTION USC57:** Stehr/Wong

Councilor Schneider is in agreement with the first two recommendations would like to see an addition to the first recommendation.

Amend to read “The USSU advocates that the University of Saskatchewan, must be open, transparent and accountable and seek widespread student input prior to any increase in tuition or similar fees”.

Councilor Coupal would like to add recommendation one as is and add point three to read “The USSU strongly believes that the University of Saskatchewan should be open, transparent, and accountable when increasing tuition and raising any fees”.

Councilor Hurst feels that there should be only one statement instead of two for the same topic.

Councilor Coupal feels that there should be two separate statements instead of combining them.

Amend to switch the third point added to the second spot and the second point to the third. To read “The USSU advocates the University of Saskatchewan, must be actively and openly seek widespread student input prior to any increase of tuition or similar fees. The USSU strongly believes that the University of Saskatchewan should be open, transparent and accountable when increasing tuition and raising any fees. The USSU adamantly imposes the total waiver of tuition for graduate students”.

**MOTION USC58:** McDaid  
Carried.

Move Policy recommendation #2 as written, Tuition - National Norm Tuition model.

“The USSU vehemently to oppose the National Norm Tuition policy.

**MOTION USC59:** Stehr/Whyley  
Carried.

President Stehr would like to have a recommendation stating that we oppose it as a tool to set tuition on.

VP Jackson recommends keeping the document professional so that President Peter MacKinnon will take seriously.

Councilor ????? is concerned that the language sounds antagonistic.

Councilor Schneider feels that the filler words should be taken out and use a more friendly language. She recommends if Council is saying that they are against the National Norm Tuition model and it should be said what they are for.

Councilor Coupal inquired about the Differential Tuition model.

Councilor Whyley asked about the procedures.

President Stehr states that President Peter MacKinnon expects the students to provide rational thought. He speaks on word usage. He notes that not as of yet this year there has been a Differential Tuition model endorsed. Currently what is being discussed is opposing a Differential Tuition model.

Councilor Behari feels that the word usage should be kept simple.

Amend to remove the word vehemently.

**MOTION USC60:** Schneider/Coupal

Defeated.

Councilor Coupal suggests replacing the word vehemently with a more suitable word.

VP McDaid feels that the wording should stay as.

Amend to add a second point to recommendation two to read, “The University should implement a model that reflects tuition increases with a corresponding increase in quality of education”.

**MOTION USC61:** Schneider/Leask

Defeated.

VP McDaid doesn't feel comfortable using a statement that students assume tuition is going to increase.

Councilor Schneider withdraws this motion.

Chair Behari reviews the motion put forward.

Move Policy statement #3 as written, Differential Tuition.

**MOTION USC62:** Stehr/Jackson

President Stehr stated the wording is just a little different.

Strike “such factors as”. To now read “The model should be based on the cost of ???? education”.

Councilor Avinashi speaks against the motion. He speaks on the issue that students in the College of Medicine are now graduating with approximately \$80,000 in debt and it is on the rise. He feels that we have stand for our ideals and value and anyone should be able to study anything with academics only playing a factor.

Councilor Sharma speaks against the motion. He announced that in the past couple weeks the College of Dentistry has been lobbying against tuition.

VP McDaid feels that students have the right to study freely and he feels that a differential tuition model prevents people from studying what they truly want to because of finances.

Councilor Whyley speaks abstains from the motion but she mentioned that some students from College of Law support differential tuition; personally she is opposed to differential tuition.

Councilor Furlan does not want to have the cost of programs implemented but does want differential.

Councilor Schneider notes that differential tuition is a reality on our campus. She would like the document to say that we are in favor of differential tuition and recommend how we can have better implementation. She would like to amend recommendation 1 under Differential Tuition to read, "Any tuition increase should be met with the corresponding increase in the quality of education".

**MOTION USC63:** Schneider/Coupal  
Defeated.

Councilor Coupal agrees that differential tuition is a reality and he feels that we have to accept that. If we are going to have differential tuition it should be based on a list of things. He asks Council if quality of education should be brought up in this recommendation.

Proposed an amendment to the amendment to read, "Any tuition increase should be met with the corresponding increase in quality of education and student service."

**MOTION USC64:** Stehr  
Defeated.

VP McDaid is opposed to the amendment because he feels that the only time tuition increases should take place is when cost of programs increase.

Councilor Furlan does not agree with the word "quality".

Councilor Derald also does not agree with the word "quality".

Councilor Coupal also does not agree with the word "quality" at this point.

Councilor Tanner (inaudible)

Councilor Loeppky finds the word quality "vague".

Councilor Derald called for the question on the amendment.  
Carried.

President Stehr stated that the majority of council appears to believe that every student should not be paying the same amount of tuition. He asked Council not send him to Peter MacKinnon asking to have every student paying the same tuition. He asks that a policy be passed that would make an impact on the students this year. Until a perfect system is formed, small steps need to be taken. We need to promote an accessible form of education.

Councilor Sharma stated that because of differential tuition they pay 100% of their program. He urges council to vote against the Differential Tuition policy.

Move to strike the last sentence and add to the first sentence “The USSU recommends that the University of Saskatchewan implements a Differential Tuition model that still promotes accessible and affordable education to all current and potential students.”.

**MOTION USC65:** Furlan/Hamre  
Defeated.

President Stehr is concerned with how ?????? the Differential Tuition model. A specific model needs to set.

Councilor Avinashi notes that when the last sentence is removed there is nothing that the differential tuition is based on.

Councilor Leask expressed the feelings of some students from her college that tuition should be based on implementation of the program.

Councilor Coupal speaks against the amendment.

Move to extend President Stehr’s speaking rights.

**MOTION USC66:** Wong  
Carried.

Councilor Deraldall ?????? inaudible.

Amend to add a new statement to the first point under Differential Tuition to read “This must not be done on a cost recovery basis.”.

**MOTION USC67:** Stehr/Wong  
Carried.

???? asked what a cost recovery basis is?

President Stehr explains what is meant.

VP McDaid speaks against Differential Tuition.

Councilor Avinashi feels that by placing this statement in the document it is saying that as long as it doesn’t go up to 100% that is allowable.

President Stehr states that if Council expresses that not everyone should be paying the same tuition rate then we must support in differential tuition.

Chair Hashmi reviewed the main motion with amendments made.

Move for five minute recess.  
**MOTION USC68:** Stehr  
Carried.

Chair Hashmi creates a blank in the third box.

Move to have statement #3 reconsidered.  
**MOTION USC69:** Coupal/Wong  
Defeated.

Move Policy statement #4 to exclude decentralized tuition policy.  
**MOTION USC70:** Stehr/McDaid  
Carried.

President Stehr spoke on decentralized tuition. This should be removed from the old document and won't be present in the current one.

Councilor Schneider explained what decentralized tuition is all about. She also expressed that College of Commerce is in favor of decentralized tuition.  
Move to amend to read, "The University of Saskatchewan should implement a Decentralized Tuition model that incorporates uniform student consultation".  
**MOTION USC71:** Schneider  
Defeated.

President Stehr expresses his concern that it is letting administration off too easily.

Councilor Hurst (in audible???)

Councilor Behari speaks against the amendment, as he believes that it is not possible to come up with a uniform standard of evaluating student input. It isn't a solution to the problem.

Councilor Sharma speaks against the amendment. The money isn't necessarily going to go to each individual college.

Councilor Schneider clarifies that if you do pay more in tuition you may never see the money the way it is set up right now.

Councilor Whyley speaks against the amendment. She believes that there is nothing that can be done to increase student consultation and how tuition is set.

Move Policy statement #5, Scholarships/Bursaries.  
**MOTION USC72:** Stehr/Jackson



President Stehr intends to provide more of a target and something to drive towards. He briefly refers to the previous document.

Councilor Whyley speaks for the amendment but would like to see changes made to the third point.

Amend to strike "..., which is jointly established with the Saskatchewan government, should be instituted in order to facilitate the financial support and reward of students. Such a program".

**MOTION USC73:** Whyley/Leask  
Defeated.

Councilor Avinashi feels that number 3 doesn't make sense, as scholarships should not be based on financial need only academic merit.

Councilor Hurst ?????

Councilor Chura speaks against the amendment.

Councilor Whyley clarifies that this does not tell the Saskatchewan government to stop the scholarships and bursaries.

Councilor Behari feels that both scholarships and bursaries should be increased to proper levels and that there should be more involved than just academic standing.

Councilor Coupal feels that the amendment should be reconsidered.

Councilor Sharma is in agreement with Councilor Behari.

Councilor Loepky feels that the focus should be put on bursaries because they are focused on financial need.

Councilor Coupal is in agreement with Councilor Loepky.

Councilor Schneider calls point of procedure.

The question is called on the amendment.

**MOTION USC74:** Derald/Avinashi  
Carried.

Councilor Schneider is in agreement with recommendation #1. It was expressed that academic merit should be rewarded first. She states that for bursaries it shouldn't be based on your parents' income because all students are in financial need.

Councilor Sharma feels that it isn't up to Council to rank.

Councilor Loepky expresses that it sounds as if we don't know the difference between scholarships and bursaries.

VP McDaid speaks for the main motion and states that if a student doesn't have money they would tend to do worse in school. He feels that bursaries should be placed ahead of academic merit.

Councilor Tanner speaks to the issue of scholarships and grades.

Amend to strike recommendation #2.

**MOTION USC75:** Behari/Sharma

Defeated.

Councilor Coupal speaks against the amendment. Bursaries should be given a priority.

Councilor Furlan notes that Engineering Council is a split decision when it comes to the importance of scholarships over bursaries.

Councilor Sharma suggests that something should be in the document stressing bursaries are priority.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC76:** Coupal/VP Jackson

Carried.

Councilor Sharma would like to see that bursaries emphasizing financial need be the primary target of new funding. There was an informal vote.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC77:** Eisenbart/Furlan

Carried.

Councilor Whyley speaks against the amendment. She proposes to strike #3 and amend #2 to read, "The USSU further recommends that bursaries, which emphasize financial need be the primary target of new funding."

Move to call the question.

**MOTION USC78:** Stehr/Loepky

Carried.

Move to strike #3.

**MOTION USC79:** Avinashi/Derdall

Councilor Avinashi explains as to why he would like to strike recommendation #3.

Move to call the question.

**MOTION USC80:** Derdall

Defeated.

President Stehr feels that Council may be getting the wrong impression of the recommendations. He states that the recommendations are not redundant.

Move to amend to strike, "Such a program should be based first on demonstrated financial need and secondly academic merit." of recommendation #3.

**MOTION USC81:** Hurst/Hamre

Carried.

Move to amend to strike #3.

**MOTION USC82:** Whyley/Coupal

Defeated.

Councilor Schneider states that Commerce is in favor of recommendations #1 and #3.

Move to amend recommendation #2 to read, "...of new funding with special emphasis to programs of higher cost."

**MOTION USC83:** Avinashi/Chura

Defeated.

Councilor Avinashi speaks for the motion.

Councilor Sharma speaks against the motion.

Move to call the question on box #5.

**MOTION USC84:** Derdall/Whyley

Carried.

The main motion, with amendments made, was voted on.

Carried.

Move to table the remaining 4 boxes until next meeting.

**MOTION USC85:** Derdall

Defeated.

Councilor Derdall expressed her concern with the time and the lengthy agenda yet to go through.

President Stehr asks Council to not table the remaining 4 boxes. He recommends tabling this document for 10 minutes in order to go through the Elections policy.

Councilor Furlan speaks against the motion.

Move to table the remainder of the Student Related Financial Issues document, for no more than 15 minutes, and return to it after going over the Elections Policy.

**MOTION USC86:** Stehr/Jackson

Carried.

Move to grant speaking rights to Sharla Daviduik.

**MOTION USC87:** Stehr/Coupal

Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC88:** Stehr/Coupal

Carried.

### **13. Elections Policy**

Sharla Daviduik states that VP Wong will present the changes of the Elections Policy to Council and she can address any questions.

VP Wong reviews the Elections Policy and the changes that were made.

VP Jackson asked why the changes were made.

Sharla Daviduik noted that most changes were clearly made for housekeeping purposes.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC89:** Stehr/McDaid

Carried.

Move to amend the proposed changes

**MOTION USC90:** Wong/Leask

Carried.

Move to remove the remaining 4 boxes of the Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues document from the table.

**MOTION USC91:** Leask/Coupal

Carried.

### **12.1 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

Move Policy statement #6, Big Box Development.

**MOTION USC92:** Stehr/Jackson

Carried.

President Stehr speaks for the motion.

Move Policy statement #7, Student Services.

**MOTION USC93:** Stehr/Wong

President Stehr speaks for the motion.

Move to strike, "...in order to become nationally competitive."

**MOTION USC94:** Avinashi/Sharma

Carried.

Councilor Avinashi speaks for the amendment.

Councilor Coupal speaks for the amendment, as the national norm should not be referenced to here.

Councilor Furlan brought forth some concern from Engineering as to some of the renovation projects that are incomplete.

VP McDaid states that there should be the national norm operating budget.

The main motion, with amendments made, was voted on.

Carried.

Move Policy statement #8, SUFM.

**MOTION USC95:** Stehr/Wong

Carried.

President Stehr wanted to confirm that everyone knew what SUFM (Saskatchewan Universities Funding Mechanism) was about. There is no change from the previous document.

Councilor Furlan asked to have SUFM not abbreviated during conversation.

Move Policy statement #9, Campus Exclusivity Agreements.

**MOTION USC96:** Stehr/McDaid

President Stehr stated that there are some additions to the old document.

Councilor Hurst asked for clarification.

President Stehr notes that possibly the word "impact" could be removed but would not change his intent.

Amend to change the word "impact" to "influence".

Councilor Schneider asked for more examples such as sponsorship.

President Stehr feels that Commerce is a great example, as the current sponsorship there does not influence academics integrity.

Councilor Sharma is not comfortable with the word changed to “influence” and if better wording can not be found then possibly strike #1.

VP McDaid states that recommendation #1 is very important.

Move to amend recommendation #1 to read, “The USSU adamantly opposes any corporate sponsorship agreement that has any influence upon the academic freedom at the University of Saskatchewan.”

**MOTION USC97:** McDaid/Villeneuve  
Carried.

VP McDaid gives some examples of campus exclusivity’s.

Move to amend the amendment to read, “...any corporate sponsorship agreement that gives the cooperation any influence upon the academic programming at the University of Saskatchewan.”

**MOTION USC98:** Hurst/Schneider  
Defeated.

Councilor Schneider speaks for the amendment and believes that everybody is on the same page and all are in agreement but just want to make it clearer.

VP McDaid speaks against the amendment to the amendment.

President Stehr feels that the amendment to the amendment is a positive one but doesn’t cover the entire basis.

Councilor Hurst talks about the word “freedom” that is used.

President Stehr sees this as a valid concern but academic freedom is a pillar of public education.

Move to amend the main motion to add a third point to read, “The University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union strongly recommends that the background and history of any cooperation with whom the University of Saskatchewan decides to enter into an agreement with is thoroughly investigated.”

**MOTION USC99:** Behari/Villeneuve  
Defeated.

Councilor Behari speaks for the amendment.

Councilor Loepky asked if it should be clarified what will be investigated.

Councilor Coupal doesn't feel that it is not necessary to have that point.

President Stehr states that the University of Saskatchewan is not likely going to go into partnership with a company with a bad background. He is not sure if this statement would address the problem.

Councilor Deraldall speaks for the amendment.

Councilor Whyley speaks against the amendment. She feels that the statement is too political.

Councilor Coupal speaks for the amendment.

Councilor Behari speaks in favor of the word "investigated".

VP Jackson feels that each situation is different with each cooperation. The agreements should remain open.

Move to call the question.

**MOTION USC100:** Jackson/McDaid  
Carried.

The main motion, with amendments made, was voted on.  
Carried.

## **12.2 Code of Ethics**

VP Jackson stated that as of right now the Code of Ethics is a policy and the Executive would like to see it as a Bylaw. This has to be ratified at USC and then be ratified through the AGM.

Move to adopt the Code of Ethics as Bylaw Number 3.

**MOTION USC101:** Jackson/Leask  
Carried.

VP McDaid draws Council's attention to 2.05 regarding attendance.

Councilor Schneider also agrees with the attendance issue.

## **10 New Business**

### **10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

## **11. Questions and Comments**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC102:** Stehr/Wong  
Carried.

Move to consider informally.  
**MOTION USC103:** McDaid/Hamre  
Carried.

President Stehr thanked Councilors for putting in a great night. He noted that on the MacLean's survey the U of S dropped a spot. He also adds that there is never enough communication between the colleges and groups. He mentions briefly about Board of College Presidents. He asks the Councilors what their vision is of BOCP.

Councilor Behari draws everyone's attention to the proposed amendments for the AGM especially pertaining to the all male executive.

Councilor Schneider stated that the Commerce is looking at not renewing their membership with BOCP. It seems that BOCP and USC are doing the same things. She also talks about the all-male executive proposed amendment. She sees that this year's opinions on Council are different from last year's and just wants to make sure that Councilors are getting feedback from the students.

Councilor Leask spoke about the computing problems that Pharmacy and Nutrition students were having. She had asked VP McDaid if he had a response. VP McDaid had asked for Councilor Leask to send an email but will bring up the issue at a meeting to be held tomorrow and will have a response for the next meeting. He announced that 50 professors were nominated for the Teaching Excellence Awards. He asked if any interested Councilors would be please email their availability to him to do an evaluation.

Councilor Sharma clarified that to do a Teaching Excellence evaluation it only takes about 20 minutes and it is fun. He speaks about BOCP.

President Stehr states that the USSU Executive has intentions of staying involved with BOCP. His concern is that BOCP is a shadow of USC. He also mentions that as a member of USC you are a representative of the students not just your college executive. He would like Council's opinion on how BOCP and USC can work together. He reminded all that there would be a free pancake breakfast on Wednesday at Louis'. He reminded Council about the Annual General Meeting. He spoke about the proposed amendment regarding an all-male executive.

VP Jackson feels that BOCP is information sharing where USC does the decision-making.

Councilor Hurst does not agree with "calling the question" when there is still a speaker's list.



Councilor Avinashi clarified that the student that made the proposed amendment regarding an all-male executive in no way represents Medicine.

Councilor Leask mentioned to VP McDaid that Pharmacy and Nutrition use Arts and Science computer labs.

Councilor Hamre spoke about BOCP. He suggested a more efficient way of going through a document and making amendments.

Councilor Derald is opposed to having a non-student chair for BOCP.

Councilor Furlan asked the Executive about the AGM and if a student has to swipe their card.

President Stehr recommended that you bring your student card to the AGM.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC104:** ???/Coupal  
Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes & Report: November 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes & Report: November 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.15 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: November 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.5 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing-tabled indefinitely**
- 15. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council  
Minutes for Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorriane Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Agriculture  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Kristine Loepky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Michael Hagel, Commerce

**Regrets**

Luke Coupal, Regrets  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry

**Absent**

Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Mark Gordon, Vocational

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC105:** Wong/Derald

Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Schneider announced that some students from Commerce that have advanced in the Inter-Collegiate Business Competition would be going to Queen's University in January competing in the Ethics and Marketing categories. Their Christmas Pub will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

VP Jackson announced that the Campus Chaplains Montreal Memorial would be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>. She also announced that November 29<sup>th</sup> is Buy Nothing Day.

Councilor Behari announced that there would be a Back to School cabaret with more information to follow.

VP McDaid welcomed Michael Hagel from Commerce. He also speaks on the Montreal Memorial.

VP Wong announced that tonight is the Bubba Bash at Louis'. On November 30<sup>th</sup> Louis' is having a 70's Night.

VP Jackson announced that Councilors from Student Issues Board would be assisting in painting the room for the Food Bank.

Councilor Schneider thanked President Stehr for attending Commerce Student Society meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Hurst announced that tonight is Contact 2003 Beer Night at the Sutherland.

Councilor Arcand announced that ISC is hosting a Keg Night on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sutherland.

**5. Council Address**

No council address.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Amend minutes to read that Mark Gordon, Vocational Agriculture had sent regrets.

Amend Motion USC99 to strike "cooperation" to read "corporation".

Minutes are approved as amended for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as circulated.

**6.3 Operations and Finance Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for November 18<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as circulated.

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

Minutes were reviewed and approved for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as circulated.

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

#### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for November 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as circulated.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

### **9. Business**

#### **9.1 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

President Stehr stated that the Executive have redrafted a policy statement that addresses the concerns with differential tuition.

Move to adopt the policy on Differential Tuition as stated.

**MOTION USC106:** Stehr/McDaid

Carried.

President Stehr expressed that it is important to have a policy on Differential Tuition and reviewed the proposed policy.

Councilor Hurst asked what cost recovery basis involves.

President Stehr explained what cost recovery basis is.

Councilor Schneider spoke for the policy.

VP McDaid spoke for the policy.

Councilor Furlan feels that this policy isn't any different from the policy previously presented.

VP McDaid expressed that this policy is very different in wording and structure.

Councilor Leask stated that she voted against the proposed policy at last meeting because the students in Pharmacy & Nutrition agree with cost recovery basis.

Move to amend the second sentence of part 2 to strike "must not be done on a cost recovery basis and" to read, "this must maintain the integrity and accessibility of public education".

**MOTION USC107:** Leask/Eisenbart  
Defeated.

Councilor Leask reiterated that Pharmacy & Nutrition agrees with cost recovery basis.

Councilor Hurst spoke for the amendment.

Councilor Furlan spoke against the amendment.

VP Jackson spoke for the policy.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC108:** Behari/Eisenbart

Carried.

Councilor Behari spoke about the letter submitted to the Sheaf regarding the USSU not accepting the proposal from the Tobacco Company and then advertising cigarettes in the Sheaf.

Councilor Evanisky asked for clarity on Louis' Site Manager being released.

President Stehr stated that the Louis' Site Manager had been terminated with cause.

Councilor Dokken shares a concern with the feelings of the Vocational Agriculture students leaving the U of S this year. She stated that Councilor Gordon would probably not be attending any other USC meetings for the year.

Councilor Leask inquired if the addition of the Diploma program to Agriculture would bump the student population over 1,000.

Councilor Dokken stated that there would not be more than 1,000 students.

Councilor Behari spoke on the issue of Councilor Gordon not attending any future meetings.

President Stehr is discouraged with what is happening with Vocational Agriculture. The Executive does not want the school to feel that they do not belong.

Councilor Hurst inquired as to why when she spoke at the last meeting why it was inaudible.

VP Jackson informed the Councilors that they need to speak more clearly and louder.

Councilor Leask suggested that the College of Agriculture take an amendment to their constitution to be that every second year representation change. One year there would be representation from the Diploma program and the next year would be the Degree program. This way all students are fully represented.

VP McDaid feels that the USSU should get involved with the integrated planning process immediately.

VP Wong announced that the USC Christmas party would be held on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Evanisky asked for a final price tag on the Louis' renovation.

President Stehr stated that the Executive does not have a final price tag and as soon as they have it it would be brought to Council.

VP Wong informed Council that the sales at Louis' are doing very well. They have exceeded the sales from last year by about \$1000 or \$2000 a day.

### **13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC109:** Schneider/Derdall

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.4 USSU Centres**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002**
  - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes & Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 & Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.16 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.6 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**
- 10. New Business**
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- 16. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
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**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorriane Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Maria Alexopoulos, Arts & Science  
Jeffrey Jackson, Arts & Science  
Genevieve Prevost, Arts & Science  
Christopher Tupper, Arts & Science  
Ryan Whyley, Arts & Science

**Regrets**

Samara Worth, Education  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

**Absent**

Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Neil Cantin, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Mark Gordon, Vocational

Agriculture

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Add, under Minutes and Reports for Information, Executive Committee Minutes for Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION USC110:** Stehr/Wong

Move to adopt agenda as amended.

**MOTION USC111:** Derald/Wong

Carried.

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

President Stehr welcomed everyone back after the Christmas break.

VP Wong reminded everyone that Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, is the USC Supper. Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> is the MUB Grand Re-Opening at Browsers.

Councilor Schneider announced that there are Commerce teams at the Inter-Collegiate Business Competition in Kingston. There will be a Ukrainian New Year's Celebration on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Auditorium. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> Year Hawaiian Party at the Sutherland Bar on January 14<sup>th</sup> with proceeds will be going to the Saskatoon Food Bank. She also mentioned that the Commerce Presidents are putting forth an amendment for a new organizational structure.

VP Jackson announced that the Student Transportation Committee has administered a Transportation Survey.

Councilor Derald announced that the STMSU Cabaret would be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> in the STM Cafeteria.

VP McDaid introduced Mark Ferguson from the Sheaf and Christopher Tupper, a Political Science student.

President Stehr announced that the USSU Centre Directors would be presenting to Council. He mentioned that on January 16<sup>th</sup>, Ross Wilson, Carrie Primeau and Paul Rogal, would be attending the Council meeting. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, PCL will be making a presentation on the MUB project. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Kurt Tischler from the International Office, will be coming to talk about Internationalization on campus. The Education Forum will be held at Place Riel Theatre on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5. Council Address**

##### **5.1 USSU Centres**

Move to grant speaking rights to guests.

**MOTION USC112:** Wong/Jackson

Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC113:** Stehr/Tanner

Carried.

##### **Genevieve Prevost-USSU Help Centre Director**

Genevieve distributed a form with what the Help Centre does and the statistics from last year. She noted that statistics are up from last year and talked about the peer support service. She gave a brief overview of the Help Centre and talked about upcoming events for the year.

**Jeff Jackson-USSU Volunteer Centre Director**

Jeff spoke about the activities that the Centre runs; Safewalk, poster, staffing assistance, Student Crew and Food Centre staffing. They are currently looking for volunteers for Safewalk. He informed Council on the statistics of Safewalk's usage and that they were down. A Safewalk manual had just been completed. Volunteer Week will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

**Ryan Whyley-USSU LGBTQA Centre Director**

Ryan stated that statistics for drop-ins were up 36% from the previous year. He stated the services that are provided by the Centre; peer support, discussion support groups, information, free products, speakers bureau and educating the public. This past year the name changed for the centre. He gave an overview of what the Centre has been doing in the past year.

**Maria Alexopoulos-USSU Women's Centre Director**

Maria stated that the volunteer numbers have gone up 60-75% this term. She gave a brief overview of what the Women's Centre. She stated the services that the Women's Centre provides; discussion/support groups, information services and free products. She spoke about upcoming events.

Councilor Schneider asked Genevieve what the situation would be for a student to come in and use the peer support service and if the peer support service is fully utilized compared to other universities.

Genevieve Prevost stated that there is no general situation it can vary from each day and each student. The Help Centre on this campus is better than most.

Councilor Hurst asked Jeff what new policies would be implemented into the Volunteer Centre's manual. She also asked about Student Crew only monitoring the first part of an event and then leaves.

Jeff Jackson replied that the old policy was approximately three pages long to the new policy that now contains twenty pages. All questions that were asked by the volunteers are accessible in the new policy. He also explains that with Safewalk there is currently one man and one woman to walk the student. With this it may make men feel like they are part of the problem. Radio protocol is now included in the policy. He explains that any function, according to University policy, with less than 75 people, there will be a one Student Crew monitor the event. Monitor, meaning that he/she will attend the first 15 minutes of the event and then the last 15 minutes of the event.

Councilor Hurst asked Maria asked what "Take Back the Night" involves.

Maria Alexopoulos explained that traditionally it was a march involving women but now is open to men. The march is a call to end violence and take back the streets for safety.

Councilor Schneider asked Jeff if Student Employment and Career Centre and the Volunteer Centre are working as one. The reason being is that they are both offering the same service. She asked what changes were being made to recruit volunteers. She also asked why there are not as many alcoholic events on campus.

Jeff Jackson stated that he had spoke with Mark Favreau of SECC and Mark had mentioned that they were looking in to getting out of volunteer opportunity postings. In regards to the recruitment, he stated that work is being done with the Communications Department to get a campaign going on “why to volunteer”. Jeff doesn’t believe that the lack of alcohol events on campus has anything to do with the MUB space no longer available.

Councilor Derald asked Ryan if he had talked to STM about the residence issues and the poster campaign.

Ryan Whyley explained that students had come to the Centre stating that there were problems in residence. There were meetings set up with; VP Student Issues, representatives from U of S residence and STM residences. U of S Residence was more interested in addressing the residency issue. STM dropped out of participating due to wording on posters. STM Advisor’s participated in a session on LGBTA issues.

Genevieve Prevost announced that T-Shirt Tuesday’s will be starting soon and it will give students an idea as to how many volunteers there are involved with the Centres.

Councilor Schneider suggested that the Volunteer Centre may want to send out postings, campus wide, for volunteer opportunities. She inquired what the development was for a residence specifically for LGBT students.

Jeff Jackson stated that when he spoke with Mark, his intentions were to not send out volunteer opportunities. The Volunteer Centre wants to remain on its own.

Ryan Whyley noted that he had worked on a proposal to have some rooms designated to LGBT friendly. Unfortunately, it did not work out but the Residence office will allow for a student to request under the “special considerations” option to have an LGBT friendly roommate.

VP McDaid inquired about the Volunteer transcripts.

Jeff Jackson stated that he is currently working with the Arts & Science Students' Union on a Volunteer transcript. It would be similar to an academic transcript, documenting all volunteering activities. He is uncertain if any other universities offer Volunteer transcripts.

Councilor Schneider asked Maria to speak of the relationship between the Women's Centre and the USSU as of know.

Maria Alexopoulos stated that the relationship is excellent. The Women's Centre is more focused now to represent all students and not just women.

Councilor Tanner asked if any homophobia complaints have been made this year.

Ryan Whyley stated that the Residence is doing great at circulating information and the Residence Advisors are informed in how to deal with that situation. Nothing has been reported at this time.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC114:** Wong/McDaid  
Carried.

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

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes are approved for November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, as circulated.

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

Minutes are approved for December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

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

### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed.

Councilor Evanisky questioned why the motion for the \$6000 to spend on improvements to MUB was not taken through the normal budget process.

President Stehr clarified that this is well within the usual budgeting process under general maintenance.

Councilor Evanisky stated that things like this are usually laid out more specifically and why it needed to be improved.

President Stehr stated that this was not a new capital project and therefore it should not have to come to Council as a capital proposal.

Councilor Avinashi asked if a transportation survey was done the year before and what makes this one different.

VP Jackson stated that there was one done previously and this survey is a follow up with more detail.

Minutes were approved for December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 and January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

Councilor Derdall asked if the GSA Contract could be clarified. President Stehr noted that there is a lot of information within the contract and he could bring it to next Council meeting for those that wish to review it. A few highlights are; USSU no longer represents the interests of the Grad students, USSU would assist the GSA in getting a seat on the Board of Governors, and a Grad student pays 17.7% of a full-time USSU fee. The initial intention was to clean up the contract.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

President Stehr advised councilors to take a look at the document over the next week. The document will be voted on next week.

Councilor Hurst asked for an electronic copy to be emailed to her.

President Stehr stated that he does have an electronic copy and would forward to her.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC115:** Wong/Tanner

Carried.

Councilor Avinashi asked what is meant by cost recovery and what the difference is to cost of academic programming. He asked for more detail.

President Stehr clarified that two years ago it was decided that minutes would not be kept verbatim. The reason it was not explained exactly is because it is a summary of what was said. He explained that cost recovery basis is that each college would have a tally of costs of running the program and teaching the courses. And then it would go to recover all the costs associated with the program through student tuition. The difference between this and cost of academic programming is that this is associated with costs but not on a cost recovery basis. If you are in a higher cost program you should be paying a higher tuition.

Councilor Schneider congratulated the Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society on their conference. Students from across Canada were very pleased with the campus, facilities and relationships between student societies and the USSU. She asked VP Wong if there were any comments made to the rejection of Imperial Tobacco's proposal.

VP Wong has not heard from anybody directly but has heard that a couple people from the Commerce Students' Society were not happy with the decision.

Councilor Hurst feels that more detail should be put into the minutes. She asked why it wouldn't be a good thing.

President Stehr stated that some Council meetings are quite lengthy and it takes the Confidential Secretary extra time to type and format the minutes. It can be requested to have more detail in the minutes but recommends against verbatim.

Councilor Avinashi stated that the College of Medicine is on academic probation. They are disappointed that the College was not informed of the report until it was released to the media. Some key issues of concern by the students are the lack of faculty, lack of aboriginal students, lack of independent study time along with a few others. There is hope that some attention will be paid to these matters by the government.

Councilor Leask stated that at Board of College Presidents it was mentioned that some College Presidents are lobbying to the MLA's about tuition.

Councilor Whyley asked what happened to last year's policy on Differential Tuition and what was wrong with it

President Stehr announced the Education Forum on January 13<sup>h</sup> and encouraged all to attend. He encouraged all to volunteer at the USSU Centres and pass on the word that they are in need of volunteers.

Councilor Derald asked if Councilor Gordon had changed his mind about attending Council meetings. She also mentioned that she doesn't recall a Differential Tuition policy last year. She asked if it had been decided for a Board of College Presidents Chair.

Councilor Dokken stated that she has spoke with Councilor Gordon and he probably will not be attending any future meetings.

VP McDaid stated that he did speak with Councilor Gordon. He mentioned that they are working hard to get him back to the meetings.

President Stehr noted that the qualifications were originally quite strict as to who could fill the Chair position. At the upcoming Annual General Meeting when a Chair is elected, if the criteria are not met then it will be re-opened to anyone. The acting BOCP Chair is Mithcell Spray with Education. A new BOCP Chair will be elected on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Hurst asked what issue Councilor Dokken and VP McDaid are working on. She also inquired if Councilor Gordon should be impeached and replaced.

VP McDaid stated that in September 2002, Vocational Agriculture's student lounge was locked and all contents removed. The Agriculture Administration decided that because the program was ending they should no longer have a student lounge. Councilor Dokken and himself are working on getting that space back for the students. He does not feel that it is right to impeach Councilor Gordon.

President Stehr stated that he is curious to see more of a response regarding Councilor Leask's BOCP concerns.

Councilor Derald feels that it is important that BOCP and USC are united when lobbying the government.

Councilor Schneider stated that this is another reason as to why she is against having BOCP. There is no need for two groups that are trying to accomplish the same goals.

Councilor Whyley feels that it is important that both groups remain unified but different Colleges have different needs.



VP Jackson agreed that it is good to have a unified voice but good to have each College speak for themselves. She also noted that BOCP is a good thing.

Councilor Schneider states that College President's should be able to lobby the government but they don't need to meet for hours every month as that is what USC is for. BOCP should be for President's to meet and discuss issues that they are having leading their Executive and team building ideas.

President Stehr stated that he is supportive of each College lobbying individually. BOCP has taken on the letter writing campaign. He wanted to know what Council feel about the issues of BOCP lobbying as an organization.

Move to extend questions and comments for 10 minutes.

**MOTION USC116:** McDaid/Loeppky

Carried.

Councilor Loeppky feels that BOCP is not acknowledging what USC does.

Councilor Leask states that if BOCP wants to be involved in lobbying they should know what the opinions of USC are and then use those.

### **13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC117:** Derdall/Schneider

Carried.

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### **Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Medicine  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Neal Cantin, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Agriculture  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary

Robert Tanner, VPRA

### **Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Christopher Tupper, Arts & Science

### **Regrets**

Tera Schneider, Commerce

### **Absent**

Samara Worth, Education  
Mark Gordon, Vocational

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

The meeting was called to order.

### **21. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

### **22. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda to move New Business 10.2, Recreation Fee  
Approval – presentation by Ross Wilson & Paul Rogal under point 4,  
Introductions and Announcements.

**MOTION USC118:** Stehr/Loeppky  
Carried.

Move to adopt agenda as amended.

**MOTION USC119:** Wong/Leask  
Carried.

## **23. Introductions and Announcements**

President Stehr welcomed Ross Wilson with Huskie Athletics, Paul Rogal with Campus Recreation and Carrie Primeau formerly with Campus Recreation. As well he introduced Brandy Smart, Campus Recreation Coordinator, and Darcy Zadorny and Odessa Hewlko Representatives of Campus Recreation.

VP Wong announced that after the meeting tonight is the USC Supper. Honeymoon Suite will be playing at Louis' as well. Kashmir will be playing this Saturday at Louis'. Edwin and the Pressure playing January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Councilor Hurst announced that the College of Commerce will be hosting their carnival starting at 10a.m. with a hockey tournament starting at 11a.m. A pub crawl will be at the Sutherland on January 17<sup>th</sup>. John Manley, Minister of Finance, will be speaking at the GoodSpeed Theatre on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-11a.m. SCSS Presidential campaign currently running, speeches starting January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. January 24<sup>th</sup> is Contact 2003, which is a student-networking event. On January 25<sup>th</sup> is the Alumni open house.

VP McDaid welcomed Robin Mowat from the Sheaf.

Councilor Behari announced that January 17<sup>th</sup> is the St. Thomas More Coffee House starting at 7:30p.m. There will be improv and music going on.

Councilor Arcand apologized for not attending the last USC meeting as he thought the first meeting was tonight. ISC has constructed a new web page and would like to link it to the USSU webpage.

### **23.1 Recreation Fee Approval – presentation by Ross Wilson & Paul Rogal**

President Stehr explained that there are two fees; Athletic Fee that deals with Huskie Athletics and there is the Recreation Fee that deals with the recreational side of athletics on campus. The Recreation and Athletics Advisory Council presides over these fees. The council consists of 1/2 students and 1/2 faculty and administration. This council makes a recommendation of fee increases. If the recommendation is under a 5% increase the proposal goes through the Board of Governors; however, if the recommendation is about a 5% increase it must go through USC for approval as well. The fee is currently at \$18.48/student/year and the proposed increase would take it up to \$44.44/student/year. The presentation will explain where the extra money from the fee will be allocated.

Paul Rogal stated that when the new building process started they met quite regularly with students and toured other universities. The planning process has been ongoing. Met with the USSU executive over the past few years sharing concerns and plans. The information that was gathered was that the facility needed to offer a lot of opportunities which will do

just that. The USSU Executive, informed campus Recreation over the years, that if the fee is increased to make sure that the students are getting something for that fee. One of the most important things is to have activities for everyone on campus.

On the main floor of the gym, there is a triple gym that will see approximately 2,400 people to watch events. The space can be used for speakers as well. The Fit Centre is also located on the main floor of the facility that is just less than 14,000 square feet. There is lots of room for a variety of workout equipment. There will be a climbing wall with 4-6 routes on the wall, 2,500 lockers, a dance studio, a Physical Therapy area and two classrooms. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, there is a 200 meter walk/jog track, a large lecture theatre, cafeteria/tuck shop to seat approximately 90 people, a Kinesiology student lounge, 3 classrooms, 4 racquetball/squash/volleyball courts that are convertible courts, gymnastics multi-purpose area and all administrative offices for Campus Recreation and Huskie Athletics. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is largely academic with some administrative space.

Security is a concern with having the public use facilities. You will have to be a member of some form to use the facility. It is hoped that construction will be done by the end of July 2003. The total cost to the project is \$33 million. Funding is provided by the University's capital that is provided by the Provincial government. Funding for equipment will come from 3 sources; some included in the \$33 million dollars, College of Kinesiology initiated a fundraising campaign to generate capital for a large amount of the equipment and Campus Recreation provided \$100,000 through student fees which was accumulated over the past 10 years or so.

The building will be open from 6:30a.m. – 11:00p.m. every day. Once you have paid to use the facility you will not have to pay to do other activities.

Total operating cost is just over \$1 million. The Fit Centre is a large contributor, rentals, route changes, finding equipment replacement, fitness classes, fitness staff and software maintenance.

Paul Rogal explains some sources of revenue. Space will be available for rent. Gym memberships will be offered to faculty, staff and alumni. Currently this group only pays \$35/month for a membership. The fee will be increased to be quite similar to market.

Currently a full-time student pays \$1.54/month over a 12-month period for opportunity to participate in activities, access to the fit centres, swimming, skating, squash court, equipment, etc. The proposal would increase the fee by \$3.70/month over a 12-month period with additional perks.

One major benefit from the new facility is that students will gain employment. Currently, the College of Kinesiology, through Athletics Campus Recreation, employ students with wages being approximately \$600,000/year. There will be about 100 new jobs and more than 25,000 hours of employment and more than \$275,000 more than currently for student wages. A great percentage of the money that is being asked for will be paid back to students. The U of S is very comparable to other university's fees and what will be offered to students.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC120:** Jackson/Wong

Carried.

Councilor Hurst asked why the fee is the lowest in Canada.

It was stated that perhaps other universities use some of their fee for administrative purposes. Different universities charge different prices. Also, some universities do have to pay heat, water and power bills and those charges would then be passed on to their students. Where as at the U of S the university picks up those costs.

Councilor Eisnbart asked what would happen to the current Fit Centre in Education.

It was stated that the resources are not there to run both fit centres. The Education Fit Centre will be closed. There may be some fitness classes held there as well as the squash court will remain opened. It is a bonus with the extra space that campus recreation activities will not go past 11p.m.

Councilor Coupal inquired if the agreement has already been reached with staff and faculty to pay \$35.00/month for membership. He also asked if the fee would be mandatory.

It was noted that there probably would not be an agreement met but that is what the membership fee will be set at. Senior administration is comfortable with the membership fee. Campus Recreation would prefer that the fee is mandatory for staff and alumni but does not look like it will be that way.

Councilor Behari asked if there is something worked out for Huskie Athletic teams regarding using the facility.

It was stated that Huskie Athletic team members would have the same access as any other student on campus and will have to show their student card as well. There will be no blocked times for just the team members. The track team will continue to rent space and train at the field house.

Councilor Whyley asked what the current user number of the facilities and campus recreation activities is and what the projection of the user increase would be.

It was stated that every time a student participates in a program they receive one participation point. Last year there was approximately 33,000 participation points. There are between 8,000 and 9,000 different students that participate in the programs. It is projected that there will be a significant increase.

Councilor Leask asked what the hours for the pool would be.

It was noted that the pool would be open 6:30a.m. – 11:00p.m.

Councilor Coupal inquired about the rental of space.

It was noted that the pool is currently rented and some space. The number one priority is to offer appropriate programs for students, faculty and staff. The Fit Centre would not be rented out. The gym will most likely be wanted to rent and as long as it doesn't conflict with the campus recreation programs. Times need to be targeted that are appropriate.

Councilor Avinashi asked what would happen if USC said no to the proposal of the increase of the student fee.

It was stated that if that does happen then the business plan would have to be looked into again. Also what may happen is it becomes user pay for every portion of the facility. It would be less user friendly.

Councilor Whyley asked if there would be more significant increases in the student fee in years to come.

It was stated that this number was set out by the business plan. They are confident that they won't have to turn to students for a significant increase again. This fee is only for operating costs to keep the facility running. If the building construction runs over budget it will have no impact on the fee.

Councilor Cantin asked what the monthly membership cost was for alumni and how the number was come to.

It was stated that it is \$40.00/month. It was based on the current market. Memberships will not be offered to the general public. The approximate number of alumni in Saskatoon is 23,000.

Councilor Coupal asked if the 33,000 participation points were only undergraduate students.

It was stated that it includes all students that pay the recreation fee and not only undergraduate students. To receive a point you must participate in a program. For example, every time you were to play a game of basketball you would receive one point.

Councilor Furlan asked what the parking situation would be like.

It was stated that parking is a huge issue and is being looked into. It is hopeful that a parkade will be across the street. There will be negotiations made.

Councilor Villeneuve inquired into the large amount of seating available for the gym. He asked if there were possibilities of bringing in the Saskatchewan Hawks.

It was noted that promoting is taking place. It will be a challenge to fill the seats but is possible. Would not want to look into renting out that space to such a large group as it may limit student usage time.

It was mentioned that if anyone thought that it would be useful to have a presentation about the proposal of a student fee increase made to a specific college it could be done at any time.

President Stehr stated that next council meeting would be voted on whether the student fee increase (\$44.44) is supported or not.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC121:** Villeneuve/Hamre  
Carried.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes are approved for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

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

Minutes were reviewed and approved for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**11.3 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**12.3 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**13. Business**



**14. Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues**

Move to adopt Where We Stand: Student Related Financial Issues as presented.

**MOTION USC122:** Stehr/Wong  
Carried.

Councilor Hurst stated that she would not be voting in favour of the motion. She presented reasons from students from her college. First one being that, the document leaves out decentralized tuition which the College of Commerce is in favour of. Secondly, the recommendations of differential tuition are weak and not clear. Thirdly, the Scholarship and Bursaries should be provided based on merit and achievement before financial need. Fourthly, regarding the Big Box revenue the money should be used directly to increase the quality of education and not exclude student services.

President Stehr recommended that the document be adopted. The document should be dealt with as a whole.

**15. New Business**

**16. Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

**17. Questions and Comments**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC123:** Wong/Derdall  
Carried.

Councilor Whyley likes the idea of the Student Issues Board to put up posters of city councilors. She also inquired as to how the Louis' lunch bag program was going.

VP Wong stated that the Louis' lunch bag has been very popular. It has been requested to have the program placed in more buildings across campus. Food Services have some problems in regards to having Louis' selling the lunch bags in certain buildings.

Councilor Behari stated that it was nice to see all the people at the Education Forum and that President Stehr did a good job. He asked if President Stehr felt that he took the correct stance when approached with the question regarding the MacLean's ranking.

President Stehr stated that his statement was that students should not base what school they go to on the rankings in the magazine as it is not that valid. When the university is comparing national norms that it is a good comparative tool. He believed that it was a fair assessment.

Councilor Evanisky heard that Food Services was starting to be more stern with groups and organizations that sell food on campus. He asked that the Executive go into more detail on this issue.

VP McDaid mentioned that there was a Social Director's meeting held with Louis' Management staff and Programmer. The University is finding that Food Services is losing money due to groups and organizations selling on campus. There will be a new policy coming out in the next month. The Programmer will be working on representing student groups in the discussions.

President Stehr stated that the University is asking that the policies and guidelines be followed which have not been done in the last decade. Space has to be booked ahead of time through Room Scheduling. There is no ban on student groups selling food on campus.

Councilor Coupal requested that the USSU find out what percentage of students vote, to promote student voting and to encourage all to vote in favour of education as well.

President Stehr agreed that the public is the primary target. The USSU is doing their part to get the message out to the public that education is important. To find out the percentage of students that vote it can possibly go onto the student life survey. Each year it is budgeted to promote students to vote in the election.

Councilor Hurst asked for verification on the length of a councilor's term. It should be two years and not one. She questioned whether a college society could change this. She also inquired about the College of Medicine's academic probation.

President Stehr stated that the information as to the term of a councilor is in the constitution and does not wish to comment on the issue at this time until proper information is attained. He would look into it and would be discussed next council meeting.

Councilor Avinashi mentioned that the College of Medicine used to be a two-year term and is now a one-year term that will work well. In regards to the accreditation process, every 7 years a board goes through this process. The accreditation was last year with 10 recommendations and has put the College of Medicine on probation for accreditation that will last for 2 years. Some of the main key points are; aboriginal access that is a new initiative, amount of faculty and the largest point is a library. Other issues were; prescribing problems, supervision problems and distribution of students going for internship. They want more consistency with internship and have Regina more of a site to do their internship at. The meeting finally took place with the Dean.

VP McDaid congratulated VP Jackson and the Student Issues Board for making front page of the StarPhoenix regarding the Food Centre to be opened.

President Stehr encourage all Councilors to go back to their societies and present to them what they heard tonight. The Executive is supportive of the increase.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved to adjourn.

**MOTION USC124:** Hurst/Cantin

Carried.

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Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
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Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

### Also Present

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Christopher Tupper, Arts & Science  
Michael Hagel, Commerce  
Tyler Karpenski, Commerce

### Regrets

Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy

### Absent

Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

#### 2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

#### 3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC125:** Wong/Villeneuve

Carried.

#### 4. Introductions and Announcements

The minutes were not recorded on tape and therefore could not be documented.

VP Wong introduced Don Akre from PCL and Phil Evans from Saunders Evans Architects.

President Stehr introduced Ross Wilson of Huskie Athletics, Paul Rogal of Campus Recreation and Brandy Smart of Campus Recreation. He also introduced Leslee Harden, USSU General Manager.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

The minutes were not recorded.

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

The minutes were not recorded.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Recreation Fee Approval**

Move to endorse the increase of the Recreation Fee to \$44.44.

**MOTION USC126:** Stehr/Villeneuve  
unanimously.

Carried

**9.2 MUB Expansion Summary**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC127:** Stehr/Jackson  
Carried.

Move to extend speaking rights.

**MOTION USC128:** Jackson/Arcand  
Carried.

The minutes were not recorded for the PCL and Saunders Evans Architects presentation as well as the majority of the questions. In summary this is what happened.

The project was reviewed as a whole.

The Construction Management Timeline Project Timeline was explained. The Conceptual Design study late November 2001, Target budget January 2002, Design Begins February 2002, Bid Package #1 Demo/Foundation closes March 26, 2002, Bid Package #2 Exterior closes April 9, 2002, Construction begins April 15, 2002, Bid Package #3 Mechanical/Electrical closes May 13, 2002, Detail design complete June 13, 2002, Bid Package #4 Finishes closes June 25, 2002, Louis' to be operational October 5, 2002. The total Study/Design Duration was 7 1/2 months. The total Construction Duration was 6 1/2 months.

Advantages of Construction Management Process were discussed. The first one being shorter project duration (10 months vs. 16 months). With a shorter project duration the business is open sooner, enable summer construction, reduced

construction and operational overhead costs and eliminate heating and hoarding costs. The second one being utilize team approach. With this approach the owner, designer and contractor are able to make decisions together, to actively pursue cost savings and efficient and cost effective problem solving.

The Total Project Budget Summary was explained. The original budget as of April 24, 2002 was set at \$4,174,574. The latest budget as of January 15, 2003 was \$5,352,071 with a variance of \$1,177,497. The Cost Variance Analysis explained that the budget was based on a consultant study, conceptual design drawings and historical data. There were upgrades from the conceptual stage. Market conditions also affected the cost variance as well as unforeseen items during the renovations and late changes needing overtime.

Phil Evans spoke in regards to the Place Riel project in comparison to the MUB project. Particulars have not yet been discussed for the Place Riel project. There is a scheduling dilemma with the project. A construction manager would be beneficial.

Don Akre stated that if the Place Riel project goes ahead the scope would be more defined. The building is much newer. There would be more drawings, more historical data and a better idea of what the end result would be.

Councilor Evanisky inquired about construction management and asked how aware Council was last year of the potential risk of going this route as compared to the lump sum tender project.

Don Akre stated that anything that is on the drawings is covered under a lump sum contract and anything that changes from the drawings the contractor gets paid extra for. In a construction management process they ran into scope changes and with lump sum contract you will also run into scope changes. If there were going to be any cost changes Phil Evans informed the USSU of these changes.

Phil Evans stated there were risks in this entire project and some of the risks were outlined in the conceptual design study.

President Stehr spoke on the consultation and the process that was taken. There were numerous discussion groups that took place prior to construction. The information that was gathered by students was used for the project.

Councilor Whyley stated that some students have come to her and complained that the new Louis' is not as comfortable as the old Louis'. She inquired as to what type of marketing studies were done in deciding to turn it into a different style of bar.

VP Wong stated that there were focus groups held. They said that they wanted a clean restaurant, open atmosphere similar to a night club with a dance floor,

lighting to be higher during the day and lower at night, ceiling to be higher around the dance floor, a games room with ledge, \$5-\$8 meals for lunches and healthy food. Tours took place of other university bars and ideas were gathered to help design the new Louis'. Talkback comments have been both positive and negative from customers. There have been some requests for couches and booths that are being looked into. The bare wall on the stage has been commented on and a mural may possibly be painted.

Councilor Behari asked why there wasn't a representative at the council meeting from USFM to answer their side of the questions and comments.

Leslee Harden stated that University Facilities Management was not invited. This was to be a presentation done by the people who were contracted by the USSU to answer to the Council. There is not a contract-based relationship with Facilities Management. They were consulted, as they are the landlords. They contributed over \$300,000 of unanticipated contributions to the project.

Don Akre stated that Facilities Management should not be picked on specifically.

Councilor Derald asked how the USSU was going to cover the cost of the project now that it is over budget.

VP Wong stated there is money in the trust fund to cover the cost.

Councilor Schneider stated as a member of council she does not feel that she was fully aware of the risks that the project could go that much over the budget. She asked if the MUB project and final results of Louis' has anything to do with the termination of the Louis' Site Manager.

President Stehr hoped that the Executive communicated clearly with Council. The termination of the Louis' Site Manager has no involvement with this project.

Councilor Avinashi asked????

VP Wong stated that the lighting issues have been fixed. Some of the more comfortable chairs will be moved to the smoking section. Some research is being done on sponsorship for the back wall mural of the stage.

Councilor Whyley inquired about the Students' Union Building trust fund interest.

Leslee Harden stated that she could not speak to the exact numbers as she did not have the document at hand. The interest from the Students' Union Building trust fund was never able to be shown on the financial statements because that money is not vested with the Students' Union. The interest shown on the financial statements is from investments of the Students' Union which is vested.



**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC129:** Villeneuve/Stehr  
Carried.

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC130:** Villeneuve/Tanner

Carried.

Councilor Schneider apologized for being late for the meeting. She announced that January 24<sup>th</sup> would be Commerce's Annual Business seminar, Contact. The past weekend herself and another Marketing student attended the Queen's Marketing Association Conference. There will be a charity Kaiser conference being held by Agriculture, Engineering and Commerce with the proceeds going to the Children's Health Foundation.

Councilor Villeneuve inquired if the Louis' project could have been done cheaper than it was.

VP Wong stated that with hidden costs it would not have been possible to come under budget.

President Stehr noted that the original budget was for \$4.7 million and then scaled back to \$4.2 million. There were numerous extra costs.

VP McDaid announced that DisOrientation would be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> at Place Riel Theatre.

Councilor Behari apologized for being late for the meeting. Quickly reviewed what happened at the last Elections Board meeting. MSC's will no longer have to sit at certain polling stations.

Councilor Avinashi announced that on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m. there would be a forum, a session for all groups relating to medical study.

Councilor Deraldall thanked PCL and Saunders Evans Architect for doing a good job with the new Louis'.

VP Jackson announced that January 29<sup>th</sup> is the Second Open Mic to be held at Louis' from 2p.m.-4p.m.

Councilor Schneider stated that after hearing the presentation there may have been a miscommunication and it should be worked on in the future. The process was not understood at first.

Councilor Arcand informed Council that in 1995 or 1996 NovaCorp donated \$1 million to the Aboriginal students. Would like to know if it is possible to get the Place Riel project going to have an Aboriginal Centre accessible to students.

President Stehr stated that it is very possible to include the Aboriginal Centre in the Place Riel project. There are some issues that have to be worked out yet. The project needs approval from University Administration.

VP McDaid stated that the Aboriginal Sub-Committee passed a motion last year to ensure that Aboriginal students have adequate space on campus.

Councilor Avinashi asked the Executive to make a presentation as to what will happen with Place Riel soon.

President Stehr stated a plan should be drawn up and what will be happening with Place Riel to provide enough time to Council to make their decisions.

Councilor Avinashi asked about a timeline.

President Stehr stated that the first issue to be dealt with is funding and hoped to be dealt with within the next month.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Move that USC re-dedicate its support for the renovation and expansion of the Place Riel Students' Centre, provided that this occurs in a financially sustainable manner.

**MOTION USC131:** Stehr/Jackson

Carried.

President Stehr noted that this issue is extremely important to the Executive. It is asked of the Council to renew their support for the project.

Councilor Schneider asked to have "re-dedicate its support" defined.

President Stehr stated the mandate would be renewed to pursue the options of Place Riel.

Councilor Schneider stated that the project is not ready financially to go ahead and does not support the motion.

President Stehr agreed that the renovations should not proceed being that it is not financially ready.

Councilor Whyley is unclear as to why the motion is necessary. It is something that should be committed to but not without the facts.

Move to table the motion for one week.

**MOTION USC132:** Whyley/Schneider Defeated.

Councilor Coupal asked why President Stehr asked Council to re-dedicate themselves.

President Stehr stated that it was the wish of last year's Council but never the wish of this year's Council to support the Place Riel renovation. It is important to express that this year's Council supports the renovations.

Councilor Schneider agreed with tabling the motion. Last year's Council passed an entire budget on the project. It should be assumed that this year's Council is in agreement with last year's decision.

Councilor Behari does not agree with tabling the motion. Everyone should gain consensus.

VP McDaid noted that we can not proceed with the numbers that were passed by last year's Council for the Place Riel project. It is being asked to follow last year's will and give the Executive direction.

Councilor Whyley asked why this was brought up in Any Other Business and have not seen it before. Why wasn't it seen on New Business.

President Stehr stated that this is the most appropriate time to deal with the issue. If postponed for a week it could be damaging with the amount of time that is left.

Move to call the question.

**MOTION USC133:** Evanisky/Jackson  
Carried.

Amend the main motion to add ...“ ,that is transparent to University Students' Council”.

**MOTION USC134:** Evanisky/Tanner  
Defeated.

Councilor Evanisky stated that if the statement is a value statement it should be included that Council plays a vital role with further expansion projects.

VP Jackson stated that she supports the amendment.

Councilor Avinashi stated that he does not support the amendment. It is wasting a lot of time with Council. The main motion will not accomplish much. A value motion as this is not needed to investigate the issue; there is enough enthusiasm from Council already.

Councilor Schneider spoke to the main motion. She does not understand why this motion has to be brought forth when Council has been asking questions about it.

Michael Hagel stated that Executive just wants to make this official that Council does want to go forward with the Place Riel renovations.

**13. Adjournment.**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC135:** Jackson/Avinashi

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
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## University Students' Council

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003

### **Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Samara Worth, Education  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

### **Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Melissa Cotton, Arts & Science  
Daena Diduck, Arts & Science  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Christopher Tupper, Arts & Science  
Gregory Florizone, Engineering  
Jack Mason, Engineering

### **Regrets**

Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Chad Hamre, Engineering

### **Absent**

Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

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

The meeting was called to order.

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

Quorum was present.

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

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC136:** Leask/Eisenbart

Carried.

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

President Stehr welcomed Kurt Tischler, from the International Student Office, who will be presenting to Council.

Councilor Leask apologized for not attending last week's Council meeting. She was attending a conference in Halifax. She introduced Jack Mason, Greg Florizone and Jen Neiland from the College of Engineering.

Councilor Coupal introduced Daena Diduck, a student that may run for Executive.

VP Jackson announced that the Open Mic that was held at Louis' on January 29<sup>th</sup> was successful.

VP Wong announced that Los Morenos would be at Louis' on January 30<sup>th</sup>. On February 1<sup>st</sup> Sparky and Loaf will be at Louis'.

Councilor Evanisky ????

Councilor Tanner spoke about the cabaret. The target amount to be raised is \$10,000, the provincial government would double that amount and then the federal government would double that amount. The money raised will go to Ethiopian farmers.

VP McDaid stated that DisOrientation is happening this week and encouraged attendance. He stated that he worked along with Greg Florizone, VP Academic of Engineering, on a case.

Jack Mason stated that both Engineering MSC's are attending Engineers without Borders Conference in Waterloo.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Kurt Tischler, International Student Office – Internationalization of Campus**

Move to extend speaking rights to Kurt Tischler.

**MOTION USC137:** Jackson/Schneider

Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC138:** Jackson/Leask

Carried.

He stated that there is a lot of talk about globalization, global economies and multi-national companies and corporations. He stated that he wanted to talk about internationalization and international education, provide some background, talk of what is happening on campus and make some suggestions.

He spoke of the assumption that is made that international education is new. The process of international education continued through the ages in many forms.

Both students and scholars, along with ideas and concepts, have traveled from university to university for many centuries.

He went on to talk about the background of the University of Saskatchewan. The first year there were students on campus there were more international students than Canadian born students. As WWI and WWII came along there was a decrease in international students. After WWII, international student enrollment increased. Currently there are approximately 1,000 international students from 78 different countries. Approximately 40% of the faculty members that currently teach here have their degrees from outside of Canada.

He spoke about the present state of internationalization on our campus. There have been changes and with the changes came challenges. Trends have serious implications on our country and universities. Our university has been slow on the update when it comes to internationalization. Many universities started the process in the late 1970's. Our university did not have an international office until 1995. The Enrollment Plan advocates within the next 10 years international student enrollment should be 7% of total enrollment. He spoke of the international competition for education and jobs. He spoke briefly about the study abroad program and compared the U of S to Alberta's and Toronto's universities.

He stated that the USSU has a great record of supporting International activities on campus. At no other university in Canada did the Students' Union hold an International week in 1987. Students on campus need to know what the trends are. He wants to know if the services provided are meeting the needs of the students (aboriginal students, students with disabilities and international students).

He spoke of a program that is offered to study or travel overseas. If that is an interest he encouraged that you get to know an international student from a destination that is of where you would like to go. He announced that next week is International Food Fair week that will be set up in the tunnel.

Councilor Hurst inquired about the Oral English program.

Kurt Tischler stated that information could be picked up at the office, Rm 60 of Lower Place Riel.

Councilor Schneider stated in the last year in the College of Commerce the Aboriginal Business Students' Society was formed. The new organizational structure was passed to have the president of the Aboriginal Business Students' Society sit on USC. She asked what other types of services should be available to students with disabilities, aboriginal students and international students as there are offices already set up.



Kurt Tischler stated that the programming needs to be looked into regarding the three student groups. The help is needed in facilitating the mixing of the groups.

Jack Mason asked if there are more specialty programs needed at the U of S to keep students here.

Kurt Tischler stated that without specialty programs at the U of S students then need to travel elsewhere.

Jack Mason stated that the major issue with studying abroad is the funding, as students have to pay a substantial amount. Are there ways of getting more students involved so they can participate without having to worry about money.

Kurt Tischler stated that as student leaders it is their job to influence decisions. If more money is needed the USSU should be taking that information when meeting with the Peter MacKinnon or to the Board of Governors.

Jack Mason stated that it isn't suitable to compare our university to other universities in Canada.

Kurt Tischler asked what would be done if the Saskatchewan First Admission policy was abolished. What would happen if admission was opened up to have Saskatchewan students compete with international students.

Councilor Schneider stated that with having the Saskatchewan First Admission policy those students are more likely to stay in Saskatchewan after receiving their degree.

Councilor Whyley stated that it is a value to our campus to have international voices and perspectives.

Kurt Tischler clarified that with abolishing the Saskatchewan First Admission policy that not only international students would come. There would be students coming from other parts of Canada as well. There are currently Chinese students with high averages in the 90% that can not get into the U of S.

Councilor Avinashi spoke about the importance of internationalization. Currently there is a retention rate for positions of graduate students of the U of S of approximately 25%.

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

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC139:** Arcand/Tanner  
Carried.

Minutes are approved for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

**9. Business**

No business.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

**10.2 Student Infrastructure Fee – Referendum Proposal**

President Stehr stated that the Executive has discussed the Place Riel Expansion issue along with issues of the budgetary situation. It has also been discussed on how to reduce the challenges that are seen. There have been a variety of possibilities that have been considered and due to discussions regarding MUB project and how that will affect current plans.

President Stehr noted that one solid possibility would be to begin the creation of Student Infrastructure Fee, which would be a capital levy assessed to all undergraduate students on campus.

President Stehr reviewed the background information, the objective, the proposal and the recommendation.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC140:** Schneider/Stehr

Carried.

Councilor Whyley stated that she does not agree with the proposal. Students should not have to pay for buildings. It is noted that she does agree that there should be Aboriginal student space. It is stated that she does not believe that the referendum will pass.

Councilor Evansiky asked why the levy was discontinued in 1986. He does not see that the referendum being a success because students won't be in favour of having their fees increased.

President Stehr stated that there is not a lot of information available as to why the levy was cut in 1986. The reason the Building Capital Fee failed in the mid-1990's was because the fee was approximately \$50/student. Students didn't feel they would get what they were paying for. The USSU plans to run an information campaign.

Jack Mason stated that nobody would pay for a new Place Riel so it falls back onto the students. He asked if a referendum is needed to reinstate the fee and if not is it possible to increase the current USSU fees.

President Stehr stated that it is possible to increase the USSU fee but from the Executive's point it is important that they are clear about the process and keep the students involved.

Greg Florizone asked how the information is going to reach the students so that they can make an educated vote.

President Stehr noted that Council would have to make an effort to get the information out. The Executive would also make an effort to do the same.

Councilor Avinashi stated that more numbers would be appreciated.

President Stehr asked what type of numbers would be needed.

Councilor Avinashi inquired into financing.

President Stehr stated that a preliminary number for the project is \$5 million. Currently in the Trust Fund there is \$348,000, from University Advancement \$789,834, from NovaCorp for the Aboriginal space \$958,000 and funding from 2 years of student capital fees plus interest \$379,327; the total being \$2,475,161 of external dollars. The balance of costs to be financed would be \$2,587,839. The student levy (\$5/student/semester) \$183,600/year and total additional revenue from new tenants would be \$283,600. After taking out a \$2.5 million mortgage at 6% interest rate the mortgage would be paid off in approximately 15-year mortgage.

Councilor Loepky stated that there is also the Recreation Fee increase and Louis' renovations that students are faced with. She asked if companies and the government had been approached for funding. She also inquired if the new building would be done within a year as she feels that students would more likely vote in favour if it did.

President Stehr noted that corporate ownership has not been looked into this year but was a couple years ago. Numerous community groups felt that the USSU is a part of the University and would not want to give money to the USSU in case the University came to them looking for funding as well that same year. A request was submitted to the University to be priority and if money were received from a company to have the company taken off the donation list and the University would not consider it. The provincial government is not willing to provide the USSU with capital money either. It is his preference to not have students pay for the new building but it is the students that use the facilities every day. He noted that if it is priority to Council to have renovations take place within a year it could be a possibility.

Councilor Derald spoke about the conception that students have that all the money was wasted on Louis'. It also needs to be stressed that money was also spent on renovating MUB and not just on Louis'. A fee should be in place that maintains the fund at an adequate level.

Councilor Whyley stated that when corporate financing was last looked into it was for a \$32 million building and now the funding would be \$2.5 million. She inquired if the Executive would be running a "yes" campaign as well as an information campaign. How will this be presented to the students.

President Stehr stated that an information campaign will definitely be run and it is possible that an Executive could take on a "yes" campaign as a project.

Jack Mason inquired if the USSU had been working with the University on the ROSS project for any developments of Place Riel. He states that the Executive should take responsibility and increase the Student fee and forget about the referendum.

President Stehr stated that the ROSS project deals with restructuring of student service aspect of the University.

Robin Mowat stated that renovations to Place Riel are required but the budget needs to be managed properly.

President Stehr asked Council what they would be willing to cut to bring the budget down by 4% or 5%. He stated that there are not a lot of efficiencies that can be made. The money needs to be set aside, accessible and saved until needed to use for a project, small or large.

Councilor Hurst stated that judgment should be withheld until the information is taken back to the individual colleges to gather a group opinion rather than an individual one.

President Stehr commented on the concern that students have the misperception of having spent too much money on Louis'. The main concern is what will be happening in the future. The resources need to be there to keep up with the capital expectations of the organization.

Greg Florizone asked if the fee is passed is it possible that the new Executive may bump it up by \$10 or \$15.

President Stehr stated that it is USC's ability to raise any fee at its own discretion. The intent this year is to bring in a fee that will not hurt students, that is minimal and will not have a negative affect on paying their tuition.

Councilor Schneider stated that if the fee was to pass this year's Council is accountable and would not be in favour of substantially increasing from year to year.

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

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC141:** Wong/Leask

Carried.

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC142:** Tanner/Worth

Carried.

VP Wong stated that he is in full support of the Student Infrastructure Fee. He informed Council that the Executive would be able to attend any Council meetings to answer any questions.

Councilor Schneider commended the USSU for canceling the Manitoba road trip and recognizing budgetary concerns and work timelines.

Councilor Whyley encouraged all Councilors to look at the proposal critically. She stated that in her opinion a mistake was made last year and does not want to see another one made on the Place Riel expansion. She feels that there are other ways of going about the Place Riel expansion but is not comfortable with the proposal made.

Councilor Derdall spoke about the presentation given by Kurt Tischler. She feels that if the Saskatchewan First Admission Policy were terminated it would be disastrous. University would not be accessible in Saskatchewan and students would have to look to other provinces for education.

VP Jackson stated that she is in support of the Student Infrastructure Fee. All students pay into the project and all students receive benefit and value back.

President Stehr spoke briefly about the presentation given by Kurt Tischler. He also mentioned that the new doors at MUB are in and wheelchair accessible. He encouraged Councilors to consider all the services that are offered to all students on campus and to make any recommendations. He also mentioned that all students on campus should have the ability to study abroad.

Councilor Schneider asked Councilor Whyley if she is not in support of the development of the new Student Centre and if she is in support what proposal does she have to finance it.

Councilor Whyley stated that she is in support of a proposed Place Riel expansion. She feels that the primary reason for a new Student Centre is for Aboriginal student space. Is it possible to only build Aboriginal student space if that is all that is affordable. Corporate sponsorship should be looked into as well as approaching the government before going to the students and asking for money.

Greg Florizone thanked VP McDaid and the Academic Affair Officers for their work in the last month in Engineering.

President Stehr noted that some drawings have been made if the plans were to go through for the Place Riel Expansion and the available for viewing at the back of the room. He also reminded Councilors to swipe their student cards.

Councilor Avinashi thanked President Stehr for the clarification on the numbers for the Place Riel expansion. He asked if it is possible to take a percentage of the Louis' profits and contribute towards the fund for the expansion.

President Stehr stated that it is possible. The revenue from Louis' goes into subsidizing all of the services.

Councilor Derdall emphasized that the fee will be a sustainability fee not just for the Place Riel expansion but so that we are able to maintain the buildings that we have.

Councilor Coupal states that the best way for the students would be to make Louis' and Place Riel self-sustaining. The student fee should be raised by \$5 to subsidize the services.

Greg Florizone stated that when going the route explained by Councilor Coupal there would be no dedicated fee to the buildings.

Robin Mowat asked if there is a way to make the process more legally binding. What would happen if the University and the USSU co-managed the trust fund.

President Stehr addressed Councilor Coupal's suggestion. He stated that he is in support of having the operations self-sustaining. It is not feasible to have Place Riel operate in a sustainable matter with the minimum amount of rents that go into the building.

Councilor Coupal stated that if Louis' and Place Riel would never be self-sustaining then they would be considered to be services. If they are considered to be services then he would be in support of increasing the current student fee if it has to be done. These services are already being provided but they need an improvement.

Move to recess for 3 minutes.

**MOTION USC143:** Stehr/Wong  
Carried.

VP Wong stated that if the new fee were attached to the student fee what would stop next year's Council to decrease the fee or not use the funds towards the building. With a referendum it would be guaranteed.

Councilor Arcand stated that he is in agreement with the referendum. Past students paid for Place Riel. More space is going to be needed for Aboriginal students and all the students on campus. It won't just be the Place Riel expansion it will be sustainability for future projects.

Councilor Leask asked the Executive if adding an additional fee would be a big expense.

President Stehr stated that there have been meetings with Senior Administration when looking at feasibility. Senior Administration has assured the Executive that it is unlikely that an implementation fee would be assessed if the new fee was successful.

Councilor Coupal spoke regarding VP Wong's statement about transparency and the idea that next year's council could change the fee. He asked if Council would be able to increase or decrease a building levy fee and just because the student fees are increased by \$5 does not mean it has to be done secretly. It shouldn't have to go to referendum; the students should be informed that the fees would be raised.

President Stehr stated that once the fee would be administered Council could choose to increase or decrease but because it is going into a specific account and a specific project it becomes more difficult to tamper with the fee. That is why this route is preferred because it would go into a specific trust fund that is co-administered between the USSU and the University. He would prefer to have an easy fee to see and separate on their tuition statement. The Executive feels that the referendum has a solid chance and that is why it is being pursued.

Move to extend questions and comments for 5 minutes.

**MOTION USC144:** Jackson/Wong  
Carried.

Councilor Loeppky is in agreement with Councilor Coupal. She stated that students are going to vote against the new fee because of being uninformed. She feels that an uninformed student body would not be as good of a route as a fully informed Student Council. The fee could still be transparent and still be shown on the tuition statement.

Councilor Coupal asked what the Executive planned to do if the referendum fails.

President Stehr stated that if the referendum does fail there would have to be some budgetary questions. He feels that attaching the \$10 fee onto the student fees is not preferred. If the referendum fails, it would then not be feasible to have a new Place Riel and the project would not go ahead. Corporate sponsorship could be pursued but it does not look promising. The USSU would have to be in a financial position to deal with the maintenance of the current building.

VP Jackson spoke in regards to Councilor Loeppky's comments about the uninformed students. VP Jackson stated that this is an opportunity for Council members and Executive to talk to the students and inform them.

### **13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC145:** Schneider/Hurst  
Carried.



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Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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**University Students' Council**  
Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Medicine  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
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Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Bonita Matuszewski, Arts & Science  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Jack Mason, Engineering

**Regrets**

Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy

**Absent**

Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC146:** Wong/Stehr

Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Furlan introduced Jack Mason, a student from Engineering.

President Stehr welcomed Sharla Daviduik, General Manager designate, and Bonita Matuszewski, ACRO, from the Elections Board. He also introduced Mark Ferguson

Councilor Worth announced that on February 7<sup>th</sup> Education is having a pub crawl to raise funds for graduation.

VP Wong announced that Big League Chu and Grooverobber would be at Louis' on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Furlan announced that Ag-Bio and Civil Engineers would be holding a pub crawl on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Leask announced that this week is "Eating Disorder Week". There will be a presentation made on February 7<sup>th</sup> regarding this issue.

Councilor Schneider announced that Commerce had tickets on sale this week for the Commerce 2003 Grad Dance, which is on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Centennial Auditorium. The Commerce Sud Pub will be on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Hamre invited all to the Love Crawl that is on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 ACRO – Bonita Matuszewski**

Move to extend speaking rights to Bonita Matuszewski.

**MOTION USC147:** Wong/Hurst

Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC148:** Jackson/Wong

Carried.

Bonita Matuszewski stated that she is would be informing Council on USSU General Election Polling Stations. She informed that MSC's are no longer required to sit at polling stations. Though it is encouraged for MSC's to remain involved in the election process. The USSU Election Board extended a challenge to all colleges. The college with the highest voter turnout will be awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Voters Cup.

VP Jackson asked if it was the number of students or the percentage of student voter turnout.

Bonita Matuszewski stated that it is percentage student voter turnout.

Councilor Hamre asked how big the Voter's Cup is.

Bonita Matuszewski stated that it is approximately 30 cm tall.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC149:** Hamre/Schneider

Carried.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Move to move Faye Dokken, Agriculture from Absent to Regrets.

**MOTION USC150:** Jackson

Carried.

Move to move Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology from Absent to Regrets.

**MOTION USC151:** Wong

Carried.

Minutes for January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003, are approved as amended.

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

Councilor Derdall asked who “The Population” was.

Councilor Furlan stated that “The Population” is a group of students that are involved with experimental music.

Minutes are approved for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes were reviewed and approved for February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

The minutes were reviewed and approved for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and approved for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Student Infrastructure Fee – Referendum Proposal**

Move that the USC endorse a referendum on the Student Infrastructure Fee for \$5/semester/student.

**MOTION USC152:** Stehr/Derdall  
Carried.

President Stehr stated that the Executive is still available to come to council meetings and inform students on the fee. The Executive feels that the Student Infrastructure Fee is essential to be prepared for any planned or unplanned expenses. It is clear that no one will be taking care of student space on campus. The reason that corporate financing was not a route for the previous Place Riel expansion was because the U of S and the Students' Union are seen as one of the same. He stated that there are 2-years of research on corporate financing that have been done and it is not an option for the Place Riel expansion.

Councilor Coupal stated that if the referendum does not pass he would come back to Council and ask for student fees to be raised by the proposed \$10/year. If it is raised after the students said no it would make upset them.

Councilor Whyley spoke against the motion. She stated that it is reality that the Student Infrastructure Fee may not be passed. What will happen if the referendum does not pass. She stated that perhaps the USSU budget should be looked at.

Councilor Behari spoke for the motion. He stated that a concern is of his that the Building Levy fee will have to be increased in the future for maintenance.

VP McDaid spoke for the motion and stated that is the job of the Executive and USC to inform students about the proposed fee. The message needs to get out to the students.

VP Wong spoke for the motion and stated that when the Executive visited council meetings the information was received in a positive and supportive way.

Councilor Avinashi spoke for the motion. He stated that one way to ensure students is to ensure that the money goes towards Place Riel. There is no guarantee from year to year to state where the money will go. He asked if about the wording of the referendum question.

President Stehr stated that the Executive has worked out some wording that is not with him at the moment. He noted that it states what the motion reads. He can get the precise wording in a moment. He stated that the referendum question has to be verified by a solicitor prior to the campaign.

Move to amend the motion to add "...That will be specifically earmarked to the Place Riel expansion."

**MOTION USC153:** Avinashi/Loeppky  
Defeated.

Jack Mason stated that this fee is not just for Place Riel as it would be designated to student space in general. This amendment restricts what could be done in the future. The fee should be continued after the Place Riel expansion is paid off for more improvements down the road.

Councilor Loeppky stated that her council would be in support if they knew that the money would definitely be used for the Place Riel expansion.

President Stehr spoke against the amendment. It is all about sustainability. Once the Place Riel expansion is complete and paid for the fee would discontinue.

Councilor Hamre stated that the spirit of Councilor Avinashi's amendment is good.

VP McDaid spoke against the amendment. It is preferred to not have a mandate attached to the dollars. The freedom needs to be there for money to spent where needed.

Councilor Behari stated that 14-years of money would not be used for anything else. Earmarking should not be a problem.

President Stehr stated that if the money is dedicated to just the Place Riel expansion and perhaps an elevator broke down in the MUB; the resources would not be able to be used because the money is solely for Place Riel.

Councilor Derald stated that she is in agreement with Jack Mason and President Stehr's statements. She stated that it is important to give the image that the fee is for sustainability.

President Stehr stated that while the campaign is run; a major focus would be put on the Place Riel expansion. It is very dangerous to limit this year's Executive as well as the future Executive.

Move to amend the amendment to read, "...until complete. At this time the fee will continue to be collected for other infrastructure uses."

**MOTION USC154:** Furlan/Avinashi  
Defeated.

Councilor Furlan stated that this amendment is more than just Place Riel. The Place Riel expansion is needed.

Councilor Whyley spoke against the amendment. She stated that she does not agree with tying students into a fee so long into the future. It should be kept simple and deal with right now.

Councilor Cantin asked what the difference is between increasing student fees and implementing a new student fee. The money is not being allocated anywhere specific as is.

President Stehr stated that he is in support of the intent behind the amendment but cannot support the amendment itself. It has to be kept simple, short and to the point. He does agree that the fee should continue and the initial funds should be dedicated to Place Riel expansion. The referendum question must be simple so that the students know what they are voting for.

Move to call the question.

**MOTION USC155:** Avinashi/Coupal  
Carried.

Councilor Avinashi spoke to the first amendment. The plan that is being looked at right now is 15 years. The fact that MUB was just renovated nothing should go wrong in the next 15 years. The problem is in Place Riel. There is no consistency with what will happen next year unless it is initiated this year. Students would be comforted with where their money is going and would know where their money is going.

Councilor Coupal stated that he agrees with the views of the Executive and Jack Mason. He would like to see the fee remain permanent but also to see the fee remain available. If the money is only allocated to Place Riel what happens if there are problems in other USSU buildings.

Councilor Behari spoke in agreement with Councilor Avinashi. The money would be going towards contract work with Place Riel so there would be no extra money to pay for maintenance any extras on other USSU buildings. The money already has a set purpose.

Councilor Schneider reflected on the USSU Constitution. By passing this amendment Council would be fulfilling the non-academic needs of the students. Right now the number one need is Place Riel expansion but who knows what the number one need will be in the future. Expenses come up that are unexpected.

VP McDaid stated that if it is kept open then Council could continue to make the controlling decisions that are their job on a yearly basis.

Councilor Derald spoke to Councilor Behari's concerns regarding using the money in the infrastructure fund to do repairs on the buildings and repairs would

not be able to be done because the money in the fund would have to be used to pay off the mortgage. The money that is being based on right now for a mortgage payment would be \$186,000, which is based on today's enrollment. In 10 years, enrollment could increase and would therefore have more money to make repairs.

Councilor Hamre spoke to VP McDaid's comments on ownership. With the referendum the student body is making the decision. He feels that if the amendment is not passed the referendum may not be successful.

Councilor Coupal spoke in agreement with Councilor Derald. If the money is already contracted to a certain project then this amendment is redundant because the money would be going towards the Place Riel expansion already.

VP Jackson spoke against the amendment. If the referendum does pass it will then be obvious that all students have the same concerns about Place Riel.

Councilor Derald spoke to the main motion. She addressed the concern if the referendum does fail. Perhaps what students might be faced with are user fees for entering the building and using the escalators. Students are the people that use the building.

## **10. New Business**

### **10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

### **10.2 2002 – 2003 Executive Fall Progress Report**

President Stehr stated that the Term 1 Executive Accountabilities are available for pick up and will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC156:** Coupal/Jackson

Carried.

Councilor Coupal sent regrets for Trent Evanisky. He also encouraged all to spread the information to the students about the referendum and ensure that the students vote yes.

Councilor Hurst stated that "yes" posters should be put up.

Councilor Whyley spoke about her roll as a Councilor. She stated that she did her job presenting the information about the referendum to her council objectively. She disagreed with the idea of going out and getting students to vote yes. It is a political forum and a political institution. She will not be running a "no"



campaign. It is her job to tell students to vote but not which way to vote. She spoke in regards to the Centre Director's term and how they proposed to stay on for another year rather than ending after two years. The request was denied and she would like to know why it was rejected. There is no similar policy for MSC's, the Executive or the General Manager.

VP Wong stated that the Centre Director's terms were not renewed for several reasons. Mainly because of the incentive of the volunteers possibly interested in running for a Director position. Another reason is to get new ideas into the Centres.

Councilor Cantin announced that Education is having a pub crawl will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>. A Steak Nite at Louis' will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> to raise money for a student and her son that lost their home to a fire during Christmas. Donations are also being accepted for the family. He stated that Councilors need to vote on how their fellow students feel about the issue. The response from Education is that students would not vote in favour of the referendum.

Councilor Dokken asked VP Jackson to repeat the announcements regarding parking as it was missed in last week's minutes.

VP Jackson stated that parking would be free during exams in student lots. Night parking will take into effect at 4p.m. instead of 6p.m. There will not be a March parking sale. There will only be one parking sale in September.

President Stehr thanked Council for the discussion and the ideas expressed on the Student Infrastructure Fee. There has never been a referendum on a fee so small since 1946. The most successful referendum possible is that students are informed and they make an informed vote.

Councilor Leask stated that information about Teaching Excellence Awards and DisOrientation was not properly advertised to students.

Councilor Schneider stated that most Councilors are looked at as leaders in their colleges. After talking to students about it students are going to want to vote yes.

Councilor Cantin stated that the cost for the pub crawl is \$7.00 for non-members and \$5.00 for members.

Councilor Coupal stated that the Arts & Science MSC's are going to do their best in reaching students in their college.

VP McDaid stated that at two council meetings prior to DisOrientation he did make announcements regarding the week event. There was also an article in the Sheaf, it was mentioned on the CFCR radio show and posters were in the buzz boards.

Councilor Dokken stated that the College of Agriculture was very well informed about DisOrientation.

Councilor Schneider stated that the problem with DisOrientation wasn't because of the promotion of it. Perhaps there is not a need for DisOrientation if it is not well attended and students are informed about it. There should be a reassessment done on the program if there is a need for DisOrientation.

VP McDaid stated it is a hit and miss for attendance with the different speakers. He believes that DisOrientation is an important event to keep.

Councilor Leask clarified that she did not intend that DisOrientation itself was poorly promoted it was more intended to USSU announcements.

President Stehr stated that the referendum question that has been constructed as of now is, "The USSU proposes the implementation of a \$5/semester Student Infrastructure Fee dedicated to enhancement and sustainable upkeep of student buildings. Do you support the introduction of the Student Infrastructure Fee for all undergraduate students?" The statement still needs to receive approval from the lawyer.

VP Jackson stated that Councilor Loepkky and herself are members of the cast for the Vagina Monologues that the USSU Women's Centre and the Grad Students' Association is putting on. The Monologues will be taking place on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at Place Riel Theatre. Proceeds will be allocated to women charities.

**12. Any Other Business**

No other business.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC157:** Derdall/Leask

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Daniel White and Rachel Engler-Stringer – March 5<sup>th</sup> Pan-Canadian Student Day of Action Against War in Iraq**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.21 Elections Board Minutes and Report: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.1 2002 – 2003 Executive Fall Progress Report**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.8 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
- 21. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Samara Worth, Education  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Jack Mason, Engineering

**Regrets**

Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

**Absent**

Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda.

**MOTION USC158:** Wong/Leask

Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Leask announced that the first week of March is Pharmacist Awareness Week. The College of Pharmacy will be holding activities during that time. She introduced Jack Mason from the College of Engineering.

Councilor Hurst announced that the Commerce Stud Pub would be held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that tonight is the Election Pub Crawl.

VP Jackson introduced Daniel White and Rachel Engler-Stringer.

VP Wong announced that the University Jazz band would be playing at Louis' tonight. Tickets for the Vagina Monologues are available to be purchased at the Information Centre.

Jack Mason announced that the first week of March is National Engineering week.

VP McDaid announced that there are 37 professors nominated for the Teaching Excellence Awards for Term 2 and volunteers are needed.

Councilor Loeppky announced that there would be a Mardi Gras dance on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Eisenbart announced that College of Veterinary Medicine would be hosting a television series at the end of February and the beginning of March. The show will be called Campus Vets and will talk about what it takes to become a veterinarian. The show will be broadcasted in March of 2004 on the LIFE channel.

President Stehr announced that there are information campaign posters to take back to the colleges.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Daniel White and Rachel Engler-Stringer – March 5<sup>th</sup> Pan-Canadian Student Day of Action Against War in Iraq**

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC159:** Wong/Stehr  
Carried.

Move to extend speaking rights to Daniel White and Rachel Engler-Stringer.

**MOTION USC160:** Stehr/Jackson  
Carried.

Daniel White announced that two weeks ago Rachel Engler-Stringer, a U of S student, attended the Pan-Canadian Student Anti-war Conference at the University of Toronto. One of the outcomes from the conference was an overwhelming endorsement of the March 5<sup>th</sup> Student Day of Action Against War in Iraq. He stated that he was here to ask for a vote on a motion; a motion already endorsed by the Faculty Association and the Graduate Students' Association. "Be it resolved that the USC endorse the March 5<sup>th</sup>, "Pan-Canadian Student Day of Action Against War on Iraq"."

VP Jackson asked what the plans are for March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Rachel Engler-Stringer stated that it would be something that is inclusive of all students on campus. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, if the space is available, a banner will be hung in the tunnel for students to write a message against war that will then be sent on to Jean Chrétien. On March 5<sup>th</sup> at noon, the banners will be taken to Upper Place Riel where someone will be pretend to be dead. There is no speaking, it is very powerful and there will be people handing out information about the effects of war.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC161:** Leask/Wong

Carried.

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

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

The minutes are approved for February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

Move to read in “Questions and Comments” that Councilor Hurst stated that the Commerce Students’ Society has considered putting up “yes” posters and would encourage others to do the same.”

**MOTION USC162:** Hurst/Worth

Carried.

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

The minutes for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

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

The minutes for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Leask asked why the board members feel that Friday would be a good day for Open Mic.

VP Jackson stated there tend to be more students in Louis’ on that day.

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

The minutes for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were approved as circulated.

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

### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Eisenbart asked for some background on the new Louis’ Site Manager, George Foufas.

VP Wong stated that George Foufas was the previous co-owner of the Odeon and manages Mano's restaurant. The interviewing committee consisted of 4 USSU staff.

Councilor Evanisky inquired about the \$1050 allotted to the "yes" campaign.

President Stehr noted that any referendum campaign is allowed to spend a maximum of \$1,000 that is stated in the Elections policy. There is \$1,000 available to be used but it does not mean that the entire amount will be used by the Executive. The money has come from Executive Project dollars.

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

Move that the USC endorse the March 5<sup>th</sup> Pan-Canadian Student Day of Action Against War in Iraq.

**MOTION USC163:** Jackson/McDaid

Carried.

VP Jackson stated that this is a really great idea to endorse the motion. It is important to have a forum for students to express their opinions.

Councilor Hurst asked when USC says they support the day are they to be participants and is their recognition of their support.

Rachel Engler-Stringer stated that it is up to USC. Those that want to participate are encouraged to. Recognition may be shown on posters.

VP McDaid stated that this issue is very important. Supporting this motion would also be supporting the mission and vision statement and the values of the USSU; mutual respect and environmental responsibility. It shows solidarity if the USSU was to support this day.

Councilor Whyley stated that she was a little concerned when seeing this topic on the agenda and concerned with what the USC's mandate is and what issues does USC support. She noted that she would be voting in favor of this motion but states that USC should only be voting on the most important issues otherwise it devalues USC's endorsements.

Robin Mowat asked if having people lying on the ground in high traffic places pretending to be dead is a safe practice.

Rachel Engler-Stringer stated that it is up to the group that organizes the event as to where it would take place. Safety is extremely important.

Councilor Evanisky asked to have clarified that if the motion passes does it state that all students are against war in Iraq.

President Stehr stated that when USC endorses something on campus it comes down to the Councilors speaking on behalf of all students. If Council supports this it would state that the U of S students are against war in Iraq.

Councilor Villeneuve asked who the Pan-Canadian students are and who set up the conference that took place in Toronto.

Rachel Engler-Stringer stated that the conference was organized by a group of students at the U of T campus. The Students Against Sanctions and War in Iraq from universities and high schools around the Toronto area started the group. There was representation at the conference from every province except from the territories.

## **9. Business**

### **9.1 2002 – 2003 Executive Fall Progress Report**

Jack Mason asked why there is no Accountability report from VP McDaid and made reference to the write up in the Sheaf regarding VP McDaid not returning phone calls.

VP McDaid stated that he does not know who sent the letter to the Sheaf and wished that the person would come forward. He noted that the reason his Accountability report was not in the progress report was that it was not done.

Jack Mason asked when it would be ready.

VP McDaid stated that it would be at the next USC meeting.

Jack Mason asked President Stehr why he received \$50/day for 9 days for the CASA conference when he was only there for 8 days.

President Stehr stated that the reason for the discrepancy is it allows a day for travel and he would be happy to provide travel documents. The money did not go to waste.

Robin Mowat asked how much time the President spent on preparing the Accountability report.

President Stehr stated that for his personal report tracking meetings was done throughout the term but putting together the report took a couple days. He feels that he has provided sufficient information within the document.



Jack Mason asked who Binendra Shakya is.

President Stehr stated that Mr. Shakyais a student who is involved with the International Student office and very active in the International community including Global Friends. He stated that he had met with him to discuss international issues.

Robin Mowat stated that it is unacceptable for VP McDaid to not have his Accountability report ready to view. He stated that he would like to see that a Councilor make a motion of censure.

Councilor Hurst asked what censure means.

Chair Hashmi clarified that censure is disapproval with a reprimand.

VP Jackson stated that she is not in favor of Council going ahead with Robin Mowat's suggestion. It should be enough reason that VP McDaid informed the Executive that he was sick.

President Stehr stated that he agrees that no action should be taken, as VP McDaid did explain why the Accountability report was not ready.

Jack Mason asked for clarification on the acronyms used in President Stehr's report.

President Stehr stated that the acronyms are all governmental terms and apologized for not providing the actual name. FTAA is the Free Trade Agreement of the America's, GATS is the General Agreement on Trade in Services. The reason for these being included in the report is these agreements could have an impact on education in Canada. CHST is the Canada Health and Social Transfer which is the transfer of dollars that the Federal government provides to each of the provinces in order to support social programming.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC164:** Hurst/Worth

Carried.

Councilor Whyley asked if there is anything in place to keep the Executive accountable instead of removing them of their duties. There is a need for it if there is nothing.

President Stehr stated that at this year's AGM there was a Code of Ethics policy adopted as a bylaw. He asked for a couple minutes to review the bylaw.

Councilor Hurst stated that with VP McDaid unable to meet a deadline due to a slight illness is unacceptable and something should be said or done.

VP Wong asked ?????

Councilor Hurst stated that she would be in the Stud Pub but without a poll.

Chair Soleman stated that he would like to review the Code of Ethics bylaw and would be discussed at next week's Council meeting.

President Stehr asked if Councilors have heard any response to the Student Infrastructure fee.

Councilor Hurst stated that she went into the reading room and shared the information and showed her support for the fee. She noted that most students were in support of it.

Councilor Leask stated that a student came to her thinking that the fee was only \$5 for the year. The student felt that they were misled.

Councilor Eisenbart asked what person would run a "no" campaign when the fee is only \$10/year.

Jack Mason stated that it costs \$50 to run a campaign.

Councilor Hurst asked for more specific minutes, as she believes they are too vague.

President Stehr stated that it takes a considerable amount of time to prepare the minutes and cautioned Council not to ask for an unreasonable amount of detail within the minutes. The minutes are intended to capture the feeling of Council and hopes that it does that to a reasonable level. He also spoke to disciplinary action and the appropriate place would be the Code of Ethics Committee.

Councilor Whyley stated that the Code of Ethics policy should be amended so that it includes the Executive members.

President Stehr stated that the majority of the bylaw applies to Council including the Executive. There are a couple clauses that do not apply to the Executive. If there is any fundamental flaw within the bylaw it can be amended any time Council wishes but needs to wait for ratification at the next AGM.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC165:** Leask/Hurst

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 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**
  - 6.22 Elections Board Minutes and Report: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: February 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.9 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
  - 10.10 Elections Board member by-election (1 MSC)**
- 22. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Neal Cantin, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Medicine  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kristin Derald, St. Thomas More  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Melanie Racette, Arts & Science  
Christopher Tupper, Arts & Science  
Marlaine Hauser, Commerce  
Laura Loppacher, Commerce  
Jack Mason, Engineering  
Kelly Bronson, Grad Studies

**Regrets**

Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary

**Absent**

Samara Worth, Education  
Kristine Loepky, Nursing

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend the agenda to read under Council Address, "5.1 Kelly Bronson from Oxfam".

**MOTION USC166:** Stehr/Furlan  
Carried.

Move to amend the agenda to relocate New Business 10.2 "Elections Board member by-election (1 MSC) to Business 9.1.

**MOTION USC167:** Stehr/Leask  
Carried.

President Stehr stated that the reason for the motion is because of a vacancy on the Elections Board. It is more suited to fill the position this week as there is still one week left of elections.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**MOTION USC168:** Wong/Stehr

Carried.

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

Councilor Schneider congratulated Councilor Hurst who won one of the MSC positions. There will be a by-election for the other MSC position and the two candidates are Marlaina Hauser and Laura Loppacher. On February 28<sup>th</sup> is the Commerce Stud Pub. On March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Commerce ??? Dance at the Centennial. There will be a keynote speaker; possibly President MacKinnon as well as a new award has been implemented; the John Grenan Award. The four nominees are; Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, Mercedes Benz Canada, The Sutherland Hotel and ??????.

Councilor Avinashi announced that on February 28<sup>th</sup> is the ??? Party at Sid's Garage.

Councilor Sharma announced that on March 8<sup>th</sup> Dentistry would be hosting a pub crawl. He thanked VP McDaid for addressing their Council on the building levy. Nominations for Dentistry Student Council are due on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Dokken announced that the ASA is organizing a Professional Development conference on March 8<sup>th</sup> open to all students and the topics are not necessarily agriculturally related. Vocational Agriculture is having their Hard Times dance on March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Sutherland Bar.

Councilor Furlan announced that the High Voltage Classic would be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; which is the largest student run charity event in the country. There are great prizes and are also looking for volunteers. He also announced that Pie Throw is currently on.

President Stehr stated that on behalf of the Elections Board and the Executive extended their thanks to Councilor Eisenbart, Councilor Whyley, Councilor Arcand, Councilor Tanner, Councilor Leask and Councilor Chura for signing up to act as polling clerks during the elections. He announced that the Place Riel forum would be taking place on February 28<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that Councilors should be encouraging students to vote and come out to the forums.

VP McDaid apologized to Council for not having is Accountability report ready but that it is ready now for presenting. He sent regrets for VP Jackson and Kristine Loeppky as they are performing in the Vagina Monologues. He also

encouraged all to sign the peace banner on March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilor Derdall announced that on March 8<sup>th</sup> STM would be hosting their Annual Medieval Fiest in the STM cafeteria.

VP Wong announced that February 27<sup>th</sup> is the Airband Contest and March 1<sup>st</sup> is the Battle of the Bands at Louis'.

Councilor Furlan introduced Jack Mason who is a candidate for MSC this coming year.

Councilor Leask announced that the first week of March is Pharmacist Awareness week. There will be pharmacy students at Safeway pharmacy locations on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> to promote what a Pharmacist does. There will be a contest in the college to see who can bring in the oldest and most expired medication.

Councilor Sharma asked if old, expired condoms would count.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Kelly Bronson from Oxfam**

Move to extend speaking rights to Kelly Bronson.

**MOTION USC169:** Leask/Villeneuve  
Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC170:** Villeneuve/Wong  
Carried.

Kelly Bronson thanked VP McDaid and VP Jackson for inviting her to address Council. There are currently 25 million coffee producers in the developing worlds are facing crisis; specifically in South America, Central America and Asia. There are over 100 million people in poverty are affected by drastically low coffee prices. The farmers are unable to buy basic medicine for their families, send their children to school or to barely survive. Oxfam recognizes the crisis and wanted to do something about it. Oxfam on campus is working to get fair trade coffee, which is a partial solution to the problem because it pays the farmer a fair price for their beans, available on campus. Currently Browsers does offer fair trade coffee but is the only place on campus that does. Oxfam has approached Food Services to offer fair trade coffee. She stated that at McMaster University a policy has been passed that says that every place on campus has to supply fair trade coffee. She would like a similar policy to be passed at the U of S.

Be it resolved that USSU endorse Oxfam's work on campus to have supply fair trade coffee supplied at every coffee shop under Food Services on campus.

Councilor Hurst asked for the motion to be re-read.

Chair Soleman noted that it is not yet a motion.

Councilor Furlan commended Oxfam for the work that is being done.

Councilor Schneider asked what Oxfam is expecting from the USSU and USC if this was to be endorsed.

Kelly Bronson stated that Oxfam's motivation for coming forth as it would have more of an effect if endorsed by USC. Currently Food Services is checking out the prices for fair trade coffee. Food Services would like to offer fair trade coffee at their venues but it may come down to being a price constraint. If that happens then perhaps lobbying on campus to have those constraints removed may need to be done.

Councilor Schneider asked then if the logo would be on everything and to say that USC is in support of it.

Kelly Bronson stated that a list has been conformed of ad hoc supporters and the USSU would be added to that list if this would be endorsed.

Councilor Coupal asked the Executive if the food kiosks in Lower Place Riel and Louis' carry fair trade coffee. If this is endorsed and they are not would it be expected that once their contract comes due to talk to them about it.

President Stehr stated that two of the tenants in Lower Place Riel are under Food Services; A&W and Itza Pizza. Treats is not under Food Services and then would not be affected if this was endorsed.

Councilor Coupal stated ????

President Stehr stated that if this motion is passed asking for the endorsement of this campaign that upon Treats expiration of their contract ????. Treats does not sell fair trade coffee. Currently the motion would only relate to Food Services.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC171:** Leask/Tanner

Carried.

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

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

The minutes for February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were approved as circulated.



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

The minutes for February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

President Stehr stated that there was a change in the referendum question. This does not change the intent of the question. They have changed the word “semester” to the word “term”.

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

### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes for February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Schneider asked what “LTFT” on the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, Executive minutes means as well as “CFCR”.

VP McDaid stated that CF CR is the radio show on 99.5FM. LTFT means Less Than Full-Time. It was asked to have the policy changed so that Less Than Full-Time employees would not have to resign from their position within the USSU if running for an elected position and this request was denied.

Councilor Evanisky asked with Facilities Management assuming \$224,108.00 in costs what does the USSU’s price come to.

VP Wong stated that the \$224,108.00 was taken off the number that was presented a couple of weeks ago to Council that was approx \$5.3 million and now is down to \$5.13 million.

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

Be it resolved that the USSU endorse Oxfam’s attempt to get fairly traded coffee supplied at all venues on campus under the jurisdiction of Food Services. Be it further resolved that the USSU signs on to Oxfam’s list of ad hoc supporters.

**MOTION USC172:** Furlan/Avinashi  
Annulled.

Councilor Furlan stated this is a good thing and brings more of a choice to students and presenting with a good choice.

Councilor Hurst stated that it is not USC’s right or position to speak on behalf of all students on political issues.

VP McDaid stated that this is an economic issue not a political issue; a consumer based issue. Students should get choices. The reason as to why Starbucks offers

fair trade coffee is that is what the consumer wanted. Taking a stance on the war on Iraq is a political issue.

President Stehr stated that he agrees with VP McDaid and does not believe that this is a political issue. This is a non-academic student issue of choices on campus. It is not eliminating non-fair trade coffee.

Councilor Furlan stated that he also agrees that this is not a political stance. It is offering a choice. There are many people that would not drink coffee unless it is fair trade. It is an opportunity for Food Services to make more money. There are no options being taken away.

Councilor Whyley stated that she is in agreement with Councilor Hurst and this is not the proper way that this should be dealt with these types of situations. She stated that this is a political issue and does not feel that USC should be dealing with it. Possibly it should be taken to VP Student Issues and dealt with on an individual manner. She does support the principle of fair trade coffee.

Councilor Schneider stated that USC needs to set priorities. There are a million causes that need to be supported but there are other important issues that should take priority; lobbying on tuition and computer issues.

Councilor Behari stated that he does not see anything wrong with passing this motion, as it is a student issue.

Councilor Hurst stated that a number of students from the College of Commerce were very disappointed that USC took stance on the Pan-Canadian Student Day of Action Against War in Iraq.

Councilor Coupal disagreed with all speakers, as this is a way for students to get involved with the USSU, a way for students to be heard and a way for students to be represented. If endorsing things such as this it may result in a better voter turnout. Perhaps this motion should be considered.

Move that this motion be referred to the Student Issues Board.

**MOTION USC173:** Whyley/Coupal  
Carried.

Councilor Whyley stated this would fall in the portfolio of the Student Issues Board and they then can decide if they want to endorse it.

VP McDaid stated that he does not agree that this motion should be sent to the Student Issues Board. There are many colleges that have Food Services in their buildings. Oxfam has a very impressive fair trade campaign. USC is the place where this should be decided as also affects the Operations & Finance Board.

Councilor Coupal stated that it would eventually come back to USC in the board minutes. He asked that if this is not what the Board is for then what is it for.

President Stehr stated that the boards are set up for a purpose and the boards should be used as much as possible. He agreed that this motion should be taken to the Student Issues Board.

Councilor Hurst stated that she is concerned that this is going to be a trend. That there will be a variety of issues coming straight to USC where they should be going through the Student Issues Board.

Chair Hashmi stated that each request should either be decided on at Council or referred to the Student Issues Board.

## **9. Business**

### **9.1 Elections Board member by-election (1 MSC)**

President Stehr stated that there is currently a vacancy on the Elections Board. He noted that it is a small obligation with a couple meetings to attend. He mentioned that the individual must remain un-biased and not involved with any campaign.

Councilor Leask asked when the Elections Board meetings would be held.

President Stehr stated that the Elections Board meets Wednesdays at 5:30p.m. in the USSU Boardroom. He asked Councilor Behari to speak on what will happen during the voting and as well as the final voting day.

Councilor Behari stated that when the elections are completed the Elections Board would be at Louis' where the presentations will be made. There would not be a lot of involvement during the week of elections; meeting on Wednesday and then the day of announcing the results.

Move to open nominations.

**MOTION USC174:** McDaid/Behari  
Carried.

VP McDaid nominated Councilor Arcand.

Councilor Villeneuve nominated Councilor Tanner.

Councilor Leask nominated herself.

Councilor Leask stated that last summer she nominated herself for this position as well but was told that she could not because she would be out of the city during

the by-election. With there being an opening now she would like to sit on the board.

Councilor Tanner stated that at the beginning of the year he also ran for a seat on the board.

Councilor Arcand stated that he appreciated being nominated. ????

President Stehr asked if any of the candidates are currently sitting on a USSU board.

Councilor Leask stated that she currently sits on the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee that has not yet met this year.

Councilor Tanner stated that he does not currently sit on any boards.

Councilor Arcand stated that he does not currently sit on any boards.

President Stehr explained the voting process and that VP McDaid and himself would pick up the ballots.

Chair Hashmi announced that the winner was Councilor Arcand.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC175:** Arcand/Leask

Carried.

Councilor Hurst stated that it is sad that the two people that wanted the Elections Board position did not get it.

Councilor Whyley stated that previously she did not mean that groups should not be coming to USC with issues; she feels that it is great that they are because it shows student involvement. She commended Oxfam on their efforts as she does agree with what they are doing.

Councilor Sharma noted that it doesn't necessarily mean someone would do a better job if they self-nominate themselves for a position. He stated that he is very confident that Councilor Arcand would do a great job.

Councilor Furlan stated that he agrees with student groups coming to speak to Council. It shows interest in the Council and with what is going on on campus.

Councilor Dokken agreed that Council is the place for groups to come to but also encourages groups to come and talk to the Student Issues Board when things need to be discussed.

Councilor Hurst clarified ??????

Councilor Schneider noted that both President Stehr and VP Wong are students in Commerce and invitations had been extended to attend the Commerce graduation. They are unable to attend. She extended on behalf of the Commerce Students' Society congratulations to them for representing the College of Commerce very well. She spoke to the issue that Vocational Agriculture sent a message through Councilor Dokken to support an event. She stated that she would not be supporting an event with Vocational Agriculture not supporting USC. She also noted that herself and Councilor Hurst did not sign up for sitting at a polling station with the elections as they helped out with the by-election. They were under the impression that it was mandatory that MSC's sign up for shifts. She stated that all MSC's should contribute or no one should. She mentioned that she did not receive any information on the election forums. She expressed her disappointment that USC is in support of the Pan-Canadian Student Day of Action Against War in Iraq. She also noted that they received emails with students being upset that USC was taking a stance on the issue. She also spoke in regards to the election that was just conducted for the Elections Board. She believes what Councilor Hurst was trying to say before hand was that three people ran for the spot and two people got up and stated that they really wanted to do it and the third person said ????.

VP McDaid welcomed Melanie Racette, Christ Tupper, Robin Mowat and Chris Bergen. He also wished all of the candidates the best of luck.

Councilor Sharma spoke against any mandatory need to have MSC's sit at polling stations. He noted that if he would have had the time he would have sat at a polling station. He also mentioned that he has 40 hours of class a week compared to 10 or 12 hours that other colleges may have. He stated that when he informed his Executive on the stance that USC was taking against War in Iraq they were very pleased.

Councilor Avinashi spoke in regards to the forums for this year's elections. He asked who did the promotions and who set up the times for the forums.

Councilor Behari stated that there is a person who is in charge of contacting the colleges to decided upon a time. If the forum times are an issue it is encouraged to come to the Elections Board to inform them of a better schedule. In regards to promotional wise that should also be taken to an Elections Board member and

they would do what it takes to make sure that MSC's are able to better promote within their college.

President Stehr spoke in regards to the Elections forums. He stated that he does not know what went wrong and assured Council that for the professional colleges the scheduling is quite particular. The Elections Board did try for approximately 2 weeks to get in touch with Students' Societies. Whoever responded is who was better accommodated. If there are concerns as to when a forum took place it should be taken back to the Students' Society's president. He mentioned that all suggestions are welcomed if anyone has any ideas to get the information out to the students. He noted that the forum information was in the buzz boards, on the clothesline and also on the back page of the Sheaf. He spoke regarding groups presenting to Council. There needs to be people to come talk to Council. The agenda that is being focused on is student related issues. He is interested to hear what people are saying about the referendum. He also encouraged councilors to get people out to vote and share information.

Councilor Arcand thanked Council for electing him to sit on the Elections Board. He mentioned that he wished he could have been a part of one of the boards right from the beginning but did not have the time.

Councilor Leask stated that she had picked up posters for the elections forum and put them up in her college. They have now been replaced with candidate posters. She also congratulated Councilor Arcand on winning the election and is certain that he will do a fine job. She also stated that she did not mind losing to him.

Councilor Behari stated that it is still important that Council continues to support Vocational Agriculture and encourage them to bring forth issues and events that they may hold.

Councilor Avinashi called a point of order. He does not believe that President Stehr should be permitted to say vote yes for the referendum. He stated that there is no campaigning.

Councilor Schneider asked for Councilor Behari to provide Council with how he plans to support Vocational Agriculture events.

Councilor Behari stated that if discussion takes place around the table about the support it tells them that Council is still listening and may encourage them to send a representative. There should be a representative at Council. It should not be Council against Vocational Agriculture.

Councilor Coupal stated that one way to support it would be to not verbally state that you are against it.

VP McDaid stated that it was an unfortunate year with the Vocational Agriculture. He noted that isolating someone is not the way to solve a problem.

Councilor Schneider clarified her initial remarks regarding Vocational Agriculture. She stated that she is not isolating them. She stated that she does send them weekly updates on what is happening in Commerce. She feels that if they are not willing to support USC and the Commerce Students' Society she then cannot publicly support them.

**12. Any Other Business**

Councilor Furlan announced that there were pies to be delivered from President Stehr to thank the Appointments Board for all their good work.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC176:** Leask/Behari

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Jen Neilands – Orientation 2003**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.23 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.11 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
- 23. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**



**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Medicine  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Nutrition  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loepky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derdall, St. Thomas More

David Eisenbart, Veterinary

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture  
Marlaine Hauser, Commerce  
Laura Loppacher, Commerce  
Jack Mason, Engineering  
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy &

**Regrets**

Craig Stehr, President

**Absent**

Neal Cantin, Education  
Samara Worth, Education  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to add to the Council Address, 5.2 Campus Ministries.

**MOTION USC 177:** Jackson/Loepky

Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**MOTION USC178:** Coupal/Wong

Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

Councilor Leask announced that this week is Pharmacist Awareness Week. She introduced Cynthia Berry who is running for the MSC position.

Councilor Loeppky announced that she has tickets for Mardi Gras.

VP Jackson announced that this year's voter turnout for the election was 8.5%. The winner of the Voter's Cup goes to Physical Therapy. She announced that the 2003-2004 USSU Executive are; Robin Mowat for President, Daena Diduck for VP (Student Issues), Chris Gran for VP (Academic Affairs) and Chris Tupper for VP (Operations & Finance). She also announced that the Student Infrastructure Fee was approved.

VP McDaid noted that Craig Stehr sends his regrets for Council as he is in Winnipeg at the CASA conference. He also congratulated all of the candidates.

Councilor Furlan announced that this week is National Engineering Week. He announced that Jack Mason was in attendance as he is running for one of the MSC positions.

Councilor Dokken introduced Wadena Burnett who is a candidate for the Agriculture MSC. She announced that March 21<sup>st</sup> is the Hawaiian Mixer.

VP Wong announced that Wayne Lee, the Hypnotist, would be at Louis' tonight and tickets are available to anyone that is interested in attending. He also announced that on March 8<sup>th</sup> Peanuts and Corn would be at Louis'.

Councilor Schneider announced that March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Commerce Grad Dance at the Centennial. She announced that there are three candidates running in the MSC by-election with two of them being in attendance Laura Loppacher and Marlaina Hauser.

Councilor Hamre apologized for his absence as he has been out of town for five consecutive weeks. He announced that his team won first place at Nationals at the last conference that he attended in Newfoundland.

Councilor Behari announced that March 8<sup>th</sup> is the Medieval Feast at STM.

Councilor Sharma announced that Dentistry is having a pub crawl on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Hamre announced that March 6<sup>th</sup> is Engineers Without Borders Day, which is a national event. The U of S has chosen to focus on one of the eight-millennium development goals set aside by the United Nations. The focus will be on Universal Primary Education. There were guest speakers all day.

VP Jackson announced that March 7<sup>th</sup> is International Women's Day. There will be a free coffee house at Browsers in the evening.

VP McDaid congratulated Jack Mason on winning a seat in Senate.

**5. Council Address**

**5.1 Jen Neilands – Orientation 2003**

Move to grant speaking rights.

**MOTION USC179:** Jackson/Wong  
Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC180:** Leask/Jackson  
Carried.

Jen Neilands stated that herself, Susane Thorpe and Leigha McAree are the three Orientation Coordinators for this year. She noted that they are looking for volunteers and asking Council to pass on the word.

Susanne Thorpe noted that there are 250 volunteers needed to run the Orientation program. She mentioned her appreciation of Councilors bringing this up at student society meetings and to members of colleges. The deadline to sign up for volunteering is March 21<sup>st</sup>. The volunteer form is available on-line on the Orientation website.

**5.2 Campus Ministries**

It was stated that there are 7 Campus Chaplains. Campus Chaplains are available to students, staff and faculty. It was noted that the U of S is the only campus in the world that has a Ukrainian Catholic Chaplain. The Chaplains are not part of the University's structure. The Chaplains are accountable to the university but paid by individual communities. Chaplains work within their own denominations but as well they work within a team; Remembrance Day service, Montreal Memorial service and the International Students' Christmas party. (\*\*\*)Most of this address was inaudible.)

The Multi-Faith Coordinator stated that she works for Student Enrollment and Support Services. Their mission is to increase student experience while attending university. U of S Multi-Faith Council is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. This organization consists of representatives of religious campus clubs. The Council meets 3 times in a semester. Currently there have been 4 meetings but low attendance. There have been brochures handed out on campus about the Multi-Faith Council. (\*\*\*)Most of this address was inaudible.)

The late night study sessions are put on by the Chaplains, which have been on going for about 20 or 30 years. During exams there is a safe space provided with refreshments from 8p.m. – 2a.m. Space is becoming harder to find. The last study area was the Campus Club space in Saskatchewan Hall. The Chaplains are

trying to build up the Multi-Faith links. The Jewish community is the only faith that has a resident on campus. There are some links to get people in touch with Multi-Faith communities. It was noted that there is a Bishop coming to speak at the Breaking the Silence Conference. The lecture is free to attend.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC 181:** Leoppky/Hamre

Carried.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Amend to read that Kristine Loeppky, Nursing had sent her Regrets.

VP McDaid would like the minutes amended to read that the ballots from the by-election for the Elections Board were destroyed.

Minutes for February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003, are approved as amended.

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

Minutes were reviewed and approved as circulated for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003.

**6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes were reviewed and approved as circulated for February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and approved as circulated for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

**9. Business**

No business.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC 182:** Wong/Eisenbart  
Carried.

Councilor Evanisky asked why the Where We Stand: Student Computing document has been tabled indefinitely for so long. If it is not coming to Council it should be taken off the agenda.

VP McDaid stated that earlier in the year it was decided to not bring forward the computing document. He noted that there will be a representative from student computing at the next Council meeting and then once discussion takes place the document will not be tabled.

Councilor Behari, on behalf of the Elections Board, thanked all members of Council who helped work at the polling stations. He expressed his concerns with the issue that was discussed at the previous Council meeting in regards to political issues. He would prefer to have a group present to Council and have Council decide rather than having the Student Issues Board make the decision.

Councilor Schneider stated that she would recommend to have just USC on the listserv distribution list. Unless if someone is added then the USC listserv be informed of who it is. It may be best to have the email forwarded on to the President and then the President forward it on to the USC listserv.

Councilor Avinashi thanked the Elections Board for their hard work. He also spoke in agreement with Councilor Schneider regarding the USC listserv. It should be closed to USC. He spoke to Councilor Behari's comments regarding issues not coming directly to Council. He stated that by USC accepting the minutes that are brought from the board that is USC's say.

Councilor Coupal spoke in agreement with Councilor Schneider regarding the USC listserv. He also noted that he agrees that groups should go directly to the boards to present their issue as that is what they are there for.

Councilor Leask stated that groups should be presenting to Council as well as at the individual board. Groups should not be discouraged to come to Council.

Councilor Behari stated that there is not enough time to go through all the issues brought forth by groups. If discussion takes place a week after the motion has been passed then the input does not have much effect.

Councilor Leask spoke in regards to the 8.5% voter turnout. She asked if it was possible to find out the percentage breakdown for each college.

VP Jackson stated that the numbers would be available at next Council meeting.

**12. Any Other Business**  
No other business.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC 183:** Wong/Hurst

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Student Computing/IT – Jonathan Moore-Wright and Mark Jagoe**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.1 USC Minutes: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.24 Elections Board Minutes and Report: March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.12 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
- 24. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Medicine

Craig Stehr, President

Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)

Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)

Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)

Faye Dokken, Agriculture

Luke Coupal, Arts & Science

Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science

Lorraine Hurst, Commerce

Tera Schneider, Commerce

Vishal Sharma, Dentistry

Samara Worth, Education

James Furlan, Engineering

Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology

Shannon Whyley, Law

Vishal Avinashi, Medicine

Kristine Loeppky, Nursing

Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

Kristin Derald, St. Thomas More

David Eisenbart, Veterinary

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair

Robin Mowat, Arts & Science

Christopher Tupper, Arts & Science

Marlaina Hauser, Commerce

Jack Mason, Engineering

**Regrets**

Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy

**Absent**

Neal Cantin, Education

Chad Hamre, Engineering

Cameron Arcand, ISC

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to add to 5. Council Address, 5.2 Studentcare Networks – Kristin Foster.

**MOTION USC184:** Jackson/Wong

Carried.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**MOTION USC185:** Hamre/Whyley

Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**



Councilor Derald reminded everyone about the coffee mugs that would be in the STM cafeteria on March 21<sup>st</sup> for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

President Stehr welcomed Kristin Foster from Studentcare Networks.

Councilor Schneider announced that on March 22<sup>nd</sup> Commerce is having entertainment and speakers in support of the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. All proceeds will be going to Amnesia International and the U of S Kendredine Art Gallery. On March 14<sup>th</sup> Commerce is putting on a pre-St. Patrick's Day bash at Sid's Garage. She also announced that there was an MSC by-election and Marlaina Hauser was elected.

Councilor Dokken announced that March 21<sup>st</sup> is the Agriculture's Hawaiian Mixer.

VP McDaid welcomed Jonathan Moore-Wright and Mark Jagoe who will be presenting to Council.

Councilor Hamre introduced the 2 Engineering MSC's for next year; Jack Mason and Greg Florizone.

Councilor Avinashi announced that Medicine, Pharmacy & Nutrition, Physical Therpay, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine would be holding a Photo Scavenger Hunt on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Anyone is welcome to participate.

VP McDaid announced that March 15<sup>th</sup> is the ????? Day of Action.

VP Wong announced that on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Louis' DJ Neerav/Nuclear Ramjet. He also announced that on March 18<sup>th</sup> John Ralston Saul would be speaking at Place Riel. On March 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a Suicide Awareness March from City Hall to campus. At Louis' on March 13<sup>th</sup> Holly McNarland and Emm Gryner will be playing.

VP Jackson introduced Chris Tupper and Robin Mowat.

Move to grant speaking rights.

**MOTION USC186:** Stehr/Wong

Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC187:** Jackson/Schneider

Carried.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Student Computing/IT – Jonathan Moore-Wright and Mark Jagoe**

Jonathan Moore-Wright provided Council with handouts. He is the Program Manager for Student Computing. He is at Council to give an update on any ongoing issues and anything involved with computing on campus.

He provided Council with some background on how computing got to where it is now. Previously all the colleges, departments and libraries did their own thing in respect to computing. Colleges were left to purchase computing on their own 10 or 15 years ago. Colleges were left to delivering computing and funding computing. As the demand increased the Colleges' operating budgets could not keep up. With this happening computer fees were introduced. It was the right thing to do at the time. Demand has significantly increased over the last 15 years. Academic programs changed substantially with software use. Colleges try to keep up and fees increase. Things got out of hand quite quickly. Something had to be changed. The Student Computing program was created. The first thing to be done was to try and get stable funding. The computing fee was also rid of. The University decided to allocate \$1.9 million to computing. There was a new institutional focus and the student computing program was created. Access needs to be improved as there are not enough seats. They are looking for places that it makes sense to put computers.

Currently Student Computing is working on printing problems. It was attempted to fix last year but not everything could be done in one year. There is group of people working on getting one computer account for the entire campus. Their objective is to make it simple and easy to use. There are currently 1,200 student computing seats on campus. They are working on consistency with all computers on campus so that students know how to operate the different kinds. They also want to provide more on-line access to services. They would like to expand *My.usask* to be used by all students and staff on campus; implementation date in April or May. SI, the Student Information project, is a new product with everything being web based. There was just 200 seats added but there are still lineups. There is a space problem in providing more labs. There will be a new lab in the Kinesiology building. Other ways to provide computing to students that they are hoping will take off is wireless networking. At the Campus Computer Store this year about 40% of new computer sales were laptops. There are 20 locations on campus where you can gain access to the network and over the summer there will be 20 more. The demand is there for wireless networking. They are working on ways so that you can gain access to your files at home and run software.

Student Computing is asking for student input. He urges those that have computer committees in their colleges to join them.

Mark Jagoe, Manager of the Campus Computer Store. He provided Council with handouts. He stated that he is here to inform Council what the Campus Computer Store is about. The Campus Computer Store has been tenants of the USSU for about 10 years.

The Campus Computer Store opened in the Fall of 1992. They are a department of Information Technology Services. The store is not about making money; they pay the bills and pay their employees. They were created to provide a service to students, staff, faculty and departments. Their mandate is to lower the cost of computing on campus and support computing on campus. They get educational pricing on the products that are sold. The store saves the university hundreds of thousands of dollars a year because of the contract with other vendors. The staff is not paid on a commission. The products that are sold can be serviced right on campus by the ITS technicians.

One of the things that the Campus Computer Store does to save students money is; they negotiated with SaskTel to offer students \$25/month for 12 months for High-Speed Internet. There have been over 1,400 students sign up for this promotion. The regular price is \$49.95/month, with a savings of over \$400,000 to U of S students. Another way of saving students money is software products. There is a savings of approximately \$15,000 on software products. They have also negotiated with ??? to provide lowest price possible for the computers that go into for example Browsers. They have also contributed to a new computer for the Graduate Students' Association. The staff has been promoting laptops for the purpose of wireless networking.

Mark Jagoe would like to know what students think of the store and what kind of impressions students have of the store.

Councilor Schneider stated that her first impression of the Campus Computer Store in her first year was that it wasn't her first option to go and purchase a computer. She noted that it was possibly because of the size and you would think that there would not be a lot of variety; but there are. The promotions are great with the SaskTel High-Speed Internet. She asked as to why some colleges are able to log into other colleges computer labs and others you can't.

Jonathan Moore-Wright stated that access is meant to be as open as possible. There are areas that are dedicated to open access. The Engineering and Commerce computers are restricted for those that are in those programs.

Councilor Schneider asked about a survey that was sent out about leasing a laptop and then having the option to purchase after the lease was up. She asked if they have any involvement with that.

????? looking into for near future.

Councilor Leask stated that back in the Fall of 2002 there were complaints made about Student Computing. She noted that most of the complaints have been cleared up but there are still some problems logging into the computers at the lab. She asked why it is taking 15 minutes to log in.

Jonathan Moore-Wright stated that there has been some growing pains and Student Computing has been working with ????

Councilor Leask stated that when using the Arts & Science computer lab the Pharmacy & Nutrition students find it difficult to use the computers when other students are checking emails. Pharmacy & Nutrition students need access to specific programs that are not available.

Jonathan Moore-Wright stated that there is an open-access problem at the Arts & Science computer lab. There is conversation on-going right now that is addressing specific program issues.

Councilor Behari stated that he was shopping around for a computer and ended up with the best price at the Campus Computer Store. He noted that it was a good experience.

Greg Florizone asked about the printing issue. He noted that students have reports and assignments that are due.

Jonathan Moore-Wright stated that nothing would be touched right now. There are some tests to be done in June and July with implementation in August.

Councilor Hurst commented that the Commerce technical support is excellent. In regards to the Campus Computer Store, she sees the problem being the location for the store.

Mark Jagoe stated that they are waiting to hear what happens with the Place Riel expansion before they make any changes to their store.

Councilor Whyley stated that Law is impressed with the improvements made to the Law Court Room. Although sometimes first year classes cannot use that room as upper year classes seem to have priority. She asked if there are any more plans to do upgrades in the Law Court Room.

Jonathan Moore-Wright stated that he cannot speak specifically as that is outside of his area. There is a classroom enhancement program that provides funding on campus and their mandate is to find classroom space that needs upgrades.

Councilor Avinashi stated that there is a preference to use PC's in the Health Science building as compared to the MAC's.

Jonathan Moore-Wright stated that the Health Science issues are currently being worked on. There will be 10 wireless access points added to Health Science; the most covered building on campus.

Councilor Hamre commented on accessibility and location.

Mark Jagoe stated that there is development at Commerce projects and will see something quite soon. More and more people are willing to shop on-line. There is a website but you are unable to purchase anything right now.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the Campus Computer store was planning on approaching any other companies to work on student prices that would deal with campus virus protection.

Mark Jagoe stated that the University has bought a license for all students, staff and faculty for virus protection software. This project is underway.

Jack Mason asked why the Graduate Students' Association got a computer donated to them.

Jonathan Moore-Wright said that the Graduate Students' Association approached them for funding and is willing to talk to other groups that are looking for funding as well.

Councilor Dokken stated that the Agriculture Students' Association held a raffle last year for Telemiracle and the Campus Computer Store was more than happy to donate excellent prizes.

Mark Jagoe stated that they would not turn down any requests for donations from groups or associations on campus.

VP McDaid thanked Mark Jagoe and Jonathan Moore-Wright for their presentation.

## **5.2 Studentcare Networks – Kristin Foster**

Kristin Foster handed out to Council two documents. She stated that they would be looking at the survey report. This is an annual service that Studentcare does to obtain important feedback from students to determine the future of the plan. Last year this telephone survey was unable to be done, as the contact information was not accessible due to confidentiality. With doing this survey it allows Studentcare to ask questions about what students are looking for, how students are using the plan and how students rank the services.

She stated that she would not review the whole document but is going to go through the most important points of the survey. There was 88% of the respondents said that they were aware of the health and dental plan on campus, which is a high number but also can be improved upon. It was asked of students in the survey what the top 5 things in the health & dental plan; the top 3 were

dental checkups, eye exams and prescription drugs. One question that is also asked of the students if they would support the continuation of the health and dental plan; 96% of the students support the continuation. Students that opted out of the plan were asked if they supported the continuation and 94% of those do support the continuation.

Kristin Foster stated that the renewal options are coming up for next year. There is a high usage of the plan on campus. The claims of students are higher than was anticipated and it is producing an imbalance that will result in higher than anticipated quotes for next year's plan.

Kristin explained as to how the renewal is calculated. The claims per student usage at the U of S are being ranked among the top usage of students across the country. Claims represent approximately 90% of the cost of the plan. The formula was provided in a document that was handed out. The claims are being driven by the usage of the plan. The fees are capped as per the 2000 agreement with the USSU. Any future premium increases don't affect Studentcare's fees. This is the only way that Studentcare feels that they can remain revenue neutral. The Studentcare fees are fixed. The reason for the increase in cost for students for the plan is the high usage.

To renew the plan and keep the benefits as they are for next year with the best quote that has been negotiated at this time is \$227. There are other choices with a couple variables that can be controlled. If claims represent 90% of the cost of the plan then the place that needs to be looked at is coverage. There still needs to be a quality plan that is still affordable to students and balanced. Network coverage could be substituted for insurer coverage. This is similar to the dental network where the dentist offers the student a 20% discount; therefore, that 20% never is claimed. If more networks can be created to increase coverage from dentists, optometrists, etc. Another thing that can be done is to choose reductions that are going to have the least impact on the greatest number of students. Some options are to have a \$5 per prescription; if you go to a pharmacy to get a prescription the student pays the first \$5 and then the remaining cost is covered at 80%. It is recommended to do this rather than a maximum on prescription drugs. Regarding the dental plan; students are paying for maximum coverage of \$750 and students do not typically reach that amount. It is recommended to reduce the dental coverage to \$500 that still provides most students with the basic coverage.

Option #2 is to implement the \$5/prescription, to remove coverage for eyeglasses and to implement \$500 maximum for dental care. Eye exams coverage would be continued. Coverage for eyeglasses is one of the most popular benefits of the U of S students. She states that it is a good idea to not cover eyeglasses, as it is a fixed cost that students know is coming every two years. It is not considered an emergency. Students do depend on eyeglass coverage as well. This plan premium would cost \$184.09. They would then increase the number of Studentcare providers that offer discounts through a network.

Option #3 is \$227 to keep the plan as is. From the results of the survey students would most likely still support the continuation of the plan at a higher cost.

These are some of the most obvious places to make changes and to keep the premium at a level for students living on a fixed budget.

VP Wong stated that the IT implementation charge with Administration was approximately \$38,000. They are charging 75.4 cents for health and 75.4 cents for dental on every package plus 1% in administration fees. This then works out to \$251 (????) to keep the current plan.

Councilor Sharma asked how many years the 75.4 cents IT implementation fee going to be paid for. He also asked what the plan fee was this year.

VP Wong stated that the implementation fee is over 3 years.

Kristin Foster noted that this year's fee was \$178.64.

Councilor Evanisky asked for the breakdown of the \$178.64.

Kristin Foster stated that she was not sure of the breakdown. She didn't break it down to health & dental as it was a lot of information all at once. The health is slightly more expensive than the dental. It would continue to be proportionately the same.

Greg Florizone asked about the deficit on the health side and breaking even on the dental side. For next year will the dental side have to be cut further to make up for the health deficit again.

Kristin Foster stated that yes that would happen. Studentcare is proposing to cut the dental side to offset the health side. There are a greater number of students enrolled in the health plan.

Greg Florizone stated that next year the exact same situation would happen again. The dental will break even and there will be a health deficit. He asked if Studentcare would then have to cut dental again to balance out.

Kristin Foster recommended not doing this over and over again. This is an option for this year. It is Studentcare's recommendation to eventually Council go back to referendum to reconfirm the mandate. She noted that part of being a fully insured plan is that it is renewable on an annual basis. It is not usually such a difficult choice and does not anticipate continuing this way. She also mentioned that being a part of a fully insured plan USSU is never on the hook for any liabilities or any excesses in claims.

President Stehr stated that two years ago when the plan was implemented it was a comprehensive plan. The increase should not be a continual concern because right now they are trying to balance out the plan so that there is a balance between what it costs to provide the plan and what students pay for the plan.

Councilor Avinashi asked if there would be a fluctuation every year. He asked if numbers could be set over a couple of years.

Kristin Foster stated that the implementation stage is the first 3-4 years of the plan. This is when the numbers fluctuate and then will plateau and become quite stable if well designed. The difficulty with having set numbers for a set number of years is that the insurance company quote would not be correct. Studentcare does not ordinarily recommend doing this, as it is better to get the best price everywhere.

Councilor Avinashi stated that it feels as though the students are being punished. He stated that he would like to propose another plan to bring the price down to \$125 and then the student would have a choice of having health coverage or dental coverage.

Councilor Hurst stated that she would like to have the option of having everything covered for the higher price. She asked if it is possible for students to have an option to have a plan that covers everything or partial.

Kristin Foster stated that it is not an option to have a plan with that type of flexibility. If this were to be done the cost would be around \$600 or \$700 per plan. Any situation where there is an option to add on more it is going to be priced as an individual purchasing that coverage.

Jack Mason asked if some of the non-essential services could be eliminated such as massage, chiropractor, etc.

Kristin Foster stated that the reason for not recommending discontinuation of the coverage of the health practitioners is because they form such a small percentage of the actual claim and therefore form a small percentage of what is driving the cost of the premiums up.

Councilor Leask asked what the coverage is currently for prescription coverage. She noted that there are several types of prescription coverage and asked why the \$5 fee was chosen.

Kristin Foster stated that the other thing that was looked at was pharmacy dispensing fees and to create a pharmacy network. The reason this would not work as Saskatchewan's dispensing fees are one of the lowest in the country and there is no room to reduce that number. The easiest way for Studentcare to affect the real change that is going to have save money without compromising being able to



provide adequate coverage for students needed there would be a \$5 per prescription charge.

Councilor Coupal asked if Studentcare ended up making a profit would they then come back with a cheaper plan.

Kristin Foster stated that there is a surplus trigger in the agreement between SunLife and the USSU through Studentcare. If the plan experience is significantly lower than anticipated there is a trigger where the insurance company pays it back at the end of the year. It is the insurance company's best interest to have a sustainable plan.

President Stehr spoke to Councilor Avinashi's suggestion of cutting the dental plan. President Stehr stated that the health and dental plan were mandated through referendum, and should then be taken to referendum if such a change was requested.

Councilor Schneider asked what the process would be to have a different plan implemented.

Kristin Foster stated that it is possible and said that any ideas could be sent to her by email and she could figure out the calculations and come back with what it would cost. She noted that herself and Lev Bukhman have spent 3 weeks turning the plan inside out. She stated that the recommendations made were the most feasible for the plan.

Councilor Whyley asked if there have been similar situations at other universities where the plan coverage has had to be scaled back. If this did happen were there complaints from the students.

Kristin Foster noted that there probably would be complaints. The importance would then have to be that the communications are accurate. It would be highlighted that there have been changes made.

Councilor Hurst stated that the backlash after cutting the coverage would be substantial. She would recommend that the plan coverage remain the same with the increase to \$227.

Kristin Foster stated that a student is getting the best value anywhere along the curve point.

Councilor Sharma spoke to President Stehr's comment. Councilor Sharma noted that if it had to go to a referendum if a portion of the plan was to be discontinued would it also have to go to referendum if the plan was to be reduced in any way.

President Stehr stated that he would not suggest taking the reduction of the coverage of the plan to a referendum. Students voted on implementing a health and dental plan. The decision makers of the USSU decide the composition of the plan. If one of the components were to be removed it would have to be voted on by the students.

Councilor Sharma asked where the limit on the reduction is set before it goes to referendum.

President Stehr stated that it would be the prudent thing to ask the students. He also noted that it would be the reasonableness of Council. It is not possible to run a referendum this year.

VP McDaid spoke in regards to finding a plan in the middle that could benefit students as well not be damaging to their pocket books.

Robin Mowat asked if the opt out rate affects the number.

Kristin Foster stated that it does not really. It comes down to the students that are using the plan are really using it. The cost of the plan is driven by claims, the expenses to run the plan and that equals the premium for the next year. She spoke in regards to looking at soliciting bids from competitive insurance companies. The reason Studentcare is not looking at competitive companies is because there is a risk of losing credibility with SunLife for jumping ship and going to an alternate insurance company. There is also not another insurer that could quote any lower than SunLife. It is something that is recommended every 3-4 years.

Councilor Behari stated that a clear connection needs to be drawn when something is changed and decide when something needs to be taken back to the students. He noted that because there cannot be a referendum there should not be consideration of the options that were presented as they cannot be taken back to the students. He asked for future years to have the information brought sooner to have the option of having a referendum.

President Stehr stated that an election could run at any time of the year as long as students are here to vote. There is no indication from students to have the plan eliminated one or both of the plans.

Kristin Foster stated that the reason she is here now is because the earlier the insurance company is asked to guarantee that quote on a plan the higher their risk charges are.

Councilor Behari asked why a referendum would be unreasonable at this time. He commented on Councilor Avinashi's proposal of Plan E.

President Stehr stated that he would not feel comfortable having the proposed Plan E go to a referendum for students to decide on eliminating a substantial portion.

Councilor Schneider asked for clarification on the 96% of the respondents that wanted plan continuation was it at \$176 or at an infinite amount.

Kristin Foster stated that a dollar amount was not specified it was just asked if they would support the continuation of the plan. She also noted that the fees went up moderately last year and there was no negative feedback from students.

Councilor Sharma stated that he agrees with the plan being taken to a referendum every few years to reiterate the mandate. He stated that he has difficulty with Council voting on this, as it is a personal issue. When he votes on this it will be his personal opinion and not the representation of other students as each student has different opinions on such a matter.

Councilor Evanisky thanked Kristin Foster for coming to Council. He stated that Studentcare has done an excellent job of being upfront with the students. He noted that the increase is significant but not excessive. He recommends staying with the plan coverage as is.

Councilor Schneider stated that a \$50 increase is quite substantial and wondered if it is enough of an increase to go to a referendum.

President Stehr spoke in regards to Councilor Sharma's comment about voting. He encouraged all Councilors to read the survey report and use that information rather than personal opinions when voting.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC 188:** Stehr/Leask

Carried.

Move to have 5 minute recess.

**MOTION USC 189:** McDaid/Jackson

Defeated.

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

### **6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were approved as circulated.

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

Minutes for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Schneider asked if any student society could apply for Print Shop credit.

VP Wong stated that any ratified campus club or college society could apply for funding for up to \$300; print shop credit, coke product or funding. Louis' credit and Browser's credit may also be implemented.

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

Minutes for March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

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

#### **7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Stehr due to scheduling issues the Executive Committee meeting was rescheduled. The March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Executive Committee minutes will be presented at next Council meeting.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

### **9. Business**

No business.

### **10. New Business**

#### **10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC 190:** Wong/Furlan

Carried.

Councilor Hurst asked how many people on Council use the health and dental plan.

The results were not recorded.

Councilor Whyley spoke in regards to University Council and the lack of attendance. She stated that Councilors and Executive members should send their regrets if unable to attend as it is the highest body of the university for overseeing the academic affairs.

Greg Florizone referred to the health and dental plan stats regarding the travel claims. He explained that it might be a good idea to cut the coverage for travel insurance at \$6 per student. It is also shown in the statistics that people do not really want travel insurance. Another benefit that is low on the list of what students want is physio therapy and

psychology. Cutting the non-essential services that are not being used is better than cutting services that are being used.

Councilor Furlan spoke in support of taking political stances on various issues and that we should encourage this dialogue.

Councilor Behari expressed that he thinks that Council is a political entity. He stated that he attended a Suicide Awareness presentation that had great discussion.

Councilor Avinashi stated that he offered Plan E as raising a point. He noted that Council should really assess what is being used and what is not being used. He stated that he does feel that dentistry is important. He spoke about the psychology coverage and how important it is to be available.

Councilor Evanisky spoke in disagreement with Councilor Furlan. He stated that he abstained on the vote that took place about war in Iraq. The reasons for this was because he does not have any strong opinions on the situation and it is a completed situation. He noted that making statements and not being able to do anything about makes Council look foolish. Council should stick with the mandate.

Councilor Hurst stated that as representatives of the student body that take a stance on a divided issue it is improper. It is not their place to say what is right for all the students. She feels that a quality package is better than a stripped package. If students do travel then they do have the option to use it. Students value a good plan.

VP McDaid ????

President Stehr stated that as a student government we have to be very careful about social issues are taken on. Not because of being afraid to stand but because Council may not be the best group to take a stand on something. He noted that they should stick with taking a stand on education. He spoke in regards to the Student Information Project. He sent an email about the project and encouraged the selected Councilors to volunteer. They are currently investigating a vendor to select that will change the student experience on campus for the next 10 years. There are only 7 spots for undergraduate students to participate. Studentcare came up with the 3 options by viewing the claims experience. With having the \$5 fee for prescription drugs offers substantial savings.

Councilor Behari noted that what President Stehr said was important. What is important is that Council does not assume what is important to students. At Council is where it is should be discussed and decided. He asked why there is a Student Issue Board.

Councilor Derald clarified STMSU elections. In the past positions were filled by acclamation and the elections are on going right now.

Councilor Leask spoke about prescription drugs. She clarified that not all drugs are covered. To say that generic drugs do not go up in price is wrong. She noted that many people would be happier paying a \$50 increase upfront knowing that they have coverage.

Councilor Hamre suggested that there be specific councilors that attend University Council and take it seriously and it would solve the attendance problems. He noted that each case should be handled individually. When a case comes to Council and is discussed and is decided that the case is too big to take on. Awareness is the biggest thing and that is accomplished. Any issues should be invited to Council.

Councilor Furlan spoke about political issues. He stated that political decisions are made everyday it is just a matter of being aware of the political decisions being made.

Councilor Schneider stated that people on Council vote on personal opinions and do not look for knowledge.

Councilor Hurst commented that an MSC from Commerce would be attending University Council this coming year.

Councilor Evanisky stated that this Council is political but within our mandate. It should be issues that relate to students dealing with education. When a statement is made to not support sweatshops or non-fair trade but not considering the implications that it would have on other issues. In regards to cost of uniforms if a statement is made to not support sweatshops it would most likely affect the budget and would increase the fee of what students pay. Those issues are not being taken into consideration.

VP Jackson mentioned that she forgot the voter turnout for each college and she would email it to everyone tomorrow.

Councilor Behari spoke in regards to Councilor Schneider's comment about expert knowledge not being taken into consideration. It is always important to have the expert knowledge voice.

**12. Any Other Business**

No other business.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC 191:** Wong/Dokken

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.1 Dave Smith, CRO**
  - 5.2 Peter MacKinnon, University of Saskatchewan President**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.3 USC Minutes: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.25 Elections Board Minutes and Report: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 13<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.1 Health & Dental Plan Contract Renewal – Move to renew the USSU contract with Studentcare Networks to provide a health and dental plan with a total premium of \$200.00 per student, with the adjustment of a \$5 per prescription deductible and \$500.00 annual maximum for dental claims.**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.13 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
  - 10.14 CASA Special Resolution**
    - 10.14.1 National Director Ratification**
    - 10.14.2 Membership Fees**
    - 10.14.3 Constitutional Amendments**
  - 10.3 Ratification of Motion EXECRT 3**
- 25. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Medicine  
Blair McDaid, VP (Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Trent Evanisky, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Samara Worth, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Kristine Loeppky, Nursing  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary

Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture  
Daena Diduck, Arts & Science  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Christopher Tupper, Arts & Science  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
President Peter MacKinnon  
Dave Smith, CRO  
Sharla Daviduik, USSU Researcher

**Absent**

Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Neal Cantin, Education  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Mark Gordon, Vocational

Agriculture

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**MOTION USC192:** Villeneuve/Wong

Carried.

**4. Introductions and Announcements**

President Stehr welcomed David Smith, Chief Returning Officer from the past elections as well as Sharla Daviduik, USSU Researcher.



VP Wong announced that the Snitches would be playing at Louis' on March 20<sup>th</sup> and Mother Culture will be performing on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also noted that the budget is available to be picked up and will be reviewed at next week's Council meeting. He recommended reading the Strategic Plans as well.

Councilor Furlan introduced Jack Mason, one of next year's MSC's for Engineering.

VP McDaid welcomed Senator Jack Mason and commended him on the letter that he submitted to the Sheaf commenting on the lack of coverage of certain USSU issues.

Councilor Hurst reminded Council about the Anti-Racism Celebration at the Odeon on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. April 8<sup>th</sup> is Last Day of Classes Bash at the Prairieland. She welcomed Marlaina Hauser, one of next year's MSC's for Commerce.

President Stehr announced that Peter MacKinnon would be addressing Council and would be arriving at 6:30p.m.

## **5. Council Address**

### **5.1 Dave Smith, CRO**

Move to grant speaking rights.

**MOTION USC193:** Villeneuve/Wong  
Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC194:** Wong/Leask  
Carried.

Dave Smith stated that he is at Council to report on the election. The voter turnout was 8.5%, which was a lot less than last year, which was at about 29%. He presented the Voter Turnout Cup to Physical Therapy with the highest voter turnout of 32%. The next highest voter turnout was Agriculture at 24%, Pharmacy & Nutrition at 21%, Engineering at 16%, Law at 12% and Commerce at 10%. There was one demerit to a Senate candidate who did not show up to the required meetings. This candidate was disqualified. The universal email did not get sent out to the students in time to inform them about the election, which may have had an affect on the voter turnout. There was also a shortage of DRO's.

???? asked for the list of voter turnout to be passed around.

Dave Smith passed around the list and noted that on the list it also shows when everybody voted.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC195:** Behari/Worth  
Carried.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Amend the minutes to read that Chad Hamre was present and not absent.

Minutes for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 are approved as amended.

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

Minutes were reviewed for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and approved as circulated.

**6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**

Minutes for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were approved as circulated.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed for March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 and approved as circulated.

The minutes for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were not presented to Council as they would be available at next Council meeting.

Councilor Schneider commented that a few Councilors felt that the USC Listserve should only be available to USC.

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

No motions arising from the minutes and reports.

Move to amend the agenda to have item 10.3 – Ratification of Motion EXECRT 3 under Business as 9.1 and the current item 9.1 to 9.2.

**MOTION USC196:** Stehr/Wong Carried.

President Stehr stated that the reason for the motion was to allow more formality for the motion and that it is quite timely. The Executive would like the motion ratified prior to the next Board of Governors meeting.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Ratification of Motion EXECRT 3**

Move to ratify Motion EXECRT 3.

**MOTION USC197:** Stehr/

Carried.

President Stehr provided Council with the background. During the summer when the MUB renovations were seen to go over budget and with Council not existent at that time the Executive chose to expend the money. This is the same that was presented to Council in the fall. It is asked that Council ratify the motion EXECRT 3 so that it can be taken to the Board of Governors.

Councilor Whyley stated that the money was already spent.

President Stehr stated that the money has been spent but the money that was spent is held in trust between the USSU and the University. In order to have the money accessible a motion needs to be taken to the Board of Governors. At the Board of Governors a releasing of the additional money of the overage from the trust fund to pay the bills will take place.

Councilor Eisenbart asked what would happen if the motion did not get passed.

President Stehr stated that if the motion did not get passed it would not satisfy the Board of Governors and then would probably be taken to Collections as the bills would not be able to be paid.

Councilor Derdall asked for clarification if the motion is a retro-active motion that goes back to last summer to allow the funds to be released that should have been released last summer but couldn't because Council was not sitting.

President Stehr stated that is not essentially a retro-active motion. It is just ratifying a decision that the Executive made because USC was not sitting at the time. It is adding formality to the motion so that it becomes USC's motion rather than the Executive body of the USSU.

Councilor Schneider asked if the reason for this is because a budget was passed by USC and the project ended up going over budget.

President Stehr stated that the okay for going over budget was already made last summer by the Executive because the previous set budget was not sufficient for the scope of the project.

Councilor Schneider thanked President Stehr for the clarification. She stated that she could not vote for the motion, as she does not agree that it was okay to go over budget.

Councilor Derdall asked why the Executive waited until March to bring the motion to USC.

President Stehr stated that it was an oversight, although Council was clearly made aware of the decision in September. He apologized for not bringing it earlier.

Councilor Coupal stated that he would vote for the motion as he would have done the same as the Executive.

Councilor Behari stated that he would vote for the motion because of the situation. He noted that it is pointless to vote no as everything has been done.

Move to grant speaking rights.

**MOTION USC198:** McDaid/Behari  
Carried.

Move to consider informally.

**MOTION USC199:** Leask/Hurst  
Carried.

## **5.2 Peter MacKinnon, University of Saskatchewan President**

Peter MacKinnon stated that he is appreciative of the extent of the communication accessibility that he feels exists. He noted that he would comment on a few issues. The first issue is the Provincial budget that would be coming out on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The budget will be watched very closely this year. Funding is received in a number of ways for the university. The overall university operations are supported by the operating budget. The operating budget that has been received from government has increased from 1% to 2% a year. This leaves the university in a difficult position. A large part of the bill is wage salaries with the inflation larger than 2% a year. As well as many of the university's purchasers are from the United States which is American dollars. There will be a fair amount of discussion in the next while related to tuition. Tuition will not be increased by very much this year but calculations are not quite completed. Tuition increases this year should be very modest with some programs not experiencing any increase.

The second issue is financial assistance for students because they have not done nearly as well as they had meant to do in respect to providing financial assistance to students. Bursaries and scholarships are not what they ought to be and he stated that he wants to go to a very substantial amount of effort to increasing the financial assistance that the university has available. In the early stages of the capital campaign the target will be to raise \$40 million for financial assistance for students. That is one part of the campaign that is under way.

The third issue is relating to Student Services. He emphasized the fact that the university expects the Registrar office to be part of the Student Services. He noted that the process is going quite smoothly. There are Directors in place and the university has committed themselves to a massive new student information project that will cost millions of dollars. This project will better the information services for students. The goal is to have a one-stop student services capacity on campus. The renovations on the College Building (Administration Building) will commence this spring. Student services will be moved to that building. There will be a gradual shift of the centre of gravity to Eastern part of the bowl.

The fourth issue is related to World University Games. There was some hope that projects would be completed if the university did hold World University Games. He noted that he is meeting with some people that are prepared to work on the fundraising side to talk about possibly carrying on with some of the projects in different ways. Some projects would be to complete the Kinesiology building, Student Services, major upgrades on Griffith Stadium and build a multi-purpose facility with a couple ice surfaces to better accommodate the sport activities that students engage in.

VP Jackson asked if there are any new plans for a sustainable advances that could be a part of the universities budget coming in such as the PASS project. More of an environment conscious approach to the construction projects on campus.

Peter MacKinnon stated that Facilities Management would have to provide a response and he noted that he is still waiting from them. He knows that the university has committed themselves to environmentally conscious stewardship. He stated that as soon as he received the report from Facilities Management he looked forward to discussing it.

Councilor Behari asked if there has been any advancement on the parkade.

Peter MacKinnon stated that a parkade is going to be built across College Drive but will not solve the parking problems. He mentioned that by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003 his goal is for the university to be working on a scramble-parking basis. He noted that he is going to continue to push this idea because it makes sense. This would effectively have additional parking capacity of 1/3 of our present capacity.

Councilor Schneider mentioned that the U of S is the only university in Canada to charge companies to recruit on campus. She asked if there was more money to be put into the Student Employment and Career Centre and ensure that recruiting companies would want to come to the U of S as one of their first choices.

Peter MacKinnon stated that he was not aware of recruiting companies being charged to come on campus. He noted that he would be interested in exploring this issue. He asked for an email to follow up. In many cases the U of S is a high priority destination for recruiting students.

President Stehr asked for Peter MacKinnon to share with Council some of the priorities that he sees be laid out in the next budget or ones that he would want the board to consider. He asked for Peter MacKinnon to touch on a couple other issues and how it ties into his strategic mission for the university.

Peter MacKinnon stated that scholarships and bursaries are right at the top of the list. The Board of Governors expects the university to do better in that area. Last year there was additional money into graduate scholarships. The reason for this increase was that the number of graduate students had diminished significantly. He is not sure if the financial situation will accord enough flexibility to go to number two on the list. He believes very strongly in investing in some of the academic programs and being more concerned with putting money into areas that the university wants to build for the future. The capacity to hire outstanding faculty members will be very important. There will be 50% faculty turn over in the next 10 years, which is close to 500 people. Investing in students' financial assistance and investing in faculty in the ways that the university needs to to attract people here. The faculty's salaries are quite competitive at the U of S.

Councilor Avinashi asked if the university would be using the National Norm policies again this year.

Peter MacKinnon replied with a very qualified yes. He noted that they did not use University of Toronto in the analysis. He stated that the university sees national norms taking some program tuition to extraordinary levels. He mentioned that there are issues that have to be addressed in the College of Medicine. He stated that he would not go to the Board of Governors and recommend a substantial tuition increase to the College of Medicine not until the accreditation notice is lifted.

Councilor Avinashi stated that Medicine's feeling is that the accreditation is coming from more than 1 or 2 years. Tuition has gone up some 300% and nothing has changed. Money is not the solution.

Peter MacKinnon stated that they look at two things; the number of faculty and ?????? There were 10 issues that the accreditors point to, the university feels that they have addressed 6 of those issues. There will be 2 more addressed in the Spring. The library resources are a problem. The Health District in Regina contributes \$500,000 to library resources in their

city and the Health District in Saskatoon made no contributions to the library resources; that is seen as unreasonable. He noted that he wanted the accreditation team back before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003. He wants the problems solved the first year.

Councilor Hurst asked for more detail concerning the scramble parking.

Peter MacKinnon stated that there would still be some meter parking but there would not be anymore than what is there now. This would affect every one of the parking lots where it would be changed so that you would have an entitlement to park in a lot. If there are any reserved spots retained it would be at very high fees. His choice would be to move to blanket scramble parking; all lots and all spaces.

Councilor Hurst asked if Peter MacKinnon would project an increase in the cost of a pass.

Peter MacKinnon stated that he would project a decrease.

Councilor Derald noted that it is great that a parkade is being built but it is not going to alleviate traffic problems around campus. She asked if the university had ever considered a “park & ride” system.

Peter MacKinnon stated that this has been mentioned but nothing has been analyzed.

Jack Mason congratulated Peter MacKinnon on his renewal of 4-year term of President. He asked for a timeline for implementation of the new student information system, if there is any future development plans planned for university land and if there were any advancements made for joining 108<sup>th</sup> Street and East Road to create a better system for access to campus.

Peter MacKinnon stated that there have been ongoing discussions regarding Preston Avenue with the Mayor and City Management. There have not been any agreements as to what the changes should be as well as appropriate sharing of the costs of the changes has to be negotiated. He noted that in respect with the undeveloped land; which is an asset of the university. It is one of the assets that have been protected. Much of the land has been used for agricultural research. The Board of Governors has a policy here that is against the sale of endowed land. The Board of Governors is okay with renting the land; which has been done with the Big Box space on a 40-year lease. The university retains ownership and receives grant from the use of the land. When the infrastructure costs have been paid off the rent should be about \$1.5 million a year; which will be very helpful. This land was surplus to the university's needs. As for the Student Information system he noted that equipment is being purchased but he does not know when it will be implemented.

President Stehr stated that there will be another year of implementation after this year and then may be a while yet. He noted that he would look into the proposed date.

Councilor Furlan stated that in the College of Engineering there are professors that are great at research but not at teaching. He asked where the line is drawn.

Peter MacKinnon stated that there are issues in respect with teaching. Faculty members are not required to go through the College of Education to achieve a Bachelor of Education degree. Faculty members are experts in particular fields. There have been a number of very well developed programs intended to assist graduate students in the transition in the university teaching. The Gwenna Moss Teaching & Learning Centre has been hugely successful in some of its orientation programs that have been developed. Some colleges have programs that they send new faculty to. Faculty members are expected to be efficient in teaching and research.

Councilor Schneider noted that a lot of the classes are offered at the university because of the interest of the professor. She asked to what extent is the course content and options based on what faculty want and faculty interests versus what students want.

Peter MacKinnon stated that colleges are responsible for the curriculum. There should be room in the curriculum to accommodate classes that are of interest of the professors. There is not a necessary incompatibility between the interests of students and the interests of professors as long as the compulsory part of the curriculum are looked at. The needs of students must be accommodated. The needs of the curriculum should reflect students' interests and what must be taught.

Councilor Hamre ?????? He noted that a student is at university to learn and is recommending that the university takes serious intervention from the top as a student can only go to a Dean so many times. This is the number one priority for a lot of students.

Peter MacKinnon asked if the standard of teaching in Engineering is causing great distress to students.

Councilor Hamre stated yes and that it is several professors.

Peter MacKinnon stated that he gets a variety of expressions of opinion. He noted that he would take that information back with him.

Councilor Hamre stated that there are evaluations on the professors and the evaluations go unnoticed.

Peter MacKinnon noted that these concerns are serious concerns.



Daena Diduck stated that in Arts & Science there are problems with the professors in the teaching area particularly in Chemistry. There have been numerous complaints by students but no one knows where to go.

Peter MacKinnon mentioned that the complaints should go to the Department Head and then to the Dean.

VP McDaid stated that there were quite a few professors that were nominated for Teaching Excellence Awards.

Jack Mason stated that there is a large distribution in the quality of professors. He noted that he has 3 or 4 very good professors and there are couple in the middle and then a couple that lack teaching skills. If a student does not like the way a professor is teaching then the student should take the initiative and talk to the professor.

Move to consider formally.

**MOTION USC200:** Wong/Worth  
Carried.

Move to have 5 minute recess.

**MOTION USC201:** Wong/Jackson  
Carried.

## **9.2 Health & Dental Plan Contract Renewal**

Move to renew the USSU contract with Studentcare Networks to provide a health and dental plan with a total premium of \$200.00 per student, with the adjustment of a \$5 per prescription deductible and \$500.00 annual maximum for dental claims.

**MOTION USC202:** Stehr/McDaid

President Stehr noted that the Executive took the information and chose this motion because the Executive believes this is the best for students. The purpose behind this resolution is to ensure that students are provided with the highest level of service through the plan and the highest level of service for the money that they have to pay. The plan would continue to provide significant benefit to the students.

Councilor Hurst noted that she is shocked with the plan that the Executive chose. She feels that Council does not have the knowledge base to be making this decision. She suggested that there should be an on-line poll to see if students would like the plan as is with a higher premium or to see the benefits gone. There was a poll taken in Commerce and the results were that the students would rather

see the \$50 increase and keep the benefits instead of having their benefits cut with a lower price.

Chair Hashmi reminded Council to speak loudly and clearly.

Move to amend the motion to read “Move to renew the USSU contract with Studentcare Networks to provide a health and dental plan with a total premium of \$209.09 per student, with a \$500 annual maximum for dental claims.”

**MOTION USC203:** Leask/Evanisky  
Carried.

Councilor Leask stated that she had been talking with students over the last week. The usage of oral contraceptives is very high. With this prescription being filled 6 times a year and then adding a \$5 fee; students would then have to pay an additional \$30. With this happening some students may decide to not use birth control pills at all. There are many other prescriptions that this fee would affect; asthma and diabetes.

Councilor Hurst asked for the current annual maximum for dental.

????? noted that it is \$700.

Councilor Derald spoke in agreement with Councilor Leask. She does not agree with having a \$500 maximum cap on dental work. She expressed her discontent with Studentcare Networks and SunLife at failing to give good projections. She recommended taking to referendum a possible change in insurance companies.

President Stehr stated that a \$5 per prescription fee may be a burden to some students. He asked Council for the students that do not use prescriptions is it going to be worth the \$9. He clarified that the increase in the health and dental plan this year is not paying for the mistake of last year. The mistake of SunLife in projecting how much this plan was going to be used by students is our benefit and students have only gained from that mistake. There have been new projections made based on usage and predicting the usage of the last two years is going to continue. It is recommended by the Executive that the plan continues through Studentcare as they provide a valuable service.

VP Jackson spoke in favour of the amendment to the motion as it makes more sense.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke in agreement with the amendment to the motion as well as not having a cap on the maximum for dental. He noted that he did some research on the internet and found that if he had a specific plan for himself it would cost him about \$700. He spoke in favour for plan A; \$227 to maintain the plan as is.

Councilor Derald clarified that she did not say that SunLife is having students pay for their losses. What has happened is that SunLife has deceived the student body. When the cost of plan was given two years ago it was at a substantially lower amount than what is being stated now. SunLife failed to provide accurate projections.

Councilor Behari stated that he does not support there being a maximum of \$500 on dental claims. When the information was taken back to STM the students were in favour of the plan remaining as is and paying \$227. He asked if the plan went up \$50 in a year is it just as likely to go down \$50.

President Stehr stated that if the student usage of the plan decreases it would be requested at the time of renewal of the contract that a decrease in the premium that students pay. What is trying to be achieved is a balance between the usage and what the cost is. He does not feel that the USSU has been deceived by SunLife or Studentcare. The calculation was given to Council from Studentcare Networks as far as the methodology behind coming up with it.

Councilor Schneider stated that it is a poor excuse for this being the soonest that Studentcare could get the information to them. She noted that at the beginning of the year Council was informed that all information would be brought to them on time so that fully informed decisions could be made.

Councilor Leask encouraged all Councilors to vote for this amendment, as this is not an uninformed decision and that she has spent a lot of time researching this topic with different people.

Move to call the question.

**MOTION USC209:** Evanisky/Jackson  
Defeated.

President Stehr assured Council that the entire process has been fair. He noted that Kristin Foster attended Council in Term 1 giving Council a clear picture that claims are way up. If claims are way up then chances are that fees are going to have go up. Councilors had a week to bring any questions or concerns to the Executive or to Kristin Foster. He encouraged Council to support the amendment.

Move to amend the amendment to read “Move to renew the USSU contract with Studentcare Networks to provide a health and dental plan with a total premium of \$227.”

**MOTION USC204:** Hurst/Villeneuve  
Defeated.

Councilor Hurst stated that her general feeling is that having a quality plan is better than having decreased coverage. The difference in cost is not substantial enough to take coverage away. It would be in the students’ best interest.

Councilor Whyley spoke against the amendment to the amendment. She is in favour of the amendment to the main motion. It does not happen that every single year a student gets \$700 worth of dental work done. She cannot justify charging every student \$20 extra to subsidize those few students who do happen to get an additional \$200 worth of dental work.

President Stehr cautioned against passing the amendment to the amendment. The cost and the benefit needs to be balanced. For the benefit of additional \$20 he does not see it. The plan needs to remain affordable to all students because it is not an option.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke in favour of the amendment to the amendment as students have been using the plan a lot and using the plan as is. If something is broke then don't fix it.

VP McDaid stated that this year's dental usage was under what students were paying. Generally across the insurance industry insurance has gone up.

Councilor Hurst reiterated that Council should be listening to the students that use the plan and getting their opinions. It was suggested again to have a poll to see what the students that are actually affected by it feel about the situation.

Councilor Furlan spoke in favour of the amendment to the amendment. The plan should be continued as is.

Councilor Leask stated that the insurance company did not lose money on the dental plan they actually made money from the students. If a student is here for 4 years they would receive \$2000 in coverage for dental which is ample. This would be a way of saving students money. Her council supported the cutback of the dental coverage but leave everything else as is.

Councilor Coupal stated that he does not use the plan so he went out and contacted as many Arts & Science students as he could. The students want the plan to be kept as is. Perhaps the plan should be kept as is for now and then in the future take a poll or referendum of what the students want.

VP Jackson stated that it would be best not to have the plan increase with the other fees increasing for students. She is also in favour of the \$500 maximum for dental claims.

President Stehr addressed the issue of Council not feeling that they should be making the decision. It is very encouraging that a couple MSC's have gone out and talked to students to find out what they want. Council is a representative body that are intended to go out and collect student input and bring back to the organization. Councilors are not just representatives they are trustees. Council

has the ability and the authority to make these decisions. He cautioned against the \$227 plan because it may not be worth while for the extra \$20 for each student.

Councilor Sharma stated that he took a poll from some students from his Council and the results were surprising. There were some complaints that coverage was not sufficient enough particularly with the health plan. He spoke in favour of plan A, \$227. He spoke in agreement with Councilor Coupal that if the benefits are scaled down it should be taken to referendum. He noted that when he voted yes in the referendum that brought forth the plan he did not expect it to be scaled down at a later time.

Move to grant extra speaking rights to Councilor Hurst.

**MOTION USC205:** Jackson/McDaid

Carried.

Councilor Hurst stated that it is not really \$2000 dental coverage over 4 years as you would only get \$500/year.

Councilor Schneider stated that she does not feel that Council is a representative of the students. The simple solution is to do a survey. She has a lot of concerns if the President is worried about the validity of a survey when the USSU is based on student feedback and does a lot of surveys. She thinks that it would be a good idea to send out a question to students asking “if the plan was increased by \$50 would you be in favour?” This way Council does not have to debate over the issue. It would be easier to ask the students that are enrolled in the plan.

Councilor Whyley stated that this is insurance and no one knows when they are going to need it. The survey conducted by Studentcare demonstrates what people need based on what people used. If significant changes need to be made next year then a referendum could be held. Council is an able body to make this decision.

Move to call the question on the amendment to the amendment.

**MOTION USC206:** Whyley/Leask

Defeated.

Move to extend speaking rights to all Councilors.

**MOTION USC207:** Stehr/Jackson

Carried.

Councilor Coupal ??????

Councilor Villeneuve stated that according to the survey results students want the dental plan.

Councilor Schneider stated that the survey conducted by Studentcare is missing a big part of information; which is what are students willing to pay for the

continuation of the service. She noted that she would be abstaining from all of the motions made.

President Stehr stated that there is a valid survey that was conducted by Studentcare with a lot of information. He stated that he is very aware of what a survey is and what the intent is. He spoke to Councilor Schneider's suggestion of doing a "snap" survey on the website and asking for input within a week or two. President Stehr noted that the USSU does not conduct surveys in that manner as it usually takes a month or two. The best way to sample the students is to go out and talk to them. Councilors have had a year to go out and survey people and find out what should be happening with this. The network would not be affected; the network is above and beyond the plan. He reiterated that Council is representatives of all students on campus. Council does have the ability to make these decisions because that is what Council is here to do.

Councilor Behari responded to Councilor Coupal's statement as well as Councilor Schneider's in regards to the amount students are willing to pay. This is something that students have agreed to where as students did not agree to paying a building levy. The referendum is in order as the years come up. Based on the voter turnout numbers Council is very capable of making the decisions if Councilors are doing their jobs.

VP McDaid reiterated that students were paying too much for the dental plan last year and not paying enough for health coverage. The plan at \$209.09 is the best plan for students.

Councilor Schneider stated that with putting a question out it would give more information to base her decision on. She noted that it was unfortunate for Council to find out about the increase only two weeks ago. She stated that there would be an uninformed decision made about the plan as there is potential for receiving more information.

Jack Mason stated that Studentcare informed Council that this was the earliest that the information could be made available to Council. It is unfortunate but it is the only time that it can be done. He stated he is not concerned with the process.

Move to call the question.

**MOTION USC208:** Stehr/Jackson

Carried.

Move to renew the USSU contract with Studentcare Networks to provide a health and dental plan with a total premium of \$209.09, with a \$500 annual maximum for dental claims.

**MOTION USC210:**

Carried.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

**10.2 CASA Special Resolution**

**10.2.1 National Director Ratification**

**10.2.2 Membership Fees**

**10.2.3 Constitutional Amendments**

President Stehr stated that these would be voted on either next week or the week after. They need to be into CASA head office by April 15<sup>th</sup>. These items are things that were passed at the Internal Review Conference in Winnipeg. Because of the importance they need to be brought back to the Student Associations and get the Student Associations to pass or reject. Under item 10.2.1 – National Director Ratification; the new director will take office May 1<sup>st</sup>. Under item 10.2.2 – Membership Fees; at the conference there was an approval of increase of membership fees to all organizations. There was a proposal of a 13% increase to the fees for each school. It would take our fees from \$26,000 to \$29,100. It is important that the organization does put in the additional money so that CASA does not become ineffective. Under item 10.2.3 – Constitutional Amendments; these were passed at the conference. He explained that the votes are cast to CASA and if the majority of the organizations accept them then they become engrained within CASA.

Jack Mason asked how the fees are calculated for each school and if the fee increases are ratified would it affect the U of S's membership for next year.

President Stehr stated that the formula is very complicated to calculate the fee for each school and he apologized for not having the formula available. What the calculation does do is looks at the USSU's total annual gross revenue, total number of full-time equivalent students being represented and punches it into a formula and multiplies it a multiplier and outcomes the membership fee that the school is responsible for. There is a cap so that no school pays over a set amount. The deadline to pull out of CASA for the following year is expired. It is not his recommendation to pull out of CASA and it is not possible for this coming year. The deadline is the beginning of March.

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC211:** Behari/McDaid

Defeated.

VP McDaid asked if an individual could challenge the Chair's decision.

Chair Hashmi stated that one can challenge the Chair's decision but you have to bring a motion to challenge the Chair.

Move to challenge the Chair's decision.

**MOTION USC212:** McDaid/Wong  
Carried.

Move to revote to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC213:** Stehr/Wong  
Carried.

Councilor Behari stated that there were fliers posted around STM and on the STMSU door; entitled Sodomists are wonderful. The article continued that sodomy is a sin and touched on aboriginal issues and native property crime. The STMSU took action; they wanted people to know that this is not a view of STMSU and it was simply put up in the college. A letter was written to the Sheaf. There was also a letter written to the man who distributed the fliers to ask him to please not use STM as a poster board for his fliers. He asked if there had been other fliers found on campus. He also stated that it bothers him that there was a lot of opposition to something that was presented last week. The people that do make the presentation should be confronted with how the Councilors feel.

Councilor Sharma announced that the speeches were held for Dentistry elections on Wednesday and the elections will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the AGM will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. He commented that the USSU's position in CASA has to be reevaluated next year and noted to the incoming Executive to keep in mind the concerns mentioned about the health & dental plan as well as CASA. He stated that it is ridiculous that Council had to challenge the chair in order to have questions and comments; which he feels is an essential part of every Council meeting.

Councilor Avinashi announced that March 21<sup>st</sup> the Scavenger Hunt would be held. He congratulated Council as when he was speaking with Kristin Foster of Studentcare she mentioned that she always has to prepare extra when addressing the U of S's Council. Medicine is having their elections next week for the MSC. He stated that he would be bringing something up in item 12. Any Other Business.

Councilor Leask asked when free parking is and what lots. She also asked when the parking pass sale is in the fall.

VP Jackson stated that free parking is during exams and in the student lots (P,Y,Z,E). The night pass will start at 4p.m. The date for the fall parking pass sale is unknown at this time.

Robin Mowat stated that the USSU could still withdraw from CASA but would still have to pay. He noted that he learned a lot of good things after talking with President Stehr after the CASA conference. The CASA membership will be reevaluated next year.



President Stehr thanked Councilor Tanner for the calculation of individual school CASA memberships that was forwarded to Councilors. Full-time equivalent students plus 2 times the total annual gross revenue divide by 100 and then subtract that by 1000 and then multiply that by 1.176 (the multiplier) and that is the grand total for each school's CASA fees. It is a good idea to review membership to ensure that the organization is effective for students on the campus. He is very optimistic for the organization as now there is a new National Director. He noted that it is very beneficial for Council to have the opportunity to ask Peter MacKinnon questions, as it is a great opportunity. He encouraged Council to think over the next week about issues that are very important in the budget. He needs Council's input in order to be an effective tool on the Board of Governors.

VP Wong reminded Council to take the budget documents and review them over the next week and come prepared with any questions or comments.

Jack Mason stated that he is a new voice and has fresh new ideas. He mentioned that he did see the posters that Councilor Behari was referring to in the Engineering building.

Councilor Hurst suggested that if anyone would like something done for next year to have Council follow through with to take it to her as she will be sitting on Council next year.

VP McDaid encouraged all the Councilors to write a letter to their MP or Prime Minister about taking a strong stance against the war.

Councilor Tanner apologized for being late. He mentioned that he should be returning as MSC for next year.

**12. Any Other Business**

Move to have a referendum every 3 years regarding the health and dental plan effective next year.

Move to move this motion to business for this meeting.

**MOTION USC214:** Avinashi/Whyley

Defeated.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION UC215:** Leask/Whyley

Carried.

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
  - 5.3 Heather Kuttai, Director of First Stop**
  - 5.4 Student Led Access to HIV Medications Campaign**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.5 USC Minutes: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.6 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.26 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.1 USSU 2003/04 Budget**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.15 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
  - 10.16 Terms of Reference – Student Infrastructure Fee**
  - 10.17 Health & Dental Plan Referendum – Move to have a referendum every 3 years regarding the health and dental plan effective next year.**
- 26. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

# **University Students' Council Agenda**

Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
  - 6.7 USC Minutes: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.8 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2003**
  - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.27 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
  - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
  - 9.1 Terms of Reference – Student Infrastructure Fee**
  - 9.2 Executive Accountability Reports**
- 10. New Business**
  - 10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
- 27. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council**  
Minutes for Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003

**Present**

Craig Stehr, President  
Brenda Jackson, VP (Student Issues)  
Blair McDaid, VP ( Academic Affairs)  
Danphy Wong, VP (Operations & Finance)  
Faye Dokken, Agriculture  
Trent Evaniksy, Arts & Science  
Lorraine Hurst, Commerce  
Tera Schneider, Commerce  
Vishal Sharma, Dentistry  
Chad Hamre, Engineering  
Cameron Arcand, ISC  
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology  
Shannon Whyley, Law  
Vishal Avinashi, Medicine  
Karen Leask, Pharmacy & Nutrition  
Kirstin Derald, St. Thomas More  
David Eisenbart, Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Tanner, VPRA

**Also Present**

Soleman Hashmi, Chair  
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture  
Daena Diduck, Arts & Science  
Adrian Frank, Arts & Science  
Robin Mowat, Arts & Science  
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science  
Tanya Rac, Arts & Science  
Chris Tupper, Arts & Science  
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce  
Jack Mason, Engineering  
Reche McKeague, Law

**Regrets**

Samara Worth, Education

**Absent**

Luke Coupal, Arts & Science  
Neal Cantin, Education  
James Furlan, Engineering  
Kristine Loepky, Nursing  
Robyn Chura, Physical Therapy  
Rishi Behari, St. Thomas More

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. Call for Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Adoption of an Agenda**

Move to amend agenda adding Item 9.3 Student Health Referendum to Business.

**MOTION USC244:** Avinashi/Arcand Carried.

Move to adopt the Agenda as amended, Item 9.3 Student Health Referendum

**MOTION USC245:** Stehr/Leask Carried.

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

Councilor Arcand welcomed Dwight Bird the ISC MSC for next year. ISC is having there year end keg night at the Sutherland Bar on April 10 and also the ITAP is having their year end bash at the Army Navy Veterans Centre.

Councilor Whyley introduced Reche McKeague as the new MSC for the College of Law for the upcoming academic year.

Councilor ?? introduced Wadena Burnett as the new MSC for the College of Agriculture for the next year.

President Stehr noted that this is the last council meeting and he thanked everyone on behalf of the executive.

VP Wong mentioned that VP Jackson was unable to attend b/c she was sick. Frank Black is playing to a sold out crowd at Louis' tonight. Saturday at Louis' is the Huxtables with Sturgis Trash and on April 8, it is The Last Day of Classes Bash with \$2.25 drinks from 8:30 until 11:30 as well as the Prairieland Park is having Danko Jones, Mother Culture. Tomorrow is the USC Social from 8:30 to 10:30 free drinks and appetizers.

VP McDaid announced the arrival of the Students Rights Handbook. 10 or 15 booklets will be sent out all to all the College Society offices. He welcomed Senator Mason and Chris Gran, VP Academic Affairs elect.

Councilor Derald introduced the new MSC, Adrienne Frank, for the following year for St. Thomas Moore.

Councilor Evanisky introduced Maggie Phillips as the new MSC for Arts & Science for the next academic year.

Councilor Schneider announced that on Tuesday, April 8, Commerce is having there Chug Pub it will cost \$2.00 to get in the door and that they are still looking for some teams. The cost is \$5.00 a person for a team. Global News tonight at 10:30 will air a story about the U of S Business Team is going to San Diego next week.

Councilor Avinashi announced that Medicine had an election to elect their new MSC, the winner being Jordan Bolaskchuk???

Councilor Hamre re-introduced Jack Mason as the new MSC for Engineering. On the last day of classes there is a BWB Benefit concert at 10:00. There will be four bands playing and the proceeds going to ????. \$5.00 at the door.

#### **5. Council Address**

None this week

**6. Minutes and Reports for Action**

**6.1 USC Minutes**

Minutes for March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were approved as circulated.

**6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Reports**

VP Wong reviewed minutes for March 31, 2003 and approved as circulated.

VP McDaid introduced and welcomed the newly ratified the U of S Young Liberals.

**7. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**

President Stehr reviewed minutes for April 2, 2003. Minutes were reviewed and approved as circulated.

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

Move for USC gives the USSU President the direction to enter into discussions to dedicate the fee to the University for a finite period of time and providing that it is favorable to USSU to do so, to then dedicate the fund.

**MOTION USC246:**

Stehr/Wong

Carried.

President Stehr stated that this is very important to show that University students do believe in ???? so we can help out the larger campaign. Although there is no formal campaign it is very important for this to be dealt with in a timely manner. He wants USC's permission for the President to begin the process over summer, when USC does not meet.

Councillor Behari asked why USC is making the "symbolic gesture" or entering into discussions regarding same gesture. Is it was different to say we support the campaign then to put money into the campaign and then take the money out and put it back where it came from?

President Stehr stated that it was indeed very different. Campus Community Campaign wants full participation of the Board of Governors. They also want to be able to break it down into the different departments, each showing the percentage of contributions. This gives CCC the opportunity to have proof of the support, rather than a token effort.

Councilor Derald asked what the campaign for and asked for a better explanation of the goal. Secondly she wondered if the money is donated, who would that effect Place Riel renovations.

President Stehr replied that the goal of the campaign is to raise \$100,000 000.00 noted that there are ten identified projects to help raise the money. He also mentioned the web site and some of its key points, scholarships, research and

many other projects. Campaigning is flexible and money may go to other programs. This does not change the intent of what we want to do with this money.

Councilor Behari asked if only the cause was in place, but the money had not been targeted for specific projects, he understood it that it would be spent as decided. If that is the case, how do we know that we support. Also do you think it is transparent enough to say 100% of students support this, I realize that we speak on behalf of students, but under a question like this with no referendum. He feels this would be misleading because most students probably haven't heard of it.

President Stehr replied that the ability of being able to dedicate these funds on behalf of the students and does not feel that it is misleading at it. As this council represents the students and if we chose to dedicate the funds to the campaign. Students have voted to implement the fee. He does not feel it will be a controversial issues because all of the targest of the campaing will certainly enhance student life and experience on campus. Donors to the campaing can choose to dedicate their donation to specific areas of the program of colleges of their choise.

Councilor Whyley mentioned that she has heard of this campaign around campus and that it does sound like a good campaign. She is interested to know how many faculty and staff members will be donating, in Commerce there is a not a lot of participation.

Councilor Hamre commented that this is a neat way to donate money, considering that we will be getting it all back.

Councilor Hurst wondered if the Place Riel expansion will be put on hold for 5 years during this campaign period.

President Stehr stated that we can begin spending this money as soon as the first year has been collected, certainly not until the end of the 5 years. As far as faculty and staff participation he knows that there are some colleges who are very excited about this. He believes that students should take a leadership role on this issues and that we believe in this campaign. Because the less the campaing raises, the benefit for us decreases as well.

Councillor Sharma asked if this campaign has not been aggressively publicized yet what is the rush for this current council to approve this.

President Stehr stated that by September the Campus Community Campaign will be wrapping up. We don't feel that Executive on its own can decide this during summer when USC does not sit. We feel it is really important that council is a part of this.

Councilor Schneider wanted to clarify that we will donate this money to the University and then in turn the University will put it into Place Riel Student Centre.

President Stehr confirmed that the University would collect the money and then that the money would be remitted into Place Riel Trust Account. He noted that this adds one extra step of the money going through the campaign and then remitted into our trust fund (and this changes nothing).

Councilor Schneider asked then why wouldn't we choose to remit?

President Stehr and the Executive does not want to lose control over the Student Infrastructure funds that come in and through student fees. If we give it to the University and put it within a trust fund with in a University we obsove all responsibility and all authority over those dollars and that would be hugely determental, meaning that perhaps Place Riel would not get renovated, and the Unversity would decide on behalf of the Students would decide what to do with it.

Councilor ??? asked if we are on the ten point list

President Stehr replied that current we are not on the list, and this does not sit well with the Executive. President Stehr has been in touch with Ken Coates, VP Academic, who has been controlling the consultation process and a meeting has been set up, so that the Students' Union does get on this list and is an identitiable target. He wanted to clarify that this doesn't not mean that donations cannot be identified as a target.

Mr. Gran wanted to know what the ten point list was for clarification purposes.

President Stehr replied that he could not name them all, but mentioned that scholarship support for graduates and undergraduates students and ??, defending thesis.

## 9. Business

### 9.1 Terms of Reference – Student Infrastructure Fee

Move to adopt the Terms of Reference – Student Infrasture Fee

**MOTION USC247:** Stehr/McDaid Carried.

President Stehr explained that given a lot of additional funding has come into the Students' Union this year, a way to control those funds are spent is essential. This document will govern the way the financing will spent or saved. It is clearly stated what the money is intended for, only large capital purchases, renovations and building construction for USSU facilities. He noted that 2/3 is a majority. This majority is made up of all councilors, not just the ones around the table. This



way all of council has input, and that this vote will show that councilors stand behind all decisions.

Councilor Evanisky asked about releasing of the funds, regarding a difficult situation wherein a budgeted building renovations and over the summer more money is “thown” in. How the Terms of Reference help?

President Stehr replied that this has been considered and it is a serious issue. He stated that there is no reason why a council meeting can’t be called during summer months, and that is what would have to happen, especially in dealing with a large scale project.

Councilor Whyley asked how a council meeting could be called during the summer. She wondered if it would be possible do something like email voting, considering the high majority that is required on these decisions. Realistically a lot of councilors will not be able to come to Saskatoon during summer months.

President Stehr explained that according to policy it would need to be done at a regular meeting, which means that council would have to sit. He does not feel that it will potentially hinder the USSU. It simply encourages more prudent fiscal planning.

## **9.2 Executive Accountability Reports**

Councilor Schneider did not have a chance to read over the reports, and she was wondering if each executive member could summarize their reports.

President Stehr summarized his report, as well as VP Wong, VP McDaid, and VP Jackson reviewed hers.

Councilor Sharma asked VP McDaid (Feb 12 and Mar 3) what Rudolpho meetings were about and the legalization rally was not included

VP McDaid explained that Rudolpho was involved with a two week study period class in Cuba. Tuition was \$2200 and Rudolpho was looking for funding, because there is not enough student loans for this type of exchange program.

Councilor Deraldahl had a question regarding some of the abbreviations used in the Accountability Reports. First, for VP Jackson on March 17 and 19. For VP McDaid on January 10, February 28

VP Jackson explained that ?? Banner is a program for the USI Systems and same with ???.

VP McDaid explained that 3 movies for \$2 was a Help Centre sponsored movie night in Place Riel Theatre, and Will he believes to be his friend who booked an appointment to see me.

Councilor Schneider wanted to commend VP Jackson and the Executive on their work on the Food Centre. She has received a lot of positive feed back. She also commented on the inconsistencies of USC Minutes and Board Minutes going on line and the availability of the Wednesday at Noon for minutes. She wondered if the Executive has taken this into consideration and what suggestions they might have to better this for next year.

VP Wong stated that he thought the problem with the Minutes on the website was sorted out (as out of two months ago). He will remind the Communications Coordinator to keep this updated weekly. Some of the minutes haven't been on time is because we have our meetings on Wednesdays and sometime the Confidential Secretary does not have time to type the minutes out on time.

Councilor Schneider asked about USC Minutes from the previous week

President Stehr stated that our staff does the best they can to get the minutes out on time. He stated that if any one wanted to volunteer to type the minutes, perhaps we could get them earlier. Most of the problems tended to happen with longer meetings and our limited staff.

Councilor Behair asked VP McDaid about portfolio duties, which he stated to be mandatory duties, where it states that he attended council and regular committee meetings when I can. He wanted to know what else was going on that he couldn't attend.

VP McDaid responded that University Council is Thursday at 2:30 and Thursday is a very busy day for the Executive. He made a decision at the beginning of the year that for in order for him to learn and do the best job could was to get on five different committees of council. He is sitting on 8-10 committees and that is more than any VP has done in the past, and there are a few missed meetings here and there, you have to make choices.

Councilor Leask wanted to comment on VP McDaid and his committee meetings. She does not see anything in the report about the Academic Affairs Board and she also noted that there were only three meetings this. She wonders why this isn't important to the VP.

VP McDaid stated that his board has been attended regularly at 5:30 on Tuesdays at Browsers throughout the second term. Sometimes they don't have quorum, and if you don't have that you can't make minutes.

President Stehr then stressed that this document isn't intended to show internal meetings. There are a number of internal meetings that require numerous hours a week within the USSU. This only represents external meetings and external work.

Councilor Schneider wanted to speak in regard to the question of the Academic Affairs Board. The last meeting that they had in December, a decision to make that starting in the new year we would decide on a new meeting time, as academic schedules would be changing. January came many of the members emailed and called VP McDaid and there was no response of the part of VP McDaid. In February there was a Christmas party for the board, which a few members of the board were invited to attend and that was when she became aware that the board was still having weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 5:30. A number of other members of the board were not aware of this. She believed that only 1 or 2 members attending the meetings. To this day she has still not received a formal announcement that there still are meetings on this day. She stopped going, as well as few other members. This explains how there might not be quorum present at meetings.

VP McDaid noted that Councilor Sharma is on the Academic Affairs Board and has been well aware all term when and where the meetings were to take place, Tuesdays at 5:30 and Browsers. He attended when he could, and sent regrets when he couldn't.

Councilor Sharma vouched for VP McDaid and the quorum not being present at Browsers.

### **9.3 Student Health Referendum**

Move to have a Referendum every 3 years regarding the Health & Dental Plan effective next year.

**MOTION USC248:** Avanishi/Arcand

Move to amend motion to have a plebiscite every 3 years to gauge the support of the Health & Dental Plan effective next year.

**MOTION USC249:** Stehr/Wong Carried.

Councilor Avanishi wants a review of the plan to make sure that is working at the best it can to maximize what students get. Rather than just resigning the deal. He also wants them to keep in touch in terms of what their needs and wants are, as well as what the changes are. He wants to hear from the new Executive and what they think of the idea, which will be the third year of the program. This gives the students who have been here for the three years to give their opinions and recommendations. This would be an opportunity to go out to the students within the same context it has been dealt with in the past.

Councillor Evanisky stated that he wasn't sure if this motion was possible. Siting Article 11 of the constiution,.....????? He is not sure if the three year requirement on students will work with the consitution

President Stehr stated that it wouldn't be asking students to eliminate the fees, this would be a plebiscite on the support of the Health and Dental Plan. If reports came back negative, then Council would then have to follow the constitutional guidelines to elminate the fee, if that's how they chose to respond.

Councilor Arcand does not believe in negative billing rather offer and acceptance. This would perhaps be a help in gaging what students needs are when they opt in (rather than opting out). Finds opting out every year to be a nuisance.

Councilor Whyley responded to Councilor Arcand as a member of committee you helped implement the Heath and Dental Plan. Many options very discussed, and the reason they chose opt out was because it made the plan a lot cheaper. If you have an opt in, they know that those who opt in will be making claims, which in turns makes the plan more expensive.

Councilor Schneider agrees with Councilor Arcand. She believes that is was Studentcare who recommend to us to recommend that every two years there should be a referendum.

VP Wong noted that Studentcare is currently working on an opt out once option for your whole university career.

President Stehr moved to amend the motion to have a plebicite every three years to gauge support of the Health and Dental Plan effect next year.

President Stehr clarified that a referendum is binding and has to be followed, whereas a plebiscite is non-binding referendum. This wording provides a better picture of what is intended, and to make sure that we gauge student support.

VP Jackson asked if we could opt out of the Health & Dental Plan if we still every three years have the plebisite, and to clarify "next year" is that next year or three years from next year.

Councilor Avanishi replied that he thought every three years would start next year and then three years from then. He wants to leave it open:???? And leave it up to the Executive.???

President Stehr believes that this is postive policy direction for the organization to remain in contact with students and their needs. This is by no means ultimately binding on any future council.

**10. New Business**

**10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**MOTION USC250:** Wong/Jackson Carried.

VP Jackson apologized for not having her Student Issues Board Minutes available (due to printer problems). She mentioned the highlights of her meeting.

Councilor Eisenhart asked how much longer Item 10.1 is going to be tabled for, and if there will be a summer meeting to settle the issue.

President Stehr replied that Item 10.1 will remain on the agenda until council decides that is appropriate to remove it, and it will be there for the incoming VP Academic Affairs to adopt as their own project and discuss at that time.

Councilor Eisenhart asked VP McDaid what the ATAP Program “Don’t Pull A Gordon” campaign is about.

VP McDaid stated that ATAP stands for Acolic Traffic Awareness Program. Campus Security and the USSU have been working on this together since the beginning. VP McDaid wanted an eye catching poster around campus regarding drinking and driving. Premiere Campbell (British Columbia) was arrested in Hawaii for drinking and driving.

Councilor Avanishi commented that he has never seen such a diverse Executive, especially a new Executive having to deal with some tough issues right from the get go. Especially VP Wong who started in the middle of things.

Councilor Behar thanked the outgoing Executive on a job well done, as well as fellow councilors.

**12. Any Other Business**

President Stehr spoke on behalf of the Executive and expressed their gratitude for a fantastic council this year. He handed out gifts to all members of councils.

Chair Hashmi had a great time and thank every one for a great year and a job well done.

**13. Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

**MOTION USC251:** Arcand/Dokken Carried.