

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, September 11th, 2003

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Reche McKeague, Law
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine
Nancy Ross, Nursing

Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Adrian Frank, St. Thomas More
Tanya Rac, St. Thomas More
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Avril Keller, Arts & Science

Absent

Daena Diduck, VP (Student Issues)
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science
Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Britt Lypka, Education

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC01: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

Move to amend the agenda to have item 9.1, Ratify MSC's, to 4.1. Item 10.2, AdHoc CASA Assessment Committee, and 10.3, Executive Accountability Review to be moved into agenda item 9.1 and 9.2 respectively and Elections for Boards to item 9.3.

MOTION USC02: Mowat/Gran

Carried.

4.1 Ratify MSC's – Kinesiology, Law, Commerce, Physical Therapy

Move to ratify Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology MSC, Reche McKeague, Law MSC, Brett Stevenson, Commerce MSC and Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therpay MSC.

MOTION USC03: Mowat/Bird

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Phillips introduced Avril Keller from Arts & Science.

Councilor Mason stated that he found his attire in last year’s MSC’s locker which consisted of a fireman’s hat, lab coat, reflective vest and a beanie baby. This is in tribute of Mr. Furlan.

VP Tupper announced that the Warsaw Pack will be at Louis’ September 11th, Ron Sexsmith will be at Broadway Theater on September 12th and Butterfinger will be at Louis’ on September 13th.

Councilor Burnett announced that tonight after the meeting the Agriculture Students’ Association’s Fall Mixer would be at Prairieland Park.

Councilor Stevenson announced that the Commerce BBQ was a success with approximately 2,200 people in attendance and record beer sales. There will be approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 in profit after paying for damages. He inquired as to how well Blue Monday had done.

President Mowat welcomed all MSC’s to first Council meeting.

Councilor Tanner announced that a lot of students from residence would be supporting the Huskies first home game.

Councilor Bird announced that the Aboriginal Pow Wow would be held on September 18th in the bowl.

Councilor Florizone announced that Hell Dance is on September 19th. Expected attendance is approximately 1,500 people.

Councilor Velestuk announced a Med ??? Pub Crawl on September 12th.

5. Council Address

5.1 Student Leadership Advantage – Jennifer Neilands

Move to extend speaking rights to Jennifer Neilands

MOTION USC04: Mowat/Mason Carried.

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC05: Villeneuve/Gran Carried.

Jennifer Neilands encouraged all MSC’s to apply to the Leadership Advantage program and to pass on the information about the program to other students.

She stated that the program points are the Orientation event that takes place October 15th. There is a retreat that happens on October 18th & 19th. There will be several workshops at

the retreat. There are also 8 Learning sessions that happen every other Wednesday night from October – March. The topics for the Learning sessions are Volunteerism and Leadership, Goal Setting, two sessions on Communication, Conflict Resolution and ????, Diversity and Global Perspectives. The Wednesday's that the Learning sessions do not take place there will be time to work on community group projects. The community groups consist of 5 students that pick a project to work on, there are 10 different projects to choose from. The project consists of approximately 3 hours of work per week or 30 hours for the entire program. When the projects are completed at the end of the year there will be group presentations.

She stated that attendance is mandatory for all sessions. The program schedule and application is available on the website. The deadline to apply for Leadership Advantage is September 24th and the drop off box is located in the USSU office. She will inform all applicants that are admitted into the program. The fee is \$175 that is payable when accepted.

Councilor Mason asked if the USSU is in partnership with Leadership Advantage.

Jen Neilands stated that the program initially started out as just a two-day workshop. It then evolved into a conference style and now is a year long program. She noted that the USSU has been involved throughout the process.

Jen Neilands asked that the MSC's tell ten people about the program.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC06: Villeneuve/Burnett

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

President Mowat presented the Elections Board Minutes from April 16th, 2003, to Council.

Move to adopt Elections Board Minutes from April 16th, 2003.

MOTION USC07: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

6.8 Executive Summer Accountability Reports

President Mowat stated that this document is official of the Executive Summer Accountability Reports.

Councilor Florizone asked into regards of VP Diduck's miscellaneous absences. He asked for an explanation on the high number of absences.

President Mowat stated that VP Diduck would have to answer that question and unfortunately she is sick today.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

President Mowat stated that the minutes consisted of minutes from the summer that had not yet been approved by Council; dates ranging from April 16th – September 9th. The minutes were reviewed.

Councilor Velestuk asked about the memo from Food Services on student groups selling food. He noted that a lot of food that is sold in the tunnel is religious and cultural groups. He asked how does Hospitality services intend to deal with those groups selling food in the tunnel.

VP Tupper stated that it is a concern of the USSU's as well. He noted that there is hope to communicate to College Societies through USC and Campus Groups through an information session in September or October. At the Campus Group session there is discussion there are also insurance questions that are answered.

Councilor Mason spoke in regards to the Executive Retreat Minutes, August 19th, with the decision was made in increasing Coca Cola prices. He asked what the motive as behind the price increase and when the last price increase took place.

President Mowat stated that the price increase affects the vending machines outside of the student lounges. The prices within the student lounges will not change. The reason for the price increase is to make up for some of the losses that Coca Cola has been incurring. The hope is for consumption to not decrease too much in order to prevent more dramatic price increases in the following year. He does not recall when the last price increase happened. He stated that it could be looked into and will then report back.

9. Business

9.1 AdHoc CASA Assessment Committee

Move to create an AdHoc committee to assess the roll of the USSU in CASA. The committee would consist of President, 3 MSC's, 1 Student-at-Large.

MOTION USC08: Mowat/Tupper

Carried.

President Mowat stated that this was an idea included in his election campaign. He stated that it is time for USC to initiate a review of the USSU's roll in CASA. Once the committee is formed they will create their own terms of reference. There will be a deadline to report back. If the committee's recommendation is to have the USSU removed from CASA this decision needs to be made prior to March 15th to avoid financial penalties.

9.2 Executive Accountability Reports

Move that Council mandate the Ethics and Discipline Committee to review Executive performance three times yearly along with the Executive Accountability Reports. This process would include receive and review in advance a copy of each Executive

Accountability Report, conduct interviews as appropriate with Executive members and compose and submit a report on Executive performance to USC.

MOTION USC09: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

President Mowat stated that the Committee would file its own version for report to Council as well Council would still receive the Executive Accountability Report.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that this should be the responsibility of all MSC's and not just a few. All MSC's should be reviewing the Executive Accountability Report.

Councilor Florizone stated that it is to a few MSC's advantage to thoroughly go through the Accountability Report. The interviews would then be more personalized and in a smaller setting. The committee will allow a more intensive look at the reports.

Councilor Bird asked how many times the committee would meet in a year.

President Mowat stated that it depends on the members within the committee and perhaps how intensive they want to be. There would be at least two meetings per Accountability Report that would work out to approximately six meetings at the minimum per year.

President Mowat commented on the concerns brought for regarding the committee. He agreed that there is a role for all of Council to be active when reviewing these documents. This committee is another tool for Councilor's to consider. This is a tool for Council to formulate an opinion about the Executive and their performance.

9.3 Elections of Boards

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC10: Mowat/Stevenson

Carried.

President Mowat announced that the Appointments Board consists of USSU President as Chair, 4 MSC's and all USSU VP's as ex-officio non-voting members. The Appointments Board is responsible for appointing Students-at-Large to the rest of the boards and as well to enforce the policy.

The following Councilors were elected to the Appointments Board:

Jack Mason, Engineering
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Tanya Rac, St. Thomas More
Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy

President Mowat announced that the Elections Board governs the entire elections process of the USSU. The board consists of the Chief Returning Officer (external of the student body), Assisting Chief Returning Officer, 2 MSC's and 2 Students-at-Large as well as the General Manager's designate. The elections board will meet in the later part of Term 1 to review the Elections policy with regular meetings taking place in Term 2.

The following Councilors were elected to the Elections Board:

Reche McKeague, Law

Jack Mason, Engineering

President Mowat announced that members who were on the Student Issues board were automatically on the University Transportation Committee along with Security Services and City Transit. VP Diduck has decided to split the two. The Transportation Committee will be meeting monthly and discussing parking, transit and bicycle related issues. The Student Issues Board will deal with everything else and may touch on transportation as that is a student issue.

The following Councilors were elected to the Student Issues Board:

Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Reche McKeague, Law

President Mowat stated that City Transit would like to meet with the USSU to discuss transportation issues. Transportation Board would most likely be able to take part in these discussions.

The following Councilors were elected to the Transportation Board:

Robert Tanner, VPRA
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science

VP Tupper stated that the Operations & Finance Board consists of himself as Chair, VP Diduck (Vice Chair), 4 MSC's, 2 Students-at-Large, President Mowat will sit as an ex-officio and General Manager's designate. This board considers all financial matters. All discussions from the cost centre and profit centre operations meetings would be brought to this board.

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

Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Dwight Bird, ISC

VP Gran stated that the Academic Affairs Board deals with any academic issues at the University.

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

Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce

Chair Evanisky stated that the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Board would meet quite regularly. Discussions would take place if a Councilor or Executive member needs to be disciplined for inappropriate behavior.

The following Councilors were elected to the Code of Ethics Disciplinary Board:

Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Carolyn Crickett, WCVI

President Mowat stated that the AdHoc CASA Assessment Committee consists of President Mowat, 3 MSC's and 1 Student-at-Large. A terms of reference will be established and a timeline and work towards bringing a report back to Council no later than February 26th. The Committee will not make the final decision as to whether the USSU stays with CASA; the final decision will be made by Council as a whole.

The following Councilors were elected to the AdHoc CASA Assessment Committee:

Greg Florizone, Engineering
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Brett Stevenson, Commerce

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC11: Mason/Tupper

Carried.

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 USC12: Villeneuve/Mason

Carried.

Councilor Stevenson asked what the attendance was for Blue Monday.

VP Tupper stated that he does not have exact numbers for attendance. There were approximately 850 people in attendance. The people that were there had a good time with the entertainment being of top rate. It would have been better to have more people there.

Councilor Rac stated that there was a spelling mistake with Councilor McFetridge's placard.

Councilor Villeneuve commended the current Executive in regards to the social responsibility audit, code of ethics stance and the CASA assessment.

President Mowat stated that it is not the USSU's intention to compete with any college's events. Something should be looked into so there is not any direct competition.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC13: Mason/Burnett

Carried.

12. Any Other Business

No other business.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC14: Florizone/Hauser

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, September 18th, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Gordon Barnhart, University Secretary – Academic Dishonesty**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes**
 - 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**
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- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: September 16th, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
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Reché McKeague, Law
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Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Jessa Alston – O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

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Regrets

Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

Absent

Luke Coupal, Arts & Science
Nathaniel Danielson, Education

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC15: Stevenson/Tupper

Carried.

Move to add item 4.1, Ratification of MSC's.

MOTION USC16: Tupper/Phillips

Carried.

4.1 Ratification of MSC's

Move to ratify Jessa Alston-O'Connor and Jeff MacDonald as the St. Thomas More MSC's.

MOTION USC17: Tupper/Hauser

Carried.

4. **Introductions and Announcements**

VP Tupper announced that the following acts would be at Louis; September 18th Aktivate and September 20th The Salads. This coming week is Club Week in the Tunnel. On September 23rd and 25th is the Place Riel Roadshow. Complimentary tickets were handed out for Aktivate to MSC's.

VP Diduck introduced Toby Patel, a student from Psychology 225. She is present observing the Council meeting.

Councilor McFetridge announced that Physical Therapy is hosting an Inter-University Student Conference for Rehabilitation Sciences this coming weekend with an open public forum on Sunday. The 3rd year class is having a "Let's Get Physical" Cabarete on September 26th at Sutherland with an 80's theme.

Councilor Crickett announced that Veterinary Medicine is preparing for Vetavision 2003. This event is an open house to the public that happens every 3 years.

President Mowat introduced Gordon Barnhart, University Secretary, and announced that Gordon Barnhart would be later addressing Council. He thanked the Appointments Board for their dedicated service prior to the Council meeting.

Councilor Florizone announced that September 19th is Hell Dance and will kick off at noon on E-Plant hill. Hell Pub will be in the Engineering Lounge from 4:30-7:00p.m. There will be tickets for sale in the Tunnel.

Councilor Mason announced that he has an extra ticket for Hell Dance that MSC's will have a chance to win at the end of the Council meeting.

5. **Council Address**

5.1 Gordon Barnhart, University Secretary – Academic Dishonesty

Move to extend speaking rights to Gordon Barnhart.

MOTION USC18: Mowat/Florizone Carried.

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC19: Mowat/Burnett Carried.

Gordon Barnhart noted that his goal is to speak about academic integrity. He spoke briefly on academic discipline and appeals. He noted that students have the right to appeal various things and they also have responsibilities, which is where the discipline comes in. There are two sides to discipline; the non-academic side (harassment or vandalism) and the academic side. There are more cases of the academic side versus the non-academic side. There is a greater emphasis put on academic integrity rather than academic discipline. Academic integrity can involve cheating which could result in being expelled. When a student is expelled they will never return to the University of Saskatchewan and very unlikely of being enrolled in any North American University.

Suspension is when a student is kicked out for a period of time and then allowed back after that period has ended. Most cases of cheating come from plagiarism. If a student is found guilty of plagiarism the student will receive 0 on the assignment minus 5 –15 extra marks. This often results in the student failing the class. If the student has been caught on other occasions of cheating/plagiarizing the penalties go up quite substantially; next step suspension and then the final step is expulsion.

The purpose is to educate students across campus to take a positive approach in trying to prevent this from happening. He asked that this information be taken to the colleges to inform professors and students of the problems involved with cheating. There is a special events week starting September 29th with a speaker coming to talk of the ethics in research.

Gordon Barnhart stated that this is the first year where a public announcement was made as to how many cases of cheating there were. There is hope through the campaign to reduce the statistics.

Councilor Florizone asked what percentage does the University think they are catching of the plagiarism cases.

Gordon Barnhart stated the percentage is unknown. The University is getting better at catching students cheating. The Internet has made it easier for students to cheat but also easier for professors to catch them.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC20: Mason/Villeneuve

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Councilor Ross noted that agenda item 9.3, Elections of Board, currently reads that Councilor Phillips, Councilor Ross and Councilor Hauser were elected to the Operations & Finance Board. To be amended to read that the above noted Councilors were elected to the Academic Affairs Board.

Minutes were approved as amended.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

President Mowat reviewed minutes for September 16th, 2003. Minutes were approved as circulated.

9. Business

9.1 Elections to Boards

President Mowat announced that after the last Council meeting there are 2 positions yet to fill; 1 on the Student Issues Board and 1 on the Operations & Finance Board. As well there is now another position open on the Appointments Board.

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC21: Mowat/McKeague

Carried.

VP Tupper stated that the Operations & Finance Board discusses the financial matters relating to the USSU. This board meets on Tuesdays at 4:30p.m. in the USSU Boardroom.

The following Councilor was elected to the Operations & Finance Board:

Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More

VP Diduck stated that the Student Issues Board discusses student issues that are non-academic such as; speak your minds, open mic, as well as other events throughout the year.

The following Councilor was elected to the Student Issues Board:

Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology

President Mowat stated that the Appointments Board meets a couple times throughout the year but its biggest job is already done.

The following Councilor was elected to the Appointments Board:

Jarred Soon, Dentistry

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC22: Tupper/Florizone

Carried.

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 USC23: Mason/Stevenson

Carried.

Councilor Mason asked if there are any student prices for Vetavision. He also asked if he would be able to put his hand in a calf.

Councilor Crickett stated that the prices on the posters for Vetavision are set prices. She also noted that you can put your hand in a cow.

President Mowat spoke in regards to attendance at Council meetings. If a Councilor knows that they will be absent they can send him an email informing him of their regrets.

Councilor Crickett asked to have confirmed if the Health & Dental opt out period was extended to September 23rd. She also asked if the new Kinesiology building is up and running.

Councilor Phillips asked about the escalators in Place Riel as they are never functioning.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the PAC Centre is open with the pool opening today and the Fit Centre to be tentatively opening September 28th. There are tours at 11a.m. every day to tour the PAC Centre. There is a climbing wall to use as well. The Fit Centre is very well equipped.

President Mowat stated that the Health & Dental opt out period was extended to September 23rd because there was a delay in the brochure mail out. Students can only opt out in person and not on-line.

Councilor Mason asked the skill-testing question for one MSC to win Hell Dance tickets.

President Mowat announced that the USSU is conducting a Roadshow, Place Riel Expansion Survey.

VP Tupper stated that the escalator is broken but was not sure as to what part was broken. He noted that he would get back to Council once he had found out.

Councilor McKeague asked about the printing accounts.

VP Diduck responded regarding the computing question and suggested that the question be directed to VP Gran.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the Commerce students would be filling out their Place Riel Expansion Survey on line.

Councilor Hauser asked if it would be possible to get all MSC's and Executive email addresses.

President Mowat stated that he would start a list and if all MSC's could write their email addresses as well as their phone numbers. He will then format and email the information out.

Councilor Florizone asked if it would be possible to set up an email link for all MSC's.

VP Tupper stated that there is a Council email address as well as an Executive one. The two email addresses will also be emailed out along with the list that President Mowat is compiling.

President Mowat thanked the MSC's that were actively recruiting Student-At-Large applicants. He also spoke in regards to the printing issues and noted that it would be looked into.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor inquired when President Mowat has an answer regarding the printing issues to please inform her as well.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC24: Mason/Burnett

Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC25: Florizone/Villeneuve

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, September 25th, 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**
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- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: September 23rd, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
 - 10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely**
 - 10.2 Academic Integrity Support**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

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Present

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Daena Diduck, VP (Student Issues)
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
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Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Chabelo Gonzalez, ISC

Regrets

Britt Lypka, Education
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Dwight Bird, ISC

Absent

Luke Coupal, Arts & Science

1. Call to Order

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

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC26: Gran/Villeneuve

Carried.

Move that agenda item 10.2, Academic Integrity Support, be relocated to item 9.1.

MOTION USC27: Mowat/Gran

Carried.

President Mowat stated that it would be appropriate for Council to draft a motion of support for what the University is doing.

The agenda was adopted as amended.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Mowat introduced Chabelo Gonzalez from the Indigenous Students' Council.

Councilor Mason stated that Councilor Florizone and himself are going to attend an event hosted by each of the societies and clubs.

VP Diduck stated that the first public debate for the Civic election for the Mayors is coming up.

Councilor McFetridge announced that she would take any donations for Shinearama as well as shine shoes.

VP Tupper thanked the colleges/MSCs that distributed the Place Riel Needs Assessment Survey. The highest response was from the College of Engineering. He announced the following events at Louis'; tonight the Black Halos with Jet City Fix, on September 27th Billy Talent with Alexis on Fire and October 4th MTV Campus Invasion with Gob, Kazzner and Jersey. He offered free tickets for the Black Halos show. He also asked that the Councilors from Agriculture, ISC, Kinesiology, Law, Nursing and Physical Therapy see him after the meeting.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology would raffle off 2 tickets to the outdoor hockey game in Edmonton along with a free bus trip and hotel accommodations.

Councilor Danielson announced that Education is hosting a pub crawl on September 26th.

President Mowat reiterates the regrets vs absence policy. He also noted that the list with all the Councilors contact information should be ready for next week.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC Minutes from September 18th, 2003, as circulated.

MOTION USC28: Mowat/Burnett

Carried.

6.2 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

VP Tupper reviewed the Operations & Finance Board Minutes from September 23rd, 2003.

VP Gran asked what the outline is that Councilor Stevenson would investigate.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the investigation is in regards to the Non-Profit Corporations Act. VP Tupper suggested that the investigation be done.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

6.5 Appointments Board

President Mowat reviewed the Appointments Board Minutes from September 18th, 2003.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what the General Academic Assembly is.

President Mowat stated that the General Academic Assembly is a pressure release valve for the University governance system.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

VP Tupper reviewed the Executive Committee Minutes from September 23rd, 2003.

VP Diduck stated that if anyone has issues with the changes that have been made with transit a letter of concern should be given to herself or the Transportation Committee.

Councilor Villeneuve asked how many students are opting into the Health & Dental plan and if this will incur an increase in Health & Dental fees.

President Mowat stated that the students that are not automatically assessed the fee and chose to opt in to the plan are the ones that will most likely use the plan. When those students use the plan it does increase the cost for others. For this year it was probably only 6 NEPS students that opted into the plan. There is no guarantee that this will continue next year for 1st and 2nd year NEPS students. A review needs to be done to decide who can opt into the plan and those who are automatically assessed those fees.

9. Business

9.1 Academic Integrity Support

Move that USC does not endorse the mandatory usage of an electronic means of submitting students' work to on-line resources for the purpose of plagiarism detection. As such USC supports the U of S in its actions to promote Academic Integrity.

MOTION USC29: Gran/Mowat

Carried.

VP Gran stated that Gordon Barnhart released to the press in support of Academic Integrity Week outlining what is going on for the week as well as he provided statistics. The USSU is in agreement with what Gordon Barnhart said regarding academic integrity and with the use of websites to detect plagiarism.

Councilor Velestuk asked who brought forward the motion.

VP Gran stated that the University did not bring forth a motion to not support it. In the United States they use an on-line resource to detect plagiarism. If students were to submit their work through an on-line resource it is automatically accusing students of cheating before they actually cheat. Professors can still check work for plagiarism on-line.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that Gordon Barnhart's presentation explained the consequences of plagiarizing and spoke in regards to the campaign against plagiarism.

President Mowat stated that it is up to Council to continue the honour system that already exists and uphold it. Cheating and plagiarism is not acceptable at the U of S. It is important, as student leaders to encourage students be honest and to not plagiarize.

10. New Business

10.1 Where We Stand: Student Computing – tabled indefinitely

VP Diduck stated that the document has been provided to Councilors for viewing. The Student Issues Board drafted the document in March of 2000. There have been many changes since then. She asked that Councilors review it and then at the next Council meeting continue tabling it or have it amended.

President Mowat asked to what point could this issue be discussed. He asked if it would be possible to have this item permanently removed from the agenda.

Chair Evanisky stated that it would be preferred to have discussed in questions and comments.

Move to have item 10.1, Where We Stand: Student Computing—tabled indefinitely, permanently removed from the agenda.

MOTION USC30: Mowat/Diduck

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked why this document is continuously tabled.

VP Diduck stated that she is not sure as to why it was tabled indefinitely but everyone has computer accounts now and this document spoke about computer access for students. She believes that there should be a new document constructed that is current.

Councilor Florizone stated that he is opposed to having this item removed from the agenda as computing is still an issue on campus. He would prefer to see it taken to the Academic Affairs Board.

Move to have the document reviewed by the Academic Affairs Board.

MOTION USC31: Florizone/Villeneuve

VP Gran stated that computing is not in the Academic Affairs portfolio it is in the Student Issues portfolio.

VP Gran requested to amend the amendment to have the Where We Stand: Student Computing document reviewed by the Student Issues Board.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke in agreement with having the document moved to the appropriate Board. There are still computing issues.

VP Diduck stated that because everyone has computing it is no longer a Student Issue it is now an Academic Issue. This would be addressed at the Annual General Meeting.

VP Gran stated that when computing issues are brought forth to the Annual General Meeting and voted to be added to the Academic Affairs portfolio that is when the Academic Affairs Board would be happy to deal with the Where We Stand: Student Computing document.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if the document was then going to the Student Issues Board.

Councilor Stevenson stated that this document should immediately go to the Student Issues Board as there are immediate issues to be addressed.

VP Diduck stated that the Academic Affairs Board could start discussing it. She believes that student computing should be in the Academic Affairs portfolio as it is academic related.

Councilor Stevenson stated that if neither of the boards want to deal with this issue then an AdHoc Committee should be formed to review computer and IT situation on campus.

Move to amend the motion so that the Academic Affairs Board will review the Where We Stand: Student Computing document.

MOTION USC32: Gran/???? Carried.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC33: Mowat/Phillips Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve asked why Council members have not received the Post-Secondary Education in the News report. He asked for clarification on the last amendment that was voted on.

Chair Evanisky clarified that the initial motion was to have the Where We Stand: Student Computing document removed indefinitely.

Councilor Phillips asked about the problems with the U-Pass and U-Star parking.

Councilor Mason announced that he has volunteer applications for Experience US and encouraged all Councilors to take back applications to students in their colleges.

VP Diduck stated that she would look into the Post-Secondary Education in the News report. U-Pass will be brought up with the Student Transportation Committee. The parking office is working on the U-Star parking program. The glitch happened at

11:31p.m. the night of the parking sale. If a student called in after that time they were unable to receive a parking spot and then able to try through the E-Lot sale Friday night through U-Star. Z-lot is no longer available for parking.

Councilor Stevenson asked if the Academic Affairs Board could make changes to the Where We Stand: Student Computing document prior to the Annual General Meeting. He also asked about the chance of having a lottery parking system rather than a sale through U-Star.

VP Tupper spoke in regards to the malfunctioning of the escalators in Place Riel. There was a broken stair on the escalator.

Councilor Mason announced that he would be unable to attend next week's Council meeting.

President Mowat spoke in regards to the free \$10 of printing students once received on computer accounts. He has been playing phone tag with IT Services. There is a meeting set with IT Services for Friday, September 26th to discuss this matter. He suggested that parking should be increased to the same as what a U-Pass would cost. He asked what people thought when the escalators are down in Place Riel. Was it a strong inconvenience when they were not functioning? The escalators are expensive to keep in working order. He feels that they could be done without and replaced with stairs.

VP Diduck stated that if anyone has parking questions or issues to direct them to the Transportation Committee or herself.

VP Gran stated that it is a concern of his as well about what would happen with the Where We Stand: Student Computing document. He referred to Bylaw 1 with it saying that the Academic Affairs Board shall be responsible for the implementation of those academic policies as requested by University Students' Council.

Councilor Crickett stated that the USSU Researcher, Sharla, has sent out invitations to colleges to have a meeting with her to discuss how the USSU can better meet the needs of colleges. Veterinary Medicine had a meeting with Sharla today and has been the only college so far to do so. The meeting was very worth while and encouraged all to participate.

Councilor Phillips spoke in regards to printing and that the money that students had on their printing accounts from last year was lost. She finds it embarrassing to have spent a lot of money on Louis' but unable to keep the escalators running.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if someone could come in and talk to Council regarding a future on-line version of U-Star.

Councilor Mason stated that the company that was picked for the on-line version of U-Star, the Student Information System, was SCT. The development of the product is just

getting underway and possibly in 3 or 4 years there will be a new Student Information System. He asked in regards to the meeting with the USSU Researcher and what was all involved.

Councilor Crickett stated that the USSU Researcher sent invitations to the MSC, the President and the Social Director of her college society and that is who attended the meeting.

VP Tupper stated that the USSU Researcher would be in touch with all college societies if she hasn't already been.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor spoke in regards to the escalators in Place Riel. With the heavy traffic flow through Place Riel and only having stairs it would be very slow and crowded. She also noted that the stairs could be very slippery. She asked if a new escalator would be feasible as well as if the current escalators are run slower it may be easier on the metal workings. She hopes that there is a solution in keeping the escalators.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC34: Burnett/Danielson Carried.

12. Any Other Business

Chabelo Gonzaleos recognized the USSU for assisting with the Pow Wow which was a very successful event.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC35: Villeneuve/Ross Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, October 2nd, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Steven Dribnecki – Social Responsibility Audit**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – September 25th, 2003**
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 - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – September 30th, 2003**
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University Students' Council

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Present

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Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
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Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Britt Lypka, Education
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Reché McKeague, Law
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy

Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More
Carolyn Cricket, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Steven Dribnenki, Law

Regrets

Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

Absent

Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Luke Coupal, Arts & Science
Nathaniel Danielson, Education

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC36: Bird/Gran

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Mowat apologized for the meeting starting late. He welcomed Steven Dribnenki, Social Responsibility Auditor, providing USC with a Council address.

VP Diduck announced that the turnout for the Mayoral Candidate debate was excellent with all candidates present. Student Crew along with Campus Security assisted in the event. There will be an information booth set up for the Civic Election where students can stop by and pick up information on the candidates. There will also be voter guides available. She is looking for people to sign up and help out in the information booth. She also announced that she has volunteer sign up sheets for Trick or Eat.

VP Tupper announced that on October 4th the MTV Campus Invasion with Gob, Kazzar & Jersey performing at Louis'. On October 11th 80's Night, October 18th Raised Fist and October 23rd Sweatshop Union all at Louis'.

Councilor McKeague announced that Law would be hosting a First Year Welcome Banquet on Thursday, October 9th.

Councilor Ross announced that Nursing is hosting a pub crawl Friday, October 3rd.

5. Council Address

5.1 Steven Dribnenki – Social Responsibility Audit

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC37: Gran/Stevenson

Carried.

He stated that an approved proposal was brought forth by VP Tupper to have a Social Responsibility Audit. The audit will be used for the entire organization of the USSU; including its services, programs and operations. A report will be presented to the USSU Executive in February 2004. The audit is a recording mechanism increasingly being used in businesses. The reason for the popularity is increasing demand from customers, members, shareholders and employees for organizations to be more accountable.

Social Responsibility Audits essentially are a new conception of the bottom line instead of focusing on economic performance. The audits look at ecological sustainability, the ethical and social performance of the company.

The reason that the USSU is having this audit done is that it will be a critical analysis of the organizational behavior and the policies of the USSU. The audit will allow people to access relevant and in depth information. The USSU represents students, delivering important services and enhancing the student experience.

Councilor Florizone asked what exactly was being looked at.

Steven Dribnenki stated that it would be focused on three main categories; delivering value, social performance and ecological sustainability.

President Mowat asked for specific examples of the data that would be collected.

Steven Dribnenki stated that a Member Survey had been done which will be addressed to all undergraduate students starting next week. The survey will be asking members how much the services and operations are appreciated and also what they know about the USSU. There will be an internal investigation as well.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC38: Phillips/Villeneuve

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC Minutes from September 25th, 2003, as circulated.

MOTION USC39: Stevenson/Alston-O'Connor

Carried.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for September 30th, 2003, were reviewed.

Councilor Florizone asked why there would be a charge to use the Campus Club Space.

VP Tupper stated that there is very little demand for the Campus Club Space. Some groups that do not have department affiliation are looking for office. The current usage type is not in demand.

VP Diduck stated that some clubs do not know that those rooms are available to use.

Councilor Mason asked if the rooms would be available for an individual such as himself to rent for office space. He asked who would be bringing forth the amendment to the policy.

VP Tupper stated that the space would be available for rent for campus clubs only. He also noted that he would be bringing forth the amendment to the policy.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for September 29th, 2003, were reviewed.

VP Gran spoke regarding the point that was being passed on to the Transportation Committee. The Transportation Committee is not a committee of University Students' Council. USC should have an opportunity to discuss such a point.

Councilor Mason stated that he disagrees with the previous statement in that there are MSC's sitting on the Transportation Committee.

President Mowat stated that there is proper representation on the Transportation Committee. However decisions made by the Transportation Committee do not have to be ratified by Council. The Student Issues Board can take on transportation issues.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes for September 30th, 2003, were reviewed.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC40: McKeague/Tupper

Carried.

President Mowat stated that the lack of items on the agenda is not the lack of what USC has to talk about. He noted that he looked back at previous Council meetings and the first month of agenda's are pretty bare. He spoke in regards to the Programming Committee. The USSU has been accused of programming that no one takes interest in. This committee is an attempt to have students have a say in what happens on campus. Surveys on Place Riel need to be handed in at the USSU office next week. He noted that he spoke with Jonathan Moore-Wright, ITS, regarding the computer/printing issues. It is up to each college whether or not they want to put \$10 into their students' accounts. Some colleges are currently doing this. Some transfers of left over printing from last year has taken place but may not be 100% accurate. Also a confirmation through the computer lab can be done by having them check into what was paid last year and if any is left over. If it was just the free \$10 left over from last year then that would not be transferred.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if the \$10 free printing was not part of the tuition.

President Mowat stated that not every college/department did the \$10 free printing last year. It was always an independent decision whether or not there was going to be \$10 free printing. He noted that it was suggested to ITS that all colleges would prefer to have the free printing option.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that PAC is officially opened. Kinesiology is hosting a hockey trip November 15th.

Councilor Mason stated that the sound system in PAC is not currently working.

VP Diduck announced that the LGBTA Centre would be hosting a Drag Show at Louis' on Sunday, October 5th.

President Mowat spoke in regards to the Provincial Election campaign and how it is running in conjunction with the U of R Students' Union and the SIAST Students' Associations. There has been some billboards go up in Saskatoon and Regina with ads on tv soon. He asked if anyone would be interested in sitting on a committee to help out with bringing about awareness on campus. He also welcomed any ideas. One idea he has is getting about 100 students and going out on the highway towards Calgary with backpacks and hitchhike as if they were moving to Alberta. Then when asked why they are doing what they are doing it then can be explained why and what is wanted.

Councilor Stevenson asked if there would be a marketing package that would be developed or what type of help is exactly needed.

President Mowat stated that there is material put together for the media. There would be general information on the parties and where they stand on post-secondary education.

VP Diduck suggested having students from Kesley and the U of S campaigning within the city.

Councilor Crickett reminded Council that Vetavision is currently taking place.

Councilor Stevenson asked if all who sit on the CASA Committee to please stay afterwards and meet.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC41: Tanner/Bird Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC42: Stevenson/Florizone Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, October 9th, 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 – October 2nd, 2003**
 - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – October 7th, 2003**
 - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
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 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report – October 6th, 2003**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes: October 7th, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
 - 10.1 A motion to clarify who constitutes a member within a college society for the purposes of USC interpretation**
 - 10.2 Elections Policy Revisions**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

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Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Robert Tanner, VPRA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC43: Bird/Diduck

Carried.

Move to amend the agenda to have item 10.1 relocate to item 9.1.

MOTION USC44: Tupper/MacDonald

Carried.

Move to amend the agenda to add the Academic Affairs Board Minutes from October 8th, 2003.

MOTION USC45: Gran/Phillips

Carried.

Agenda is adopted as amended.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Burnett announced that October 9th was the Agriculture Students' Association United Way Blitz. There was \$2,642.19 collected in change.

Councilor Velestuk announced that on October 17th & 18th the College of Medicine is hosting a Med show.

VP Diduck announced that there has been good feedback on the debate that was held last week. She also announced that she is still looking for volunteers to help out with the Information Booth. There was a drag show held at Louis' that was put on by the LGBTA Centre. Ticket sales at the door came to \$1700 that will be going to charity. The event was well attended. Kelsey Students' Association and the Nursing Students' Association is partnering with the USSU in the Trick or Eat program. There will be sign up sheets available next week. The Good Food Box program started this week with 16 boxes that people purchased. Boxes can be ordered through the Volunteer Centre.

Councilor Crickett introduced Amy ???, who sits on the WCVSA Students' Council as the Animal Care representative.

Councilor Villeneuve apologized for being late. He announced that Kinesiology started selling tickets for the hockey trip to Edmonton. There will be a Beer Night on October 16th. Kinesiology will be hosting a Steak Night at Poverino's on October 29th.

President Mowat announced that Leslee Harden, USSU General Manager, handed in her resignation on October 3rd. She accepted the position of Director of the MBA program in Commerce.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC Minutes from October 2nd, 2003, as circulated.

MOTION USC46: Tanner/Gran

Carried.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for October 8th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for October 7th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor ??? asked if the Council Chambers is included in the Saskatchewan Hall Meeting Rooms policy.

VP Tupper stated that there are two separate policies; the Saskatchewan Hall Conference Room Rental Policy and the Saskatchewan Hall Meeting Rooms Rental Policy.

6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes for October 6th, 2003, were reviewed.

President Mowat congratulated the committee on doing a good job. He agreed that it would be beneficial to have further explanation on the meetings and events. He noted that he would encourage the Executive to follow VP Gran's example this December.

VP Diduck stated that with the unexplained absences she came in later during the day and then stayed later. A lot of her time spent in the office was after hours as she is more productive during that time. She noted that she called ahead if she was going to be late. She stated that she would as well include more information regarding her meetings and events for the next accountability report. The reason it took a while for the board meetings to be set up was because of her busy schedule. She talked of the monthly emails and the 24-hour Library; instead of the 3 allowed emails a year have a monthly email to keep members informed. There were many complaints with the library being closed during Reading Week and having limited hours.

VP Tupper stated that with the questions being asked by the Ethics Board that the board is effective. He announced that he has receipts available to anyone that would like to view them from the CCSA Conference. He noted that there is a mistake in the accountability report in such that the accommodations should read \$3,082.75. He stated that there are a couple reasons as to why it is off budget; the largest factor was that it was very under budgeted. The accommodations were budgeted at \$80/room but due to the gender of the Executive members there was an extra room needed. Another factor was that the room rates were \$139/room as compared to the budgeted \$80/room. President Mowat and VP Tupper stayed at the conference for 7 days to attend a Campus Advantage meeting as opposed to the 6 days that was budgeted for.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if last year's Executive shared rooms with there being one female Executive member and 3 male Executive members. He noted that everyone is an adult and it should be okay to have 2 rooms no matter what the genders are in order to save on money.

VP Diduck stated that she was open to staying with whomever at the conference. She noted that there were problems booking rooms with 2 double beds.

VP Tupper stated that the location was set and did receive a discount. As well there were other conference delegates staying at the same hotel.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee

Minutes for October 7th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Phillips asked for clarification on the Sexual Assault Petition.

President Mowat stated that there is no survey involved and that it is a petition. There was a concern that the petition was not on behalf of a particular association or person and that there should be an email address where people could ask any questions about the petition. The draft that was seen by the Executive had preamble included with the petition referencing to a survey from 1993 and 1995. It is being taken into consideration to get more current information to the person.

Councilor Mason asked what the rationale was behind putting forth a petition for an on-campus poll. Civic elections are administrated by the city and the locations of polls are based on where you live. He asked how the logistics of an on-campus poll would work.

VP Diduck stated that it is an advanced poll. An advanced poll can be used by anyone and from any ward to vote at. She has been in contact with the city to ask for an advanced poll but has not received positive feedback. She is putting forth a petition to allow people to express their concern with not having an advanced poll on campus.

9. Business

9.1 A motion to clarify who constitutes a member within a college society for the purposes of USC interpretation.

Move that whereas several policies of USC identify and refer to College Society memberships; and whereas the interpretation of that which constitutes membership within a College Society is vital with respect to the appropriate application of insurance liability by the USSU; therefore, be it resolved that USC does interpret and recognize College Society membership to constitute all those USSU members who are enrolled in their respective colleges.

MOTION USC47: Tupper/Stevenson Carried.

VP Tupper stated that this motion clearly identifies who constitutes a member in a college society for the purposes of insurance. The USSU extends its liability to campus groups and needs to have some level of control as to where some of that liability rests. This is to ensure that there is appropriate application of insurance to campus groups. He encouraged all councilors to support the motion.

10. New Business

10.1 Elections Policy Revisions

President Mowat stated that the changes that are being recommended are in bold and items to be removed are stroked out. There was a lot of reference made to a ballot process before there was electronic voting. He encouraged all to review the policy revisions and bring any suggestions to next USC.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC48: Phillips/Diduck Carried.

Councilor Mason asked what date is the General Manager's resignation effective and what the process would be for finding a replacement.

President Mowat stated that the General Manager will be working full-time until October 14th and then working mornings until November 20th. Her last day is November 20th. There will be a consultation with staff as well as a hiring committee in place by the end of next week with a job posting going out at that time. He noted that he is unaware of what the market is for General Manager's right now. It is realistic to have a good General Manager in place by January 1st. From November 20th until the beginning of January President Mowat will be handling Human Resource issues and VP Tupper handling finance issues.

VP Diduck sent regrets for next USC meeting, October 16th. She also stated that she has posters to be picked up at the back to be displayed in the colleges regarding the Information Booth.

Councilor Velestuk asked if President Mowat could speak to the risk assessment issues regarding student societies.

President Mowat stated that what is happening right now is not restricted to student societies. Price Waterhouse has been contracted to do an assessment where there is current risk at the U of S. VP Tupper, the USSU General Manager and President Mowat met with Price Waterhouse as well as some U of S Administration to talk of what the USSU's risks are. The information will be compiled from across campus and then distributed to the Board of Governors and a decision will be made. The risk assessment may affect student societies more directly. He stated that he is unsure as to how it will affect each student society but he encouraged that student society presidents contact the Dean and ask about the process.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that in Post Secondary in the News the U of R opposed tuition increases. He asked if the USSU would be involved with the U of R Students' Union on this issue. It would be a good idea on working together in rallying against the tuition increases.

President Mowat stated that in regards to the Provincial Election the USSU is moving ahead in coalition with student associations. There will be a press conference held to launch the campaign. He also stated that there would be some media stunts. One stunt would be to get approximately 100 students together and go out to the highway heading to Calgary with cardboard signs pretending to leave the province. The one difference between URSU and the USSU is that they have a strong influence from the Canadian Federation of Students. He would like to see an information campaign for students. The reason for the tuition hikes is really because of the lack of funding from the provincial government. Less focus should be on the administrative end and work on the administration in Regina. The National Norm Tuition policy is in place at the U of S and

the tuition hikes were lower here than anywhere else. This policy is trying to push it back on the province to increase funding by saying that the U of S is restricted by the policy.

Councilor Mason congratulated WCVM on Vetavision.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked about helping out with Trick or Eat. She also asked when the media stunt would be taking place.

Councilor Tanner asked about the election and if students can vote if they have lived in Saskatoon for 3 months.

President Mowat stated that it is unknown when the media stunt will take place but most likely in the next 3 weeks. He asked that Councilors inform their Council about the media stunt to get as many students out as possible. He will send out an informative email next week.

VP Diduck noted that she is meeting with Kelsey Students' Association and the Nursing Students' Association on Tuesday and after that will have more information. A sign up sheet will be available at the USSU front office. There will be a deadline as to when the forms would need to be handed in. One must live in Saskatoon for 3 months and in Saskatchewan for 6 months and be over the age of 18. All election information will be at the Information Booth.

Councilor Stevenson spoke in agreement with the media stunt such that it draws attention to the fact that the U of S students are concerned if there will be employment in Saskatchewan. He noted that the focus should be on job creation.

Councilor Berry asked if those who want to participate in the Trick or Eat program could bring food items. She also noted that a student from Pharmacy & Nutrition had a motorcycle stolen from the parking lot in front of Place Riel between the hours of 9a.m-12p.m. This incident shows a lack of campus security.

President Mowat noted that the CASA AdHoc Committee could still meet for 1/2 an hour. Binders have been prepared and are available to be picked up at the back of the room. He is available to speak with the Councilors that sit on that committee following the Council meeting. He noted that he sent an email out to find who the college representative is for University Council purposes. University Council is the main legislative body for the university regarding academics. He asked to have the representative's names forwarded on to him. He noted that VP Tupper and himself met with Campus Chaplain's and spoke about the Remembrance Service. It was mentioned to have a student from each college attend the wreath laying ceremony. There will be a reception held at Browsers afterwards.

Councilor Villeneuve asked what the risk involved would be in having 100 students on the highway performing a media stunt. He asked who would be held liable if a student was to be hit by a car while on the highway. He also asked what H-Plant is.

Councilor Soon stated that the College of Dentistry is autonomous. A dentistry student pays \$154,000 in tuition over 4 years. He encouraged the media stunt to go forth.

VP Tupper stated that if something was to happen on the media stunt there is insurance. There is a potential for danger but every step would be taken to ensure that it is a safe event. He also noted that there would not be alcohol present.

Councilor Mason stated that he attended H-Plant and noted that it was very uneventful.

Councilor MacDonald asked how much it would cost to license the event and asked how many students \$5 million would cover.

VP Tupper stated that \$5 million would most likely cover a fair amount to what is likely to happen. With licensing the event it is a liability issue but may be an option to bring participants back to Louis' afterwards.

Councilor Bird asked who would be providing transportation to and from the media stunt.

President Mowat stated that the exact details have not been worked out as of yet. There is the possibility of having a couple city buses or school buses take everyone out to the site.

Councilor Bird asked who the contact person is and when is the deadline for the Student Programming Committee. He also asked what the policy is for Campus Security on weekends.

VP Tupper stated that the contact person for the Student Programming Committee is Jason Kovitch, USSU Programmer.

VP Diduck stated that she would have to check with Campus Security.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC49: Burnett/Phillips

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, October 16th, 2003

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Brandi Smart, Husky Athletics**
 - 5.2 John Ault, Director of Student Employment and Career Centre**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
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- 9. Business**
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- 10. New Business**
 - 10.1 Ratification of the new Arts & Science MSC**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, October 16th, 2003

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Reché McKeague, Law
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
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Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair

Regrets

Daena Diduck, VP (Student Issues)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine
Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine

Absent

Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Britt Lypka, Education
Robert Tanner, VPRA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC50: Florizone/Gran

Carried.

Move to amend the agenda so that item 10.1 becomes 4.1.

MOTION USC51: Mowat/Gran

Carried.

4.1 Ratification of the new Arts & Science MSC

Move that USC ratify Avril Keller as one of Arts & Science's MSC's replacing Luke Coupal.

MOTION USC52: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Mowat introduced Ross Wilson and Brandi Smart with Huskie Athletics. Sharla Daviduik, USSU Researcher, will be available to answer any questions regarding

the Elections Policy. John Ault the Director of Student Employment and Career Centre was also introduced.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor announced that St. Thomas More would be holding the Autumn Nocturne on October 24th.

Councilor Burnett announced that Ag Bag Drag would be held on October 31st. There would be a full bar and event tickets are now sold singularly.

Councilor Florizone announced that on October 18th Engineering would be holding a Toga Small Town Drive.

Councilor Danielson announced that on October 17th Education would be holding a Toga night at the Sutherland.

President Mowat announced that he has 4 tickets to Raised Fist being held at Louis' on October 18th. He also announced that in part of a CASA media stunt there would be 2 students' names on a brick along with their school and how much debt they estimate to incur at the time of graduation. He encouraged all Councilors to participate.

5. Council Address

5.1 Brandi Smart and Ross Wilson, Huskie Athletics

Move to extend speaking rights to Brandi Smart, Ross Wilson, Sharla Daviduik and John Ault.

MOTION USC53: Mowat/Danielson Carried.

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC54: Mowat/Ross Carried.

Ross Wilson stated that it has been arranged for Huskie Athletics with the Basketball and Volleyball home openers to be on the same weekend this year that are scheduled to take place on November 7th, 8th & 9th. He noted that Huskie Athletics is trying to work with campus groups to have the students join in on the weekend event. There is an emphasis on having Sunday afternoon Family Night and Sunday night U of S Student Night. There will be prizes handed out. He noted that there are now designated seating arrangements that are printed on the tickets for the event. Huskie Athletics has come up with some suggestions that include; getting a group of students from the colleges and then informing Huskie Athletics in advance of the numbers and having a section reserved for that college. There will be information released in a few weeks. Huskie Athletics is looking for any ideas for getting students involved in the events. He also noted that ticket sales open one hour before game time. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster locations anytime.

5.2 John Ault, Director of Student Employment and Career Centre

He stated that one of the reasons that he is addressing Council is that he wants to reach out to student groups on the facilities and services available to students. He handed around a brochure that talks of the centre and also the counseling initiatives. The centre is more than just job postings and application deadlines. There are workshops that are coming up to assist people in their job search. These workshops will be of no charge. They want to focus more on the non-specific job occupations. The Student Employment and Career Centre (SECC) web page tells of when the workshops are. Another area that they are focusing on is career fairs. John Ault noted that SECC just recently partnered with the College of Engineering and the Career Expo. A Pharmacy Career Fair is on October 24th & 25th in Marquis Hall with 26 exhibitors. The next career fair is in January for Education to be held in the Education gym with approximately 75 exhibitors. SECC is working on a Summer Job Career Fair to possibly take place in February for 1st, 2nd & 3rd year students. He stated that if there are any workshops students would like to see on campus to contact him and special workshops can be arranged. He noted that some of the services are currently being revamped. He encouraged everyone to come into SECC and check out the new centre.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC55: Phillips/McKeague

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC Minutes from October 9th, 2003, as circulated.

MOTION USC56: MacDonald/Berry

Carried.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for October 15th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for October 14th, 2003, were reviewed.

President Mowat asked if it could be explained why Councilor Bird and Councilor Stevenson opposed to the motion OFB14 regarding funding for Club Red and Black.

Councilor Stevenson stated that he opposed on behalf of the students in the College of Commerce. The funding was going to be used to bring in a speaker for a left-wing cause.

Councilor Bird spoke in agreement with Councilor Stevenson.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes for October 14th, 2003, were reviewed.

VP Gran noted that VP Diduck was present at the meeting and he was absent.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

9. Business

9.1 Elections Policy Revisions

President Mowat stated that throughout the document there is recommended amendments. He reviewed the proposed amendments.

Move to accept the Elections Policy as amended.

MOTION USC57: Mowat/Stevenson

Carried.

President Mowat stated that Sharla Daviduik would be able to answer any questions pertaining to the policy.

Sharla Daviduik clarified that there are two sets of DRO's.

VP Gran asked about the proposed change of \$250 - \$400 and if it alters the fair market value of colour posters.

Sharla Daviduik stated that there is a separate fair market value schedule that outlines the prices. There will be an updated price list once the Elections Board meets.

Councilor Florizone asked why the increase from \$250 - \$400 took place.

President Mowat stated that the fair market value system is somewhat restrictive. He explained that fair market value assigns value to every campaigning item that is carried through. This then ensures that every item is claimed whether or not the candidate paid for it..

Councilor McKeague asked why under the Campaigning section item 9 "the spoiled ballots &" was removed.

Sharla Daviduik stated that with the online voting there is no possibility of spoiled ballots.

Councilor Mason referred to VI. Voting & Returns and asked if there was any thought into shortening the voting period to 2 days. This would then result in a cut in operating costs.

President Mowat stated that the policy could be amended if so wished by Council.

Move to amend VI. Voting & Returns, item 2 to read “Voting shall last for up to three (3) days.”

MOTION USC58: Mason/Gran Defeated.

Councilor Mason stated that 3 days is more than enough time for a voting period. It will definitely cut operating costs with shortening the period to 2 days.

President Mowat asked what the statistics are for how many students vote on the third day as opposed to the first day.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the proposed wording is a little misleading. It should specifically change to say that voting should last for 2 days.

Councilor Florizone spoke in agreement with Councilor Stevenson.

Sharla Daviduik stated that voting does tend to slow down as the election proceeds.

Councilor Mason clarified the reasoning for his motion that it would allow the Elections Board to have a 3-day voting period if they felt it was needed.

President Mowat spoke in agreement with the motion in that it delegates responsibility to the Elections Board to promote the election. He also noted that if Council thought that voting could be done in 2 days then he recommended them to vote against this amendment.

Move to amend the motion to read “Voting shall last for two (2) days.”

MOTION USC59: Florizone/Phillips Carried.

Councilor Florizone stated that this would then reduce the overhead.

Councilor Stevenson stated his concern with the Commerce students. He would hope that the election would be held on any two days but to not to include a Friday.

Sharla Daviduik stated that the dates of voting would be decided by the Elections Board. She noted that the voting periods would most likely not be held on a Monday or a Friday.

Councilor Mason stated that the Elections Board is very careful in taking all colleges into consideration and ensuring that the election schedule works for everyone.

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

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC60: Bird/Florizone Carried.

Councilor Stevenson asked if it would be possible to get longer tapes to record the Council meetings.

Councilor McKeague asked if there would be an Information Booth for the provincial election.

President Mowat spoke in agreement with the idea of having an Information Booth for the provincial election. He asked for assistance from any Councilors willing to do so and would most likely happen around the last week and a half. He reminded Councilors to sign the CASA bricks at the back of the room. There will be a wall of debt built at the CASA conference when all schools bring their 90 bricks to the conference. He asked all Councilors to take back the information from Council addresses back to the colleges and to inform the Executive if it is found that the Council addresses are not necessary. He encouraged Councilors to think about running for any of the Executive positions for 2004-2005. He noted that an Executive member must take at least 6 credits but no more than 12 credits in that academic year.

Councilor Mason asked what the procedure is for tied votes at USC.

Chair Evanisky stated that without a majority in favour the decision is defeated as per Robert's Rules.

President Mowat stated that the beginning of the year for Council is quite slow and things will soon pick up. He mentioned that if anyone has any questions about running for an Executive position to talk to him.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC61: Phillips/Danielson

Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC62: Berry/Burnett

Carried.

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Present

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Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
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Brett Stevenson, Commerce
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Greg Florizone, Engineering
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Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
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Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Michel Carpentier, Arts & Science

Regrets

Robin Mowat, President

Absent

Britt Lypka, Education
Reché McKeague, Law
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC63: Diduck/Burnett

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Villeneuve apologized for not being able to attend last week's meeting.

Kinesiology Students' Society has a new website which is

www.usask.ca/kinesiology/kiss. On November 5th Kinesiology is hosting a Pub Crawl.

Councilor Phillips introduced Michel Carpentier the ASSU President. On October 31st the ASSU is hosting a Pub Crawl.

VP Diduck announced that there would be a Provincial Election Information Booth due to the successfulness of the Civic Election Information Booth. She noted that she is

looking for volunteers to help out with the booth. There will be a Provincial Election Forum on October 30th in Lower Place Riel. She announced that there was a petition distributed at the Civic Election Information Booth. Trick or Eat is set up in the Tunnel from 10a.m.-2p.m. until October 29th. Sign up sheets for Trick or Eat are due by 2p.m. on October 29th.

Councilor Ross announced that the Nursing Students' Society has 4 tickets to the Commonwealth Alumni Hockey game and will be having a silent auction for them with the top two bids receiving two tickets each.

Councilor Burnett announced that Ag Bag Drag would be held on October 31st. She noted that she has 2 tickets to give a way during Questions and Comments if anyone can give some history on the event. The annual Drag Pub Crawl is on November 1st.

Councilor Berry announced that Pharmacy & Nutrition is holding a silent auction, similar to Nursing, for two tickets to the Commonwealth Heritage Hockey Classic.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC Minutes from October 16th, 2003, as circulated.

MOTION USC64: Villeneuve/Mason

Carried.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes from October 21st, 2003, were reviewed.

VP Gran asked why the Board went against VP Tupper's recommendation of not approving the Huskie Cheerleaders' funding request.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the Huskie Cheerleaders are trying to raise \$16,000 to go to Toronto. The boards view was for the group to hold an event that would need funding in order to make money. There are many campus groups trying to raise money.

Councilor Florizone asked if the Terms of Reference is changed when groups are asking for funding for large scaled events.

VP Tupper recommended that the Terms of Reference not be changed because the fund is limited.

Councilor Mason stated that trips for conferences were not funded last year and this should continue through this year. He recommended that the minutes not be accepted.

Move to strike motion OFB20, "Move to provide funding to the Huskie Cheerleading for \$300.00 cash.", from the minutes.

MOTION USC65: Mason/Florizone

Carried.

Councilor Mason stated that the Terms of Reference are in place for a reason. There are many other options for receiving funding for groups.

VP Gran asked if Huskie Cheerleading had been contacted regarding their funding application.

VP Diduck noted that this is an event that is on behalf of the U of S. The Presidents' Fund is for conferences and they would probably not be able to receiving funding from that fund.

Councilor Villeneuve clarified that there were a few groups that received funding for conferences last year through the Operations & Finance Board. There should be special circumstances. There is a limited time for the group to raise the money to get them to Toronto and the funding should be approved.

VP Tupper spoke in agreement with the motion to not provide the funding to the Huskie Cheerleading group. The request is for the group to go to a good event for an organization that should be supported but not through this fund. He noted that if this motion went through he would then contact the group and suggest that the group reapply within the terms.

Councilor Bird spoke against the motion in that the group is representing the university on a national level.

Councilor MacDonald stated that he is opposed to the group receiving the funding because it is outside the regulations.

Councilor Florizone spoke in favor of the motion. Most conference budgets are thousands of dollars that are picked up by fundraising and students contributions. This fund should be used as a promotion for the groups' events rather than an ends to fundraising.

VP Diduck noted that there is conference funding in other ways but this is not a conference. She is not in favor of this motion.

Councilor Bird noted that this fund is to help the little guys and the Huskie Cheerleaders are students.

VP Tupper stated that the Huskie Cheerleaders have not been contacted to inform them of their funding application. He noted that he wants to help the group go to Toronto but not this way. He wants them to put on a fundraiser with what this money is intended to do.

Councilor Stevenson spoke against the motion as the Huskie Cheerleading's calendar is filled with events to raise money for the Vanier Cup and they are running out of time. The Operations & Finance Board sees everything case to case.

VP Tupper noted that for motion OFB19 the member who seconded the motion was MacDonald not Moscatello.

Minutes are approved as amended.

6.4 Student Issues Board minutes and Report

Minutes for October 6th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC66: Phillips/Soon

Carried.

VP Gran stated that there is not a name plaque for Avril Keller.

VP Tupper spoke on behalf of President Mowat in regards to the provincial election campaigning. He noted that there are 400 lawn signs for the province. Kelsey Students' Association will take care of the West Side constituencies with 80 signs and the USSU will take the East Side constituencies with 80 signs. He noted that the media stunt would be taking place on November 1st at 10a.m. People who want to help are encouraged to sign up and will then be bused out to the location. Students will hold signs while on the highway to read Vancouver, Calgary, etc. and mock leaving the province. The bus will then bring all students back to Louis'.

Councilor Florizone thanked Louis' for getting a Wing night on Monday and Tuesday. The wings were great the beer was cheap. He noted that he spoke with the Engineering Computer Lab and found out that printing on campus does not cost 10 cents/page. It should be that the labs do not make a profit on the students and that students pay the at cost amount for printing.

Councilor Phillips asked what the provincial election campaigning signs say.

VP Tupper was not sure as to what the signs said but they are in respect to provincial education campaign. The USSU, URSU and the SIAST campuses have put together a provincial election campaign. Billboards have been put up, commercials on the radio and television, extensive consultation with the 3 main political parties and lawn signs. The signs say "Education builds Saskatchewan" with the web address to the coalition.

VP Diduck noted that she is still looking for volunteers to help out with the Information Booth for the provincial election.

Councilor Crickett noted that she was going to try on the Ag Bag Drag history to try and win the tickets. She believes that the first few Ag Bag Drag's were held in conjunction with another college, possibly Nursing, as Agriculture students were majority male. This is why the tickets were sold to couples, male and female.

Councilor Florizone stated that Ag Bag Drag originally started as a formal event with people in formal attire and then a beer was thrown. There also used to be a Drag party with the first years raising money to buy a cheap car that ran. The goal was that the first year Agriculture students had to keep it from the upper year Agriculture and Engineering students until the night before Drag set up. The Drag car this year is currently in Engineering's possession.

Councilor Burnett congratulated the two members on their history of Ag Bag Drag.

Councilor Crickett asked ???

Councilor Burnett spoke about other history regarding Ag Bag Drag. In the 50's the President and another member would have a competition to see who could grow the largest beard within a month before Drag. Since then the tradition has continued with the Agro men not allowed to shave their beard and women not allowed to shave their legs.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC67: MacDonald/Danielson

Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC68: Burnett/Phillips

Carried.

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Present

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Dwight Bird, ISC
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Absent

Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC69: Alston-O'Connor/Ross

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Phillips announced that the ASSU's pub crawl is on October 31st and it is sold out.

VP Gran announced that the Teaching Excellence Awards will be happening again this year and this program is in place to recognize excellent professors. November 3rd – 10th nominations are open for Term 1 and Term 1&2 classes (6 credits). He handed out posters to Councilors to be put up in their college offices.

VP Tupper announced that the AGM would be on November 19th. There may be constitutional amendments to be voted on at the AGM. He handed out posters to Councilors to be put up in their colleges to raise awareness on the AGM.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that on November 5th the Kinesiology pub crawl would be held. If the skill-testing question is answered correctly he has free tickets for that person. The question is “How tall is the climbing wall?” for one ticket and “What is Kinesiology?” for a second ticket. He noted that this is the last week for the Commonwealth Hockey Game raffle.

President Mowat announced that the constitutional amendments are due at 4:30p.m. on November 7th. He thanked everyone on behalf of VP Diduck who assisted in the Trick or Eat program. He noted that he sent out an email to all who attend USC regarding the media stunt to take place on November 1st at 10a.m. Participants to meet at Place Riel and then will be bused out to the location. There will be coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts available at the event. Afterwards all will be bused back to Louis’.

Councilor Stevenson spoke about the MacLean’s magazine with regard to the “What’s Hot and What’s Not” and that he is being interviewed regarding this issue.

Councilor Velestuk announced Medicine’s pub crawl on October 31st. The Student Medical Society elections were held today and Shawn ??? is the society’s President.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the USC Minutes from October 23rd, 2003.

MOTION USC70: Phillips/Gran

Carried.

Councilor Mason noted that on the last page of the minutes Councilor Crickett asked how Councilor Burnett’s legs were doing.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes from October 29th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes from October 28th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes from October 27th, 2003, were not available.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC71: Mason/MacDonald

Carried.

Councilor Mason noted that the height of the climbing wall is 43ft and Kinesiology is the movement and operation of the human body.

President Mowat noted that the debate in Lower Place was successful. He encouraged Councilors to pass on the information that there is a Provincial Election Information Booth set up. He announced that he just got back from a CASA Conference with the report to be available soon. He noted that the USC meeting would be cancelled on November 20th. At the November 13th USC meeting, StudentCare will be presenting the final numbers on the change of coverage period as well as an address from Facilities Management regarding the audit that is being done on buildings on campus for environmental hazardous material.

Councilor MacDonald noted that Kinesiology means motion not motion of the human body.

Councilor Tanner noted that the height of the climbing wall is 3 stories high.

Councilor Stevenson sent his regrets for next week's USC meeting.

Councilor Phillips asked in regard to the amount of absents without regrets. She noted that it appears that the Education councilors are taking turns in attending the meetings.

Councilor MacDonald sent regrets for Dwight Bird for October 30th USC meeting.

Councilor Lypka noted that Education is ensuring one Councilor is attendance at the meeting due to interning and during the second semester both Councilors should be in attendance.

Councilor Mason noted that himself and Councilor Florizone would be attending as many as possible Halloween events tomorrow and would like to know of any events taking place. He asked what the meeting was related to that Elwin Hermanson met with the KSA and the USSU.

Councilor Velestuk noted that immunization shots are now available at the Health office in RUH or the Health Centre.

President Mowat stated the meeting with Elwin Hermanson was an open discussion about the intentions of the Sask Party. He noted that one thing that the Sask Party is pledging in their platform is a 5% annual increase for the next 4 years in the operating grants to PSE institutions as well as their \$7,000 tax credit for graduates. If the Sask Party leader forms government and does not keep his word, this issue will be readdressed.

Councilor Mason announced on October 31st from 2p.m.-4p.m. Campus Recreation will be hosting an Open House to showcase the new Physical Activity Complex.

President Mowat announced that Leslee Harden's, USSU General Manager, last working day is November 20th. The search process has started with the final deadline to submit an application being November 6th. There has been some discussion with an outside HR Consultant to receive assistance in the process. It may be into January or February until there is a replacement. With this happening the Executive members will be much busier with taking on some extra tasks.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the climbing wall is 42ft.

Councilor Florizone noted that the climbing wall is 44ft.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if Councilor Mason or Councilor MacDonald receives the ticket for answering the question in regard to the height of the climbing wall.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that Councilor Mason would receive the ticket.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC72: Phillips/Gran Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC73: Tanner/Gran Carried.

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 - 10.2 Bylaw Amendments - Bylaw #2: Executive Portfolios**
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University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, November 6th, 2003

Present

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Also Present

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Regrets

Brett Stevenson, Commerce
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Absent

Britt Lypka, Education

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC74: Bird/Velestuk

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Gran announced that nominations for term one for the Teaching Excellence Awards are due on November 10th.

VP Diduck thanked everyone who helped out with the Trick or Eat program. It was overwhelming with the amount of food that was collected. This was the largest food drive that the Food Bank has seen in the last 1 1/2 years.

Councilor Burnett announced that November 7th is Agriculture's Annual Bean Feed where students are recognized for their academic achievements. The dance starts at 9p.m.

VP Tupper announced that he has 8 tickets (approx \$120 in value) to Forty Foot Echo to give away.

President Mowat congratulated Councilor Mason on the tremendous number of votes received in the provincial election.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the minutes as amended from October 30th, 2003.

MOTION USC75: Mason/Burnett

Carried.

Councilor Mason noted that Carolyn Crickett was marked as being in attendance as well as being absent.

Councilor Crickett stated that she was in attendance at the last Council meeting.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes from November 4th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if the Sierra Youth Coalition ???

VP Tupper ???

Councilor Burnett asked what happened with the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship's funding request for \$300.

VP Tupper stated that the Inver-Varsity Christian Fellowship's funding request was declined.

Councilor Mason asked if it was because of an inappropriate allocation of the funding.

VP Tupper stated that IVCF's request was for a function that they would like to attend at the University of Illinois on a bible study. The request was for money to assist in getting to the function. The funds are available to groups to assist them in putting together fundraisers.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes from October 31st, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Phillips asked why the logo could not be on the coasters.

President Mowat stated that administration has chosen to not distribute the coasters. The U of S and U of R logos will be removed in place of the USSU logo. He has yet to talk with President MacKinnon to discuss why the University decided to cancel the program.

Councilor Florizone asked why the coasters would not be distributed in the USSU venues.

President Mowat stated that he is unsure as to what the distribution will be. The idea is to help increase awareness. The concern with the coasters is that they are not 100% accurate. The coasters are not to be used as a prevention tool but as an indication tool. They will be handed out with pamphlets.

Councilor Phillips asked if the stickers for the coasters end up coming in over budget would this motion still stand.

President Mowat stated that once the price of the stickers is calculated and the distribution is planned this would be brought back to Council to see what would happen. Students paid for the coasters so they should be used.

Councilor Mason asked what amendments were made to the van policy.

President Mowat stated that the Van Policy that was circulated is the new amended policy.

VP Tupper stated that there have been some significant changes made to the policy. There were changes with respect to the use of the van and priorities. The returning of the van had been changed, as recent instructions were quite vague. He noted that the van is not to be used for personal use, as it was not indicated in the past policy. There needs to be a copy of all employees' driver's licenses on file for insurance purposes.

Councilor Mason noted that it is not indicated in the policy who is responsible for any accidents involving the vehicle would it be the USSU or the individual driving the van.

VP Tupper stated that the insurance covers the USSU's claims that are made on the insurance policy.

Minutes for November 6th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

10. New Business

10.1 Bylaw Amendments – Bylaw #1: Governance Procedures

President Mowat reviewed the amendments of Bylaw #1: Governance Procedures.

10.2 Bylaw Amendments – Bylaw #2: Executive Portfolios

President Mowat reviewed the amendments of Bylaw #2: Executive Portfolios.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC76: Gran/Phillips

Carried.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked for more information regarding the Remembrance Day Memorial Service.

Councilor Burnett asked for the rationale behind the canceling of the Student Issues Board meeting for this week. She would like to have 24 hours notice if the meeting is going to be cancelled. She noted that she received an email at 1:00p.m. on the same day that the meeting was to take place.

President Mowat stated that he recommended that the Dean's office should be contacted regarding the Memorial service. The Legion needs to be contacted to order a wreath.

VP Diduck apologized for the short notice. The media coverage for the Trick or Eat campaign was later in the day at Kelsey.

Councilor Mason thanked Veterinary Medicine, Ore Gangue and Agriculture for their wonderful Halloween events.

Councilor Crickett stated that Veterinary Medicine Students' Society ordered a wreath from the Royal Canadian Legion. The price ranges from \$18 - \$65. It can be arranged to have the wreath at the site the group so chooses.

VP Diduck stated that she also attended Ag Bag Drag and noted that it was a great event.

President Mowat thanked the MSC's who participated in the USSU's media stunt for the provincial election that received terrific media coverage. The public awareness campaign went well during the provincial election and will now be working on the post election strategy. He spoke about the union drive that is underway by the Teaching Assistants. If the Teaching Assistants do become unionized it may have an impact on the undergraduate students.

Councilor Phillips asked why the October 27th, 2003, Student Issues Board minutes were not brought to this week's meeting.

Councilor Mason stated that CUPE is working hard in getting every student worker on campus unionized and asked for comments on this issue.

VP Diduck stated that the Student Issues Board minutes from October 27th, 2003, they would be available at the next USC meeting.

President Mowat stated that it is an issue of concern that Councilor Mason brought forward. This is an issue that can be taken a stance on; should there be fewer students making more money or more students making a little less. This may be something that the Student Issues Board that can look at and draft a policy. He suggested that Councilors go back to the colleges and find what the general opinion is.

VP Tupper stated that there have been problems with the photocopiers being vandalized in Engineering. The one copier that was in the lounge has been removed for repairs and will be returned once fixed. Last year there was \$4,000 damage to the photocopiers in Engineering. The copiers must be respected and when the copiers need to be fixed it comes from the students money.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC77: MacDonald/Tanner

Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC78: Gran/Bird

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

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- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Fulton Briand – Health, Safety & Environment**
 - 5.2 Kristen Foster – Studentcare.net**
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1. Call to Order

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3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to amend the agenda to add the CASA Assessment Committee Minutes from November 7th, 2003, and President Mowat's Conference Report on the CASA Partnerships Conference.

MOTION USC79: Gran/Bird

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Gran announced that the Wheat Monkeys with the Junior Panthers are playing at Louis' on November 15th. He spoke on behalf of Sharla Daviduik, USSU Researcher, promoting the Discussion Groups that are available to college societies to voice their needs. The Executive's Free Pancake Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 19th.

Councilor Velestuk announced that the College of Medicine is hosting Medical Mania on November 14th & 15th.

Councilor Bird announced that ISC would be hosting a Keg Night on November 21st.

Councilor MacDonald announced that STM would be holding their Dating Auction on Wednesday, November 19th.

Councilor Velestuk announced that Medicine is currently running an International Book Drive and collecting Health Science or Medicine books and sending them to Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan.

Councilor Phillips announced that the ASSU is organizing a Grey Cup trip with 2 tickets still available to purchase.

Councilor Stevenson announced that he attended a conference in Montreal and it went very well.

President Mowat introduced Fulton Briand from Health, Safety & Environment as well as Colleen Tardiff from Facilities Management. He also introduced Kristen Foster and Graham Senft from Studentcare.net.

5. Council Address

5.1 Fulton Briand – Health, Safety & Environment

Move to extend speaking rights.

MOTION USC80: Keller/Stevenson Carried.

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC81: Stevenson/Hauser Carried.

Fulton Briand noted that he works on campus with the Department of Health, Safety & Environment. With construction brings workers/strangers on to our campus with equipment and materials. There were routine checks done by Saskatchewan Labour's Occupational & Health Officer. A contractor has been hired for a 2.5 year project with Facilities Management managing the project to ensure the proper steps are taken when finding asbestos in buildings. Workshops will be held to inform building occupants of what is going on.

He explained what asbestos is and that there are white, blue and brown types but most commonly found on campus is white. Asbestos is resistant to fire and strong acids and is quite versatile. On campus asbestos is most commonly found in mechanical rooms and the tunnels. Asbestos at one time was used if someone caught on fire in a blanket form and are still available but not in the asbestos form. The asbestos that is in the buildings does not mean that there is a hazard. Doctors suspected in the 40's that people working with asbestos for an extended amount of time would become diseased. Since the 1970's

in Canada asbestos is not used in construction. It is heavily regulated in Saskatchewan. If one was to breath in asbestos fibers for an extended period of time there are 2 diseases that could result; asbestosis (scaring of the lung tissue) and cancer (in the lining of the chest cavity and is untreatable). Asbestos is very dangerous but only dangerous when the fibers are air born.

Colleen Tardiff noted that she works within Facilities Management. It was important to hire an auditor to find where all the asbestos is on campus and keep track of where it is and when it is removed. She noted that she keeps track of all the data that comes in. Each room is inspected and if asbestos is found it will be labeled. She explained the procedure and precautions that are taken when sampling the material and inspecting for asbestos. Testing is currently happening at the Health Science Building.

Fulton Briand noted that more information can be accessed at Branch Libraries, there are a couple brochures that he can leave with Council members as well as their website has a few links.

??? asked how hazardous asbestos is. She asked if there is a high chance of getting sick and how much would make someone sick.

Colleen Tardiff replied that it is similar to smoking. There are some that have worked with asbestos their entire lives and never affected by it and some having smaller exposure and being affected.

??? asked ???

Colleen Tardiff stated that some buildings are older than others and have a higher potential of the asbestos being disturbed. These jobs are marked as Priority One jobs with a lot of damage. All jobs will be marked and will eventually be Priority Four; which means the damage has been sealed and is being managed.

5.2 Kristen Foster, Studentcare.net

Kristen Foster introduced Graham Senft. She noted that she was going to focus on the plan usage, some statistics and cover the opt out period information. She noted that the Health & Dental plan was implemented by a student referendum in 2001 and is a collective initiative to ensure that all students on campus have access to a minimum level of health & dental coverage. One part of that is to provide an affordable plan to students that do not already have coverage and the second part is to allow students that do have other coverage opt out and have the fee reversed from their account. She stated that Studentcare was founded by students in 1996 and is not a typical insurance broker. Studentcare has grown by almost 50% over the summer. The services that are provided are as a program consultant as well as working on behalf of the USSU to be the service provider. Other services that are provided is to provide a seamless experience; same level of information and service across the board. Surveys are conducted each year of the USSU's members. She stated that 64% of the claims are prescription drugs and is quite consistent with other universities. The cost of the plan has gone up from last year due to

a high usage of the plan. There is not one category of the plan that is not being used and the plan is in balance. A balanced ratio would be 88% and at the USSU the ratio is 193% on the health side and 88% on the dental. The reason for the slight fee increase this year was the high usage from last year. She explained that the first year is the only year that proof of coverage needs to be provided for opt-out purposes. A permanent opt-out has been made available to students. These students are the ones that know that their benefits will not change. Communication initiatives will be worked on throughout the year to inform students about the health & dental plan. On an on-going basis there is a high level of plan awareness. There is high and broad usage of the plan with all categories being used. She noted that reference guides were mailed to all eligible members on August 26th. There was delay because of a new layout as well as the Canada Post strike. For future years they intend on working harder to have the mail out earlier.

Councilor Stevenson asked what is spent annually on communicating with the members.

Kristen Foster stated that the service fees that are paid to them from USSU members are fixed and were capped at last year's levels. The annual mailing is intended to go to all USSU members not just full-time members. This does cost more but it drives the awareness of the plan. She stated that they try to strike a balance as to what it costs and what value it provides to the members.

Councilor Stevenson asked if more communication would reduce opt-outs and would students value the service more.

Kristen Foster stated that the students that are opting out are students who already have coverage and therefore should be opting out. The opt out is pretty stable.

Councilor Stevenson asked if an increase in communications could increase the number of people using the benefits and asked it would increase premiums.

Kristen Foster stated that it would probably drive the premiums up.

???? asked how much higher the premium would be increased to balance out the usage.

Kristen Foster stated that it is best to inform the members and have them use the plan and pay whatever it costs. It is a valuable service that students should know about. One way to keep the premium down is to put limits on the type of claims.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC82: Phillips/McKeague

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Minutes for November 6th, 2003, were approved as circulated.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for November 12th, 2003.

Councilor MacDonald asked if Councilor Ross was present at the Academic Affairs Board meeting.

VP Gran stated that it was a typo and she was present at the board meeting.

Move to approve the minutes as amended.

MOTION USC83: Bird/Phillips Carried.

6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for November 13th, 2003.

Move to approve the minutes as circulated.

MOTION USC84: MacDonald/Hauser Carried.

6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for October 31st, 2003.

Councilor MacDonald noted that quorum was not present at the one of the two meetings. He asked if there is an attendance problem.

Councilor Florizone stated that the meeting time is fine for him but may have to be moved to accommodate other schedules. He noted that there were 2 informal meetings beforehand.

Councilor Stevenson stated that he was not at the last meeting because he was in Montreal for a conference. The meeting time is not a problem for him and there is not an attendance issue.

Councilor Bird asked if there is a problem with not having minutes from the previous meetings.

President Mowat stated that there were informal meetings and the committee was becoming familiar with the issue at hand. There were no minutes from the informal meetings but something could be drafted if Council wanted.

Minutes were reviewed for November 7th, 2003.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

Move to table Executive Conference Report.

MOTION USC85: Phillips/Villeneuve Carried.

Councilor Mason asked if the itinerary would be available before next meeting.

President Mowat apologized and noted that he would bring the itinerary next meeting but if needed before then he could email it.

Councilor Mason asked for the itinerary to be available with the minutes before the meeting.

President Mowat stated that the document would be available for pick up at the USSU office.

9. Business

9.1 Bylaw Amendments – Bylaw #1: Governance Procedures

Move to amend the proposed change to 6.02 (i) to read "...a majority of the sitting members...".

MOTION USC86: Gran/Phillips Carried.

Councilor Bird asked what the definition of majority was.

President Mowat stated that majority is at least 50% plus 1.

VP Gran stated that some of the committees have 8 members and that with the previous bylaw if there were 4 in attendance this would be quorum but now is stating that there must be 5.

Move to add Article 10 – Elections to Bylaw #1.

MOTION USC87: Gran/Phillips Carried.

VP Gran stated that this is currently in the USSU's Constitution. It would be more fit to be in a Bylaw.

VP Gran spoke in favour of this motion as it cleans up the Constitution and the Bylaws.

Move to amend the motion to make it contingent on the Constitution being amended at the AGM.

MOTION USC88: Florizone/Mason Carried.

Councilor Bird requested to have the motion tabled.

President Mowat explained that it would be a problem with the recommendation as it would then not be passed until the 2004 AGM. It would still be enforced but not officially passed by membership until 2004. He also noted that the majority of Councilors had the material for a week and have prepared to make a decision.

Councilor Mason noted that he did not recommend tabling the motion. There should be continuity and there is an Elections Policy the entire time.

Move to add to Article 1.01 (vi) "...accordingly with the one-year term of office as passed by the Board of Governors".

MOTION USC89: Gran/Phillips

Carried.

VP Gran noted that this motion relates to the University budget with the USSU President having a vote. This would allow the President to remain in office until the budget passes as opposed to having the new President vote on a budget that they do not have the background on.

Councilor Stevenson noted that President Mowat would then be voting on two budgets this year as opposed to next year with the next President voting on one at the end of next year.

Move to strike "Computing" from Article 2.01 (i) and place in Article 3.01 (i) "..., including computing".

MOTION USC90: Gran/Phillips

Carried.

VP Gran stated that computing should be in the Academic portfolio because computing has become more of an academic issue.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC91: Gran/McKeague

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that there were two locker break-ins in the PAC building. He warned everyone to keep an eye on their belongings. He also suggested that workers on campus be identifiable with something stating what company they work with or if they should be on campus.

Councilor Phillips announced that the microwave was removed from the ASSU lounge and there have been some comments made. There was a letter received that was more directed to the University. The student would like to see more microwaves on campus particularly in Lower Place. She also asked when the Student Issue Board minutes would be available.

Councilor Mason spoke to the issue of changing the meeting time of USC to 5:30p.m. rather than starting at 6p.m. Meetings are starting to get longer.

VP Gran noted that every college must have an under-graduate student appointed to attend University Council.

Councilor Bird spoke against the suggestion of changing USC meeting time as he has a meeting before USC.

Councilor McKeague stated that it may not work if it was a permanent change as classes in Law often go until 6p.m.

Councilor Crickett stated that the change of USC meeting time would be inconvenient as there are some days when Vet Med classes go until 6p.m.

VP Gran stated that VP Diduck is sick today and could not attend USC. He noted that VP Diduck has been busy with the Civic & Provincial Election and assisting with Teaching Excellence Awards. He will bring the issue regarding the minutes up with her on behalf of USC.

Councilor Bird asked why there would be no Council meeting the following week.

President Mowat stated that it was decided that most Councilors would be attending the AGM.

Councilor Bird ???

President Mowat stated that if there are any recommendations of changing the USC meeting an email could be sent to him.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC92: Bird/Phillips Carried.

12. Any Other Business

President Mowat encouraged all Councilors to sign the attendance sheet as he does not have the password for the computer to swipe student cards.

Councilor Mason announced that the College of Engineering is currently holding their Pie Throw. There is one pie that is designated for Councilor Villeneuve and another pie for President Mowat.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC93: Gran/Hauser Carried.

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- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes – November 18th & 25th, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
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1. Call to Order

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

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC94: Gran/Tanner

Carried.

Move to add to item 6.7 minutes for November 21st, 2003.

MOTION USC95: Mowat/Diduck

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Villeneuve announced that on December 3rd Kinesiology would have Mother Culture at the Pat.

VP Diduck passed around a sheet to have Councilors write their names as well what dates they are available for a USC Christmas event. She announced that the USSU is participating in the Adopt-A-Family campaign. She announced that on December 5th is a Candlelight Vigil at the Little Stone School House. It was noted that with the Trick or Eat program that was held at Halloween across Canada out of 26 campuses the U of S

came in 3rd. Kraft Canada will be meeting all donations in Western Canada pound for pound. The total raised was 3.5 tones of food as well as \$187.

Councilor Crickett announced that Vet Med would be holding a Winter Dance on November 28th.

Councilor Mason invited all to the Engineering Pub on December 3rd.

President Mowat thanked all Councilors who attended the USSU AGM. He noted that the bylaws were ratified by the general membership. He announced that the last USC before Christmas would be held on December 4th.

VP Diduck announced that her minutes were done.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for November 13th, 2003.

MOTION USC96: Gran/Mowat

Carried.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for November 18th, 2003.

Councilor Velestuk asked ????

Councilor Stevenson stated that the event that Club Greystone was putting on didn't seem appropriate that they received \$150 cash. The cash was going to be available for travel. Huskie Cheerleading received \$150 cash and \$150 coke because it was for appropriate purposes.

President Mowat stated that the USSU Parking Stall Policy is more in the Human Resource area. He would prefer to see this policy go through the Executive Committee. Spots are allocated in response to time served.

Councilor Mason asked if there are any serious concerns with the opposition on two funding requests.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that Councilor Bird opposes to a lot of requests.

Councilor Bird stated the reason he opposed was because of legal issues that could possibly involve alcohol.

VP Diduck noted that the funding request for Club Greystone was for a trip to Calgary and there was a debate on what the coke would be used for.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that she highly doubts that the coke would have been used for drinking on the bus as it would more likely be used in the hotel rooms.

VP Diduck stated that in the request there was nothing specifying what the coke would be used for.

Councilor Bird ???

Move to strike OFB36.

MOTION USC97: Mowat/Diduck

President Mowat stated that if this motion is successful the policy would be taken back to the Executive Committee.

Councilor Mason spoke in favour of the motion. This is an internal issue and doesn't affect the general student population.

Councilor Stevenson noted that this issue should be tabled until VP Tupper can speak.

Move to table the discussion on motion OFB36.

MOTION USC98: Stevenson/Bird

Carried.

President Mowat asked if the vote requires a simple majority or 2/3.

Chair Evanisky stated that it requires a simple majority.

Minutes approved with exception to OFB36.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for October 27th, 2003.

Councilor Mason spoke in agreement with a name change of "Speak Your Mind".

VP Diduck stated that the new name would be decided next week.

Councilor Velestuk commended Councilor Villeneuve on his recognition at City Council to ban smoking.

Councilor Stevenson stated that no conclusions have been drawn whether Louis' should be smoking or non-smoking. There is a concern that there is only one place on campus that smoking is allowed. He noted that there has been a lot of money spent on the ventilation system at Louis'.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that only 10% of the university's population smoke. He is looking at it as a social issue rather than a money issue. Smoking is banned all over campus and it should be banned at Louis' as well.

Councilor MacDonald stated that the commerce look never leaves Councilor Stevenson's face.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the look never leaves his face. He spoke against Councilor Villeneuve's comment.

VP Diduck noted that a "Where We Stand" document would be done in January. She welcomed any ideas that can be submitted to her directly.

Minutes for October 27th, 2003, were approved as circulated.

Minutes were reviewed for November 17th, 2003.

VP Diduck noted a typing error in the minutes. Item 4, Report of Information, a) Trick or Eat under point two should read 3.5 tones of food.

Minutes for November 17th, 2003, were approved as circulated.

Minutes were reviewed for November 24th, 2003.

Councilor Phillips stated that it is important to distinguished whether a member of the board is absent or regrets were sent.

VP Diduck stated that regrets were sent for pretty much everyone.

6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for November 17th, 2003, were reviewed.

Councilor McKeague noted that Item 1, should read Appointment of CRO not ACRO.

VP Gran asked if there was something in the bylaws to allow email ballots. He believes that it is against Robert's Rules of Order.

Councilor Mason stated he is unsure of the legalities but it was the only issue to be discussed and would have been easier than trying to find a time that worked for everyone to meet.

Councilor Bird stated that it is important to make an effort to meet.

Councilor Stevenson noted that most committees do not follow Robert's Rules and not a big issue to have done this by an email ballot. It is a busy time of the year and tough to get everyone together. He has no issues with an email ballot.

VP Gran noted he was looking for clarification that everyone was on the same page.

Minutes for November 17th, 2003, were approved as circulated.

6.7 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes for November 21st, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes for November 18th & 25th, 2003, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

9. Business

9.1 Executive Conference Report

As discussed at last Council meeting being that President Mowat was acting chair to have this tabled for discussion at this meeting. Other documents that are attached to the report are a conference agenda, a breakdown of what happened and then a write up as to what happened on each day.

Councilor Mason asked if there were any other members in CFS Saskatchewan other than the GSA.

President Mowat stated that members of CFS Saskatchewan are the U of R and the U of S GSA.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes

MOTION USC99: Mason/Gran

Carried.

VP Diduck announced that the USC Christmas Party would be held on December 10th at 5p.m. at Louis'.

Councilor MacDonald spoke in regard to the Sheaf misquoting him and if anyone had any questions to see him.

Councilor Velestuk announced that the College of Medicine is adopting two families through the Adopt-a-Family campaign and is a great idea. He noted that they raised \$2,200 for the two families. He challenged other student societies to do the same.

Councilor Mason asked for everyone's last day of classes events and noted that Councilor Florizone and himself would try and attend as many events as possible. He noted that he was contacted by Kelly Bronson who is organizing the TA union. He is waiting to hear back from her having some questions answered.

Councilor Phillips spoke in regards to the article in the paper talking of hiking the admissions average. This worries her as it states that they will be looking for out of province students and could end up having money spent on the students here.

President Mowat noted that renovations on the college building would block off the south entrance with the new entrance at the north end. The Academic Affairs Board should look at the average being hiked and should contact President MacKinnon and Michael Atkinson to discuss the issues. It shouldn't matter where you come from to attend the U of S each student should be treated the same. There is a quota system that is in place is potentially not even legal.

VP Diduck asked to have any college charity campaigns information sent to her with the possibility of having the USSU involved.

Councilor Mason stated that it is Engineering that places the crosses in front of Place Riel for the December 6th memorial not the USSU. He spoke about retention and in the MacLean's magazine under the category of Medical/Doctoral ranked last in retention. It was also noted that students accepted to the U of S less than 3% have averages under 75%.

Councilor Villeneuve (not recorded).

President Mowat noted that it would take 15 minutes to fill out the survey for the CASA Committee.

Councilor Velestuk noted that the College of Medicine was put on probationary status last year meaning they had 14 months to clean up some problems around the college. These issues have now been resolved. Regarding the retention issue in the college over the last 4 years there has been one death and 4 left due to family or medical reasons but no one has actually dropped out. He noted that roughly 30% of the graduates go to the U.S., 20% go to other provinces and 50% stay in Saskatchewan. He noted that there is a bursary offered to medical students such that they receive \$80,000 to stay in Saskatchewan for 3 years and only 4 students took the bursary.

VP Diduck noted that it is not just medicine and the type of university level that we are at for retention.

VP Gran corrected a previous comment stating that the U of S was last in two categories in the MacLean's survey with the second being scholarships and awards.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC100: Phillips/McKeague

Carried.

12. Any Other Business

President Mowat passed around the surveys to be completed by Council.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC101: Bird/Gran

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, December 4th, 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 – November 27th, 2003**
 - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – December 2nd, 2003**
 - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report – November 25th, 2003**
 - 6.6 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes – December 2nd, 2003**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, December 4th, 2003

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Daena Diduck, VP (Student Issues)
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Britt Lypka, Education
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Jess Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More

Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More

Also Present

Trent Evaniksy, Chair

Regrets

Reché McKeague, Law

Absent

Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC102: Florizone/MacDonald

Carried.

Move to add to item 6.4, Student Issues Board Minutes and Report, the minutes for December 1st, 2003, add item 7.2, Letter of Resignation from VP Diduck and add item 9.1, Operations & Finance Board Minutes motion OFB36.

MOTION USC103: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Tupper noted that a capital request has come in early for a computer server from the Computer Technician. He suggested in having an email vote on this request or if quorum is present can be reviewed tonight by the Operations & Finance Board. Upcoming USSU events include DDP featuring Earl from Wide Mouth Mason on December 5th with 4 free

tickets available to this event. On December 11th the Corb Lund Band with Washboard Hanke will be performing at Louis'.

Councilor Mason thanked the Commerce Students' Society who put on an excellent pub in their lounge as well thanked the Kinesiology Students' Society for hosting a great Beer Nite at the Pat.

VP Diduck stated that gender and age information had been received for the Adopt-a-Family that includes 3 girls, 3 boys and a mother. Donations are being accepted. She announced that the USC Christmas Social is on December 10th at 5p.m.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor announced that there would be an STM Back To School Cabaret on January 9th.

VP Tupper welcomed Melissa Cotton, USSU Volunteer Centre Director.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for November 27th, 2003.

MOTION USC104: Bird/Mason

Carried.

Councilor Burnett noted that she was absent and did not send her regrets.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for December 2nd, 2003, and approved as circulated.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for December 1st, 2003, and approved as circulated.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for November 25th, 2003, and approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes were reviewed for December 2nd, 2003.

Councilor Mason stated that it is the discretion of the professor whether or not the exam is taken out of the classroom. Some professors encourage the exam to be taken and some are against this happening. He inquired if there was a written policy on this issue.

VP Gran stated that there is a policy called "Guidelines for Academic Conduct" that was passed by University Council in 1999. This policy indicates that it is against policy to offer an incentive to students to take exams out of the classroom.

Councilor Phillips stated that the Arts & Science Students' Union would reimburse them.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

7.2 Letter of Resignation from VP Diduck

VP Diduck stated that her resignation was not a decision that she wanted to make but it was the best option for her. She noted that her resignation was not linked to her workload but unable to comment on the other circumstances.

President Mowat asked for Council to congratulate VP Diduck on her accomplishments.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that students are upset and want to know what happened. There is a concern that the VP Student Issues portfolio will not be properly attended to.

President Mowat stated that the reasons for VP Diduck's departure are up to her to disclose. One solution to covering the portfolio is to hire a Student Issues Officer in the same capacity as the Academic Affairs Officer.

Councilor Florizone stated that he is uncomfortable accepting the letter of resignation. He noted that Council deserves to know what lead up to the resignation.

President Mowat noted that the concerns are valid. VP Diduck has made a personal and a professional request of the Executive to not comment on her departure.

VP Diduck stated with certain comments expressed within the office she doesn't think she could take back her resignation. She expressed her interest in running again to finish the projects that had been started. She noted that if there were any questions to see her personally.

Councilor Bird expressed that he was upset that he just found out about the resignation today. He thanked VP Diduck for all of her work.

President Mowat noted that he tried to inform Council at the earliest possible opportunity.

VP Diduck clarified that she had to have ??? by 5p.m. as the Sheaf was waiting for the article.

Councilor Mason stated that this is the forum where disclosure should be made in order to help stop the rumors. He noted that he would like a full disclosure of events leading up to VP Diduck's resignation.

9. Business

9.1 Operations & Finance Board Minutes Motion OFB36 (USSU Parking Stall Policy)

Move to strike OFB36.

MOTION USC97: Mowat/Diduck

Defeated.

VP Tupper stated that the Operations & Finance Board played around with the parking spots that were available. He spoke in agreement with MOTION USC97.

Councilor Stevenson adamantly spoke against the motion.

Councilor Bird spoke against the motion.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC105: Gran/Stevenson

Carried.

President Mowat requested a report from Councilor Mason on the meeting with Kelly Bronson regarding the Teaching Assistant's.

Councilor Mason noted that he has not heard from Kelly Bronson as of yet and had sent her an email requesting the information for this meeting.

Councilor Florizone asked if there would be support for a motion for the Ethics Committee to look into the resignation of VP Diduck.

Councilor Stevenson asked how the Last Day of Classes Pub in Commerce went. He noted that he is in support of the motion regarding VP Diduck's resignation.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that she would support a motion to look into the resignation of VP Diduck. She noted that she would have to go back and tell the students that the Executive will not inform Council of the details of VP Diduck's resignation.

Councilor Mason noted that from his recollection the Commerce Pub was a good time.

President Mowat noted that he understands that Council is curious to find out about the resignation but spoke against Councilor Florizone's suggestion.

Councilor Hauser stated that she would support Councilor Florizone's suggestion. She asked if parking was free during exams in P & E lots.

VP Diduck spoke in support of Councilor Florizone's suggestion. She stated that she would look into the parking during exams.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the Ethics Committee looking into VP Diduck's resignation is necessary to ensure that it was handled accordingly and spoke in favour of this happening.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor spoke in agreement with Councilor Stevenson. If the resignation came from outside pressures then it is something that should be addressed.

Councilor Mason noted that earlier in the year Council was informed that cans of pop in the student lounges would remain at \$1.00/can and are now at \$1.25/can in the Education Students' Lounge.

Councilor Bird spoke in support of Councilor Florizone's suggestion.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the pop machines that do charge \$1/can are not filled as often and then students are forced to go the \$1.25/can machine.

President Mowat encouraged all Councilors to attend the December 6th Memorial being held on December 5th at 4:30p.m. at the Little Stone Schoolhouse. He noted that all internal Human Resources procedures were followed with VP Diduck's resignation. Executive members work as a team and a resignation can only be made by one person.

Councilor Bird stated that Safewalk was understaffed last year and not supported. The sexual assault on campus is something that never should have happened.

Councilor Stevenson stated that he was approached by a janitor and informed him that he had found a handgun in Arts in a garbage can in a men's washroom. He asked if this was a rumor. This is causing a great concern on campus.

VP Tupper announced that Melissa Cotton, Volunteer Centre Director, has increased the availability of Safewalk during the month of December to help address safety concerns and offers peace of mind. He thanked Councilor Bird for the invitation to the Soup & Bannock put on by ISC.

Councilor MacDonald noted that Safewalk is a great program and does offer peace of mind. Safewalk doesn't actually protect people in the buildings. The most recent sexual assault happened in a washroom on campus and Safewalk is not the program that should be addressing this issue but Security Services. Security should be pressured to increase their patrols on foot.

Councilor Bird thanked VP Tupper for attending the Soup & Bannock lunch.

President Mowat noted that has spoke with Administration staff and has encouraged them to release more information about the assault. He also requested that they be clearer about the criminal acts that occur on campus. There are lots of rumors that go around and Security Services are the only ones that are able to clarify whether they are true or not.

Security Services are reluctant in releasing the information that may create an atmosphere of fear.

Councilor Bird spoke in agreement with Security Services taking more action on campus.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that President Mowat stated that with the facts not being released regarding the sexual assault it is creating an atmosphere of confusion and question. With no facts being released surrounding VP Diduck's resignation it is also creating an atmosphere of confusion with questions arising. If Security Services should address the issue more directly then the USSU should also do the same.

Councilor Stevenson encouraged all Councilors to head over to Louis' for food and drinks after the meeting.

President Mowat stated that the facts in the case of the resignation are clear with it being VP Diduck's choice. He assured Council that personality conflicts were not serious, they happen and have proper ways of dealing with them and have dealt with them. Personality conflicts are not an issue.

Councilor Burnett spoke in agreement with the Executive members in that when someone resigns it is a personal matter. If VP Diduck does not want to talk she respects that choice.

Councilor Mason stated that the assault was not something that could have been avoided simply by having more Campus Security on foot. Cameras cannot be placed in a washroom as it is an invasion of privacy. Statistics on assaults on campus should be kept.

VP Diduck noted that she does support the Ethics Committee reviewing her resignation.

Councilor Bird stated that Campus Security should rethink their policies.

President Mowat stated that it is not fair to blame Security Services for the assault but if there were more foot patrols it may reduce crimes on campus. It would be impossible to prevent every act but the concern with the information flow with too many rumors floating around.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that if VP Diduck is in agreement with her resignation going to the Ethics Committee that is saying there is something wrong. The USSU is accountable to the students and many students want to know what happened. The USSU deserves to give the students an explanation.

VP Gran agreed that it is unfortunate that the assault happened and that it is also unfortunate that the university puts cameras up to protect their computers but will not put cameras in to protect their students. The statistics state that less than 6% of sexual assaults are reported. There needs to be more security on campus.

Move to extend Questions and Comments for 20 minutes.

MOTION USC106: Mason/Stevenson

Carried.

Councilor Bird stated that he feels very strongly about the Security issue on campus. He would like Security Services to come speak to Council.

VP Diduck noted that CrimeStoppers is trying to get up and running on campus. The Women's Centre was working on the Centralized Model of Response and looking into creating a Victim Advocate Office to help with solutions. There is no support for sexual assault from the City Police.

Councilor Stevenson stated that if the university is keeping certain areas open late at night for study sessions these areas must be patrolled because these things are happening at night. He noted that the Commerce Reading Room is a great place to study at night with lots of people around.

President Mowat stated that if members are interested in referring a matter to the Ethics & Disciplinary Committee it should be put in writing and submitted to the Chair. He referred to the Code of Ethics and that further pursuit would place all members of Council and Executive in risk of violating that Code.

Councilor Mason asked if the Victim Support Centre is something already covered by the Help Centre and if not how is it different.

Councilor Burnett stated that prevention is the best solution. She noted that Campus Security offers RAD, Rape & Aggression Defense. Students should be encouraged to take the 2-day course.

Councilor Bird wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

VP Diduck stated that RAD is only available to women and it costs \$25.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC107: Mowat/Gran

Carried.

12. Any Other Business

Councilor Florizone proposed to have a straw poll taken on the resignation of VP Diduck.

Councilor Stevenson stated that confidentiality issues would be breached if this is passed as stated by President Mowat.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that she is determined to find out what happened.

President Mowat stated that a proper motion is needed to have the Ethics & Disciplinary Committee investigate the resignation.

Councilor Florizone stated that he wants a committee to look into what lead up to VP Diduck's resignation and ensure that the proper Human Resource procedures were followed and no undue pressures placed on her. He wants to know if it was her choice to resign.

Move that the Ethics & Disciplinary Committee investigate the resignation of VP Diduck and report back to USC by January 21st, 2004, and indicate whether external pressures were placed on her and whether they were justified to be legitimate.

MOTION USC108: Florizone/Altson-O'Connor

Carried.

Opposition noted by President Mowat and VP Gran.

13. Adjournment.

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC109: Mason/Hauser

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, January 8th, 2004

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- 2. Call for Quorum**
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 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes – December 9th, 2003 & January 5th, 2004**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
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University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 8th, 2004

Present

Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Britt Lypka, Education
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Reché McKeague, Law
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Trent Sloan, Agriculture
Jennifer Lewis, Engineering

Regrets

Robin Mowat, President

Absent

Greg Florizone, Engineering

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC110: Bird/Phillips

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Stevenson reminded Council of Ukrainian Alternative being held at Centennial Auditorium put on by the Commerce Students' Society. He noted that he had 10 complimentary tickets to give away.

Councilor Burnett introduced Trent Sloan, Agriculture student, who would be assisting her throughout the term.

VP Tupper welcomed the Councilors back from the break and sent regrets for President Mowat as he is on his honeymoon. He announced that The Pinch would be playing at

Louis' on January 10th, Kashmir at Louis' on January 17th and The Battle of the Bands that commence on January 24th and run for a couple weeks. Frost Week was re-scheduled due to popular demand. The LGBTQA Centre will be presenting the Love-In Drag Show on February 7th at Louis'. He offered free admission to who ever would like to attend.

Councilor Danielson stated that his internship is over. On January 16th the College of Education would be holding a pub crawl with a Survivor theme.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor announced that January 9th is the STMSU Back to School Cabaret.

Councilor McKeague announced that Legal Follies is on January 23rd & 24th.

Councilor Ross announced that the Nursing Students' Society is selling raffle tickets for an all-inclusive trip for 2 to Mexico during Spring Break.

Councilor Mason introduced Jennifer Lewis, Engineering student, who would be assisting him with the Council address.

5. Council Address

5.1 Cameco Spectrum – Jack Mason & Jennifer Lewis

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC111: Villeneuve/Tanner

Carried.

Jennifer Lewis announced that they were there to inform Council of Spectrum 2004.

Jack Mason noted that Spectrum is an exhibition of science, engineering and technology. The Engineering students run Spectrum every 2 years. He noted that there would be many speakers and displays mainly done by students.

Jennifer Lewis noted that it is an educational event for all ages.

Jack Mason noted that Spectrum is an event that raises awareness of the Engineering profession. The admission fee for students is \$4.00. Spectrum will be held from January 15th –18th.

Jennifer Lewis stated that Spectrum had been around since 1959 known as an Engineering Show and then renamed Spectrum in 1976. There is expected to be approximately 20,000 people to go through the building.

Jack Mason noted that there would be an automatic vacuum cleaner at the show.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC112: Phillips/Tanner

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the minutes for December 4th, 2003.

MOTION USC113: Danielson/Tanner

Carried.

Councilor Phillips noted that herself and Councilor Keller were present at the meeting.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he was in attendance and not absent.

Councilor Crickett noted that she was in attendance and not absent.

Councilor Tanner noted that he was in attendance and not absent.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

VP Tupper noted that minutes from the AD HOC Operations & Finance Board would be available for next USC meeting. He amended the minutes that read December 2nd, 2003, to read January 6th, 2004.

Minutes were reviewed for January 6th, 2004.

Councilor MacDonald explained that he opposed to the ratification of the two clubs because their constitutions were not sufficient and could be a future issue.

Councilor McFetridge spoke strongly against the removal of the photocopiers from St. Andrew's College. She noted that there are only 90 students and is the only access the Physical Therapy students have to a photocopier in the school.

Councilor Velestuk stated that it is important to provide the photocopier service to the students even though the copier is not generating revenue.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that the photocopier should stay in St. Andrew's College.

VP Tupper noted that the loss on the machines (St. Andrew's College and Browsers) is in the thousands of dollars. He noted that the USSU is not a for profit entity but it is important to be sustainable and fiscally responsible. There may be a way to develop a partnership with the college society and perhaps find a way to keep the photocopier in St. Andrew's College.

Councilor Stevenson spoke in agreement with VP Tupper in that some losses are acceptable. The Browsers copier is not sustainable and should be removed but something should be worked out with St. Andrew's College. The USSU should not have to absorb the entire loss for the copier.

Councilor Mason suggested for everyone to use the photocopier at St. Andrew's so it gets more usage.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke in agreement with removing the photocopier from Browsers. If the photocopier is going to be removed from St. Andrews then copiers being abused should also be removed from college's that are costing the USSU money as well.

Councilor Bird spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve. He apologized for missing part of the meeting.

Minutes were approved.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes were reviewed for December 9th, 2003, and January 5th, 2004, and approved as circulated.

VP Tupper updated Council on the email from Sean Gouldach from the Department of Math on campus regarding the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Defense Shield. It was requested that the USSU support a press conference relating to the email media release. VP Tupper noted that he declined as it is not a decision that he can make but to bring it to USC to see if there would be support for it or not. The group was invited to the Council meeting but was not present at that time.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor ???

Councilor Mason asked if the Student Issues Officer would be attending USC meetings and Executive meetings. He stated that a stance should not be taken on the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Defense Shield as it is out of the realm of this student group and is not appropriate.

Councilor Villeneuve asked what the process was when hiring the Student Issues Officer. He would like to know more about Tasia Alexopoulos.

VP Gran stated that the Student Issues Officer would be attending some USC & almost all Student Issues Board meetings. Tasia is a 2nd year U of S student that volunteers for the USSU, has Sexual Assault training, Peer Counselling training and involved with the Sexual Assault Council of Saskatoon.

VP Tupper invited people to stop by and meet Tasia.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what the Student Issues Officer does.

VP Gran stated that VP (Student Issues) portfolio consisted of on and off campus parking, on and off campus housing, transportation, security, safety, sexual violence,

disability and equity. Tasia will be taking over everything that is not political in all the categories. She is currently working on a paper on Sexual Violence, sitting on the Student Issues Board, sitting on the Sexual Assault Committee and Women's Committee and LGBTQA Advisory Committee.

Councilor Bird ???

Councilor McKeague asked what the Student Issues Officer's office hours would be.

VP Tupper stated that Tasia would have set office hours. He spoke in disagreement with Councilor Bird in that Tasia is an extremely capable person. He noted that non-political means she will not be making decisions as a VP would be making.

VP Gran stated that Tasia's office hours are tentatively set for Monday – Thursday mornings (9a.m. – 1p.m.). Appointments can be made through the front office.

Councilor Bird stated that this is a time that there is a need for all the VP's.

Councilor Stevenson stated that as per the constitution and after a certain date the VP would not be replaced. He asked if she is going to be covering the student issues arising or solely focusing on sexual assaults.

VP Tupper stated that Tasia would be handling all student issues. He noted that there is a focus on sexual assault issues on campus right now. He noted that it would not be productive to hold a by-election at this time. Any non-academic issue on campus can be taken to the Student Issues Officer.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC114: Hauser/Keller

Carried.

VP Tupper announced that Robotic Boxing would be at Louis' on January 15th.

Councilor Bird stated that he has been receiving emails from students regarding the sexual assault on campus. He noted that the USSU and USC were left out of the loop about the sexual assault. There are no answers to the students' questions. The U of S does not offer counseling or support. He noted that a pro-active stance should be taken on this from all colleges.

Councilor Burnett announced that the Agriculture Hockey Trip to Edmonton will be on January 24th and the Agriculture Graduation at Centennial Auditorium will be on January 31st.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that the cabaret is in the STM cafeteria.

Councilor Mason stated that it seems odd that there is a cover up within administration regarding the sexual assault. He noted that he attended the University Council meeting at the end of December. At that meeting President MacKinnon spoke of the measures that the university is taking since they were made aware of the assault. The university is doing just about everything they can to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

VP Tupper stated that he is shocked and appalled to find that someone reads Life in City magazine. He spoke in agreement with Councilor Bird in that the USSU is being left out of the loop when it comes to the sexual assault. He noted that there is a petition going around for an external body to look into Security on campus.

Councilor Velestuk noted that he attended the December 4th, 2003, USC and was not absent. He asked if there was a possibility of a SafeDrive that is popular on other campuses that is a program similar to Safewalk.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke in agreement with VP Tupper that the USSU is not being fully informed. The problem on campus is that there is a lack of information or incorrect information. USC is a body where information should be coming so that the Councilors can pass the information on to the students. USC should not be an after thought.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that it is important to not blame the university. She noted that there is no accountability with an email petition and she asked who started it and how it is being organized.

Councilor Stevenson stated that it is horrible that the petition is getting national recognition. It is in the media that the U of S is not a safe place to go to school. If the information would have been taken to the USSU and then taken to the students it wouldn't have gone this far. It is hopeful that this can be prevented from happening in the future. He noted that when you buy a ticket to the Ukrainian Alternative it is entered in to a draw to win a trip during Spring Break.

VP Tupper stated that the USSU does support the petition and noted that it was not the USSU that started it. He agreed that an email petition is not the best route but it may be too late to start over. He also agreed that it is horrible that the petition is getting national recognition. He noted that the funds are not there to start a SafeDrive program but agreed that it was a good idea. He noted that Safewalk is run by the USSU and at one time was run by the university and funds are barely there for this program as it is a very expensive program to run. The university cut the funding (\$13,000) to the program last year to cover wage increments in a department. He recommended that Councilors stop in to see the Student Issues Officer to discuss the issues at hand and perhaps be investigated.

Councilor Mason agreed that the USSU is being left out of the information loop. He stated that students have not been left out of the loop as this was brought to University Council and there are college student representatives on this Council. The channel of communication is there. He feels that an "external review of Security on campus" is not the best way to go. Security measures probably could not have prevented the assault in

the washroom. This is a social issue not a security issue. He asked for an elaboration on the costs to run Safewalk.

Councilor MacDonald stated that it roughly costs about \$15,000/year to run Safewalk. He noted that if Staff Welfare in the budget is discontinued such as Christmas cards, birthday cards and free meals then this would pay for the program.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor spoke in agreement with Councilor Mason in that security is good but does not prevent things from happening. She is curious who started this petition.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that even with Security walking up and down hallways the assault couldn't have been prevented. The presence of Security and making it known that this is a safe campus is important. He requested that President MacKinnon speak with the USSU and inform them of what is happening.

Councilor Stevenson asked what the Executive is doing to try and get the information.

Councilor Bird agreed that not every assault can be stopped. It is important that this is a safe campus. He noted that he has a very reliable source related to the sexual assault. A stance needs to be taken.

Move to extend Questions and Comments for 5 minutes.

MOTION USC115: Mason/Bird

Carried.

VP Tupper stated that to run Safewalk it is a very expensive program. Costs include; radios, vests, flashlights and Volunteer Centre Director's salary probably around 40-50% of salary is billed to Safewalk. Safewalk is creating a presence on campus and is important. The money that was assisting in funding the Safewalk program was from the Enhancement Fund. The money from this program was taken and put towards salary increments. The Enhancement Fund is there to support student initiatives or university initiatives that enhance the student experience. Of the \$600,000 that students pay towards the Enhancement Fund to create new programs approximately \$534,000 goes towards university salaries. The petition was started by CASA (Coalition Against Sexual Assault). He noted that the USSU Women's Centre Director, Maria Alexopoulos, is linked with the group. He stated that the Executive has been meeting with Administration, perhaps the best tool, lobbying on CFCR on Tuesday nights as well as the Women's Centre has been an important tool in assisting with the sexual assault.

Councilor Berry stated that the victim of the sexual assault has been in the media and has expressed her support of the petition. She spoke in agreement to have a representative from Security Services present to Council and possibly fill in some missing information.

Move to extend Questions and Comments for 10 minutes.

MOTION USC116: Mason/Villeneuve

Carried.

Councilor Mason noted that a solution to the funding issue of Safewalk is to eliminate Safewalk and have Security Services offer the service all the time.

Councilor Bird noted that he was not able to volunteer with Safewalk due to his full schedule and he now regrets not volunteering. He stated that a pro-active stance does not cost anything.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that her concern with the petition is that is an email version compared to it being hand-written. She was also concerned with it being an anonymous petition.

VP Gran noted that an Executive member would contact Security Services to have a presentation done at USC in the near future.

Councilor Bird stated that he brought up the issue at the last Council meeting to have Security Services at USC to do a presentation.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC117: Berry/Ross

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, January 15th, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
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- 5. Council Address**
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- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, January 15th, 2004

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Britt Lypka, Education
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Reché McKeague, Law
Nancy Ross, Nursing

Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Anatasia Alexopoulos, Unclassified

Regrets

Jordan Velestuk, Medicine
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine

Absent

Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
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.

MOTION USC118: Gran/Phillips

Carried.

Move to add item 10.1 Where We Stand: Drinking Age.

MOTION USC119: Mason/MacDonald

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Ross announced that Nursing is holding a Small Town Pub Crawl on January 23rd.

Councilor Phillips announced that the ASSU is holding a Beer Nite every Friday at Shockwaves.

Councilor Florizone announced that Spectrum is currently on with some exciting displays.

VP Gran announced that DisOrientation would be held during the last week of January. This program is a weeklong event that is available to students in their upper years. He welcomed the USSU Student Issues Officer, Tasia Alexopoulos.

Councilor McKeague announced that Legal Follies would be held on January 23rd & 24th at the Broadway Theatre.

VP Tupper introduced Bob Ferguson and Robin Hazelwanter from Security Services. He announced that Kashmir would be at Louis' on January 17th. He noted that he had 2 free tickets and whoever answered the trivia question got one free ticket and then picked another to get the other free ticket.

Councilor Danielson announced that the Education Pub Crawl would be held on January 16th to raise money for graduation. The Pub Crawl is a Survivor theme.

President Mowat welcomed Jen Neilands from Leadership Advantage.

Councilor Stevenson announced that the Marketing Students' Society would be holding a 3-Legged Pub Crawl on January 16th.

VP Tupper congratulated Councilor Mason and Councilor MacDonald, the winners of the Kashmir tickets.

5. Council Address

5.1 Leadership Advantage Symposium – Jen Neilands

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC120: Mason/Phillips Carried.

Move to grant speaking rights to Jen Neilands, Bob Ferguson and Robin Hazelwanter.

MOTION USC121: Stevenson/Gran Carried.

Jen Neilands announced that she wanted to inform Council on the Leadership Advantage 2004 Symposium. She stated that this is the 5th Symposium that has been run at the U of S. The symposium is directed to all U of S students. She noted that Michael Atkinson would be speaking on his view of leadership at the university. Students can attend 3 of 9 sessions that talk about the different aspects of leadership. The symposium is being held on January 31st starting at 9:30a.m.

5.2 Campus Security – Bob Ferguson and Robin Hazelwanter

Bob Ferguson noted that they wanted to clear up some of the rumors going around campus and answer questions. He stated that there are some points that they are unable to talk about. He stated that Security Services needs to have real information (not names)

but times places and locations in order to protect campus for the students. He stated that Security Services is on campus to work for the students and not for administration. He stated that he would not cover up for the benefit of administration. His agenda is to have a safe campus for his children that will be future students. He is confident that campus is safe and if it isn't then something needs to be changed and wants the students' to help with not spreading rumors.

President Mowat asked what has changed in the past month since the most recent sexual assault.

Bob Ferguson noted that there is one incident at the Little Stone Schoolhouse and the Arts Building. He stated that there has always been walking beats but have never enforced it. There is now a walking member from 7p.m.-7a.m. that covers the Arts, Commerce, Law, Place Riel and Murray Library. Generally there is one walking beat but if enough staff they do two walking beats. The staff is not there to do what is wanted to do. He noted that a camera system is being looked at but doesn't want to jump into a system unless the university wants to put the funds into the system to make be want Security Services wants it to be. He noted that the private cubicle in the Arts washroom has been locked. Funding has come in so that all washrooms (men's and women's) will have no light switches in them. An internal review is being conducted by Carole Pond and crime stats are being posted to the webpage. There are improvements on the communication end with Security Services in that telephone conversations will be recorded to have the data to back up what has been done. They are currently trying to get a method to have mass communication emails out within an hour or two of the incident. This would also happen with other criminal acts on campus along with sexual assaults. He noted that they are open to any ideas from the students.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if posters could be put up on campus to let students know what is being done to make campus safer.

Bob Ferguson noted that there is a safety poster coming out that will be put up. This will go out as an email bulletin and a poster.

??? asked what will be done in the future for to have policies updated.

Bob Ferguson stated that he formed an integrated plan for the university and talks of the 5- year path of policing on campus and having number one communications and number one protection. He wants the right thing done.

Robin Hazelwanter stated that Security Services meets with other campuses and share ideas.

Bob Ferguson noted that it has never been enforced that you carry ID on campus. There were a couple instances where ID would not be shown and could have been arrested. If someone cannot prove who they are Security Services has the right to throw them off. There is no law to force someone off private property.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there is enough security on campus to protect the people. He noted that he has never seen a Security officer in PAC.

Bob Ferguson stated that at night there are 4 Security officers. He does not know what is adequate. He noted that he would like to have more on staff and walk all buildings. He noted that more resources are needed and hopefully will be addressed. In the past Security Services has hired students on a casual basis and would like to do this again.

Robin Hazelwanter stated that no amount of officers is going to stop someone from committing a crime and agreed that more officers are needed.

Bob Ferguson noted that if the resources were there more officers would be on the street. He noted that the idea of Safewalk originally came from a staff member in Security Services as well StudentCrew originated from Security Services. They were also the first in the Bike Patrol, ATAP, RAD and Drug Awareness Program. There is a lot of time that goes into these programs and often done off shift. David Reid with Security Services ensured that he got down to New Orleans (on his own time while battling with cancer) to go through his certification to teach RAD.

VP Tupper asked what their personal opinions were on the two circulating petitions on the sexual assaults.

Bob Ferguson wished the content in the petition were correct. The 6 assaults are incorrect. He sees it as being positive if someone wants to do an external review.

Councilor Mason spoke to the fact of a mass email going out too soon. It is important that it is properly investigated to ensure that it did happen and to not end up with a similar situation as Calgary. It is important to get the facts straight before sending out the mass email. Campus will be going to card locks, so people are getting used to carrying the ID. He stated that the U of S isn't doing too badly with its ratio of officer to students being 1:741 with other universities much worse. He asked if an external review would be a waste of resources and time or something positive.

Bob Ferguson stated that he does not know what is meant by an external review. What is going to be reviewed and who is going to review it? To bring an academic in it would be fine as they understand the process but to bring in an outsider non-campus would be a waste of time. He noted that he would take the money that would go towards the review (\$50,000 or & \$75,000) and he would use it to hire staff. He stated that when the email was released regarding the sexual assault in the Arts it was done so whether they knew it had occurred or not. It took 1 1/2 weeks to get a report from the police. The information that City Police had was not shared with Security Services. The victim's family requested that information not be released so that she could remain anonymous. It is complicated and a no-win situation.

Councilor Bird stated that he doesn't see a problem with having an external review.

Bob Ferguson stated that with putting an officer on the beat there were other duties cut out which cannot be released.

Councilor Bird asked what the duties of a Constable are.

Bob Ferguson stated that there are about 50 duties and are basically here for public safety. The number one responsibility is crime prevention and number two is response. They are first responders for criminal code, medical and fire and anything relating to them. Security Services is trying to change their name to Public Safety and move more into that domain. He noted that he has no problem with an external review.

Councilor Bird asked what kind of partnership there is between Security Services and Police Services and what is their response time.

Bob Ferguson stated that Security Services response time is likely under 3 minutes and Police Service's response time is 40 minutes for an in progress call. He noted that Security Services is not a district of Saskatoon. There is a 911 channel on the radios and a shared channel with fire, police and themselves.

Councilor Bird stated that Police Services response time is a lot quicker than 40 minutes.

Bob Ferguson stated that it is sometimes quicker than 40 minutes. The night of the sexual assault there were 5 Security officers on duty and Police Services had 3 on duty on the East side without a car.

Councilor Bird stated that a sexual assault does take priority.

Robin Hazelwanter stated that the Police officer that was dealing with the sexual assault noted that campus wants something done right but he was dealing with 14 sexual assaults citywide and each assault receiving the same amount of attention.

Bob Ferguson noted that Police Services also knows that Security Services are trained to handle what is going on and this is sometimes a disadvantage.

Councilor Stevenson spoke to the 5-year plan. He asked if any pressure has been placed on President MacKinnon to increase the funding for Security Services and if he has made any promises and if he is giving enough to go ahead with the 5-year plan.

Bob Ferguson stated that it doesn't matter how much he pressures President MacKinnon as it is Tony Whitworth that needs to be pressured because that is where the money is coming from. There are 2 units that are in the non-academic side that are in the biggest need and one being Security Services. The plan will be reviewed to see what can be done to get the resources. There is a commitment to do something.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked how long it takes a Constable to complete the foot patrol.

Bob Ferguson stated that it depends on what he finds, who he talks to and how long he stops.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if he doesn't stop how long does it take.

Bob Ferguson stated 1/2 hour or 45 minutes.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if in the future reports could be retrieved from the Police sooner than 1 1/2 weeks later.

Bob Ferguson stated that if there is a report of an assault or a crime that Security Services think that it is public concern they are going to release that report but not release any information that would compromise the investigation.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if while the steps of the 5-year plan come into place would announcements be made to at University Student Council.

Bob Ferguson stated that if he gets invited yes. He noted that he would like to see more of this happen with Council as there is information that needs to get out to the students. VP Tupper asked if Security Services could have more authority to areas that require immediate response such as sexual assaults if the resources were available. He asked if it would be a benefit?

Bob Ferguson stated that the resources would be there if they could get their status back that they used to have from the government. There was a time that they had full Police authority and worked quite well. He would like more authority on campus.

President Mowat asked whether the legislation had changed or if it was an order in Council.

Bob Ferguson stated that it was a Ministerial Order. There is more and more cooperation of sharing information with Police Services. He noted that when moving to a public safety mode he challenged the fire department and the police department and that Security Services are here for a legitimate reason and not going away. Those departments have an obligation to train them to manage situations until they arrive and can take over. The fire department agrees and the police department is coming around.

President Mowat stated that one of the emails received a concern was raised with the word "alleged" being used.

Bob Ferguson stated that that is the legal term meaning it is unsubstantiated at the moment or it hasn't been proven.

Robin Hazelwanter noted that it wasn't meant to offend people or to say that it didn't happen. Security Services had such little information at the time.

Bob Ferguson stated that instead of fighting about the issue; let's address the issue, change it and make it safer.

Robin Hazelwanter stated that it was okay to receive the emails as there is a lot of anger and people need to get through it.

Bob Ferguson stated that Security Services were consumed for about a week with emails.

Councilor Bird thanked them for talking about the issue and can now go back to the colleges and go back with answers.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC122: Keller/Villeneuve Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to adopt the minutes for January 8th, 2004.

MOTION USC123: Ross/Villeneuve Carried.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for January 14th, 2004, and approved as circulated.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for January 13th, 2004, and approved as circulated.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for January 14th, 2004, and approved as circulated.

6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report

Councilor Florizone inquired into the spending of \$7000 on a server. He asked if is necessary to purchase such an expensive server.

VP Tupper stated that it was a recommendation made by Jonathan Bird the USSU's IT specialist. The USSU maintains numerous databases and certain important information that is vital to the operations. There have been problems with the current server and it has been costly.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the Board was told that because of a contract with Mac Computers the USSU had to buy the top of line server. If he had known that the USSU was not under such contractible obligations he would have not approved this. He noted that it is known that IT people really love the top of the line even if it is not necessary and not being held financially responsible. He would remove his endorsement of this motion.

Councilor Bird asked to have the IT people come in and explain in full.

President Mowat stated that this purchase was planned for and considered in a multi-year plan for replacement of IT equipment. It was planned for in May but due to the problems in the summer it bumped up the replacement. If the Board would not have approved it if it would have come forth in the budget in April.

Councilor Stevenson stated that he would still question it if it was brought forward in the budget. There is no reason why the USSU needs to have the top of the line server.

President Mowat stated that the USSU computer IT plan currently calls for this purchase and within USC's authority to change that plan and would urge them to not change the plan tonight without an investigation taking place. Money could also be saved by going to cheaper models.

Councilor Mason asked if there is a plan for having more on-line services available to their members. If the capability is there it should be used.

President Mowat stated that there are no big plans or changes being made to the website. There have been some great ideas passed around such as a virtual billboard system instead of posters in the tunnel. The projects do take manpower.

10. New Business

10.1 Where We Stand: Drinking Age

Councilor Mason noted that together with Councilor Florizone they wanted to create a "Where We Stand" document on the drinking age of Saskatchewan. He noted that he fully supports the idea of government of reducing the drinking age to 18. He has a hard time supporting the justifications that Mr. Calvert and his caucus members do this for. But he believes that university students should be strongly in favor of it. This is one scenario that university students and the government can really agree on. The USSU operations and all student groups ratified would be simplified with the drinking age being 18 seeing that most first year students are 18 and will facilitate all ages events.

Move to create Where We Stand: Drinking Age

MOTION USC124: Mason

Councilor MacDonald asked if it would be a good idea for the USSU to get behind a political party that may or may not be supporting students.

Councilor Bird stated that he is curious as to why this is being brought forth.

Councilor Mason stated that he did not mention the political party's name that holds government. There are no political affiliations.

President Mowat noted that he finds the idea fascinating and if the time was there to be pursued by USC. He is not sure if it would be a good idea to spend a lot of time on this project and is unsure as to how close the government is to implementing the change. The USSU could gain some money from this and could then be returned to student services.

Councilor Stevenson stated that he is in favor of going with an 18-year old drinking age and his college would be in support as well (he had discussed with them previous). This would make the Big Buddy/Little Buddy bar-b-que have meaning. Most first-years cannot get into the event.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that is going to be that much tougher for a first year if they are going to be allowed to go the bar.

Councilor Florizone stated that it is not actually about drinking it is actually about student involvement. In every student organization it is important to get your first years involved early.

Councilor Danielson spoke against the motion due to social reasons. People under the drinking age are still going to drink but it would be harder on the first years.

VP Gran reminded Council that they were not voting on the lowering the drinking age and just voting on a "Where We Stand" document and would be against forming such a document. There are other issues that are much more important to be taken up with the Student Issues Board.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked how fun events are with obnoxious 18 year olds. She is for having first year's involved in events. It could make it into a high school party.

Councilor Mason stated that an 18 year-old drinking age is better for university students and university student organizations. He stated that he would like a document created not necessarily come out in favor of it. His hope is that the document would come out in favor of the 18 year-old drinking age. It would not take a lot of resources and would be a good use of resources.

President Mowat stated that the document could extend to cover drinking issues in general. He noted that there are many obnoxious drunks at the age of 19, 20, 40 and 70. He would like to hear the arguments and encourages the Student Issues Board to look into this.

Councilor Stevenson agreed that there are obnoxious drinkers at all ages. This is an issue that people on campus do feel strongly about and if there were a firm-stand point it would be a reminder to society that the university does have an opinion on things. This document should be passed.

Councilor Bird stated that it would be resourceful to lobby for more Security.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC125: Mowat/Tupper

Carried.

VP Tupper noted an error in the Operations & Finance Board minutes in that the server was approved for \$3,662.00.

Councilor Mason spoke to the fact that there would be no referendum this election. He noted that it was to his understanding that there would be a referendum to re-evaluate the health & dental plan.

VP Gran noted that the Academic Affairs Officer's, Everisto Mupanguri, office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-11:30a.m., 12:30-4:30p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10a.m. and 2:30-4:30p.m. He noted that his hours worked are more than the allocated budget. The Student Issues Officer's, Tasia Alexopoulos, office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30a.m., Wednesday from 8:30-12:30p.m. and Friday from 9-1p.m. During these times noted for the Student Issues Officer she may be in committee meetings. He asked if Council would like an address from Everisto on the procedures behind academic grievances.

Councilor Villeneuve thanked Executive for bringing Security Services to Council so quickly. He stated that he does not feel any safer after being addressed by Security. It feels as though nothing is happening. Something needs to be done as a lot of people do not feel safe.

Councilor Bird stated that it would be good to have the Academic Affairs Officer address Council. He spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve and that it might be possible to have Council get together and brainstorm.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked which Executive member goes to University Council meetings. She noted that Security wants to do a lot but the funding is not there. There is only so much that Security can do and personal safety has to make up for that.

President Mowat noted that could not recall if the intent of last year's executive was to call a referendum on the health & dental plan. He noted that it is up to Council if that is something that they want to pursue. The Executive's opinion was that the USSU was referendomed out over the past few years. If Council does want a referendum it needs to be worked on now with the question going to the Chief Returning Officer by January 29th. He stated that himself along with VP Gran attend University Council. He noted that they do not have a vote. He stated that there are many groups on campus reacting to the assault as well as the USSU. Integrated planning is holding up the flow of funds right now. He is unsure when the new money will be seen at Security Services. The way to reduce fear is through knowledge and getting the correct message out.

Councilor Florizone stated that feeling safe on campus is an individual thing and there is not much that Security Services can do about it. Security Services can do their best to create a safe atmosphere. He does not believe that more money to Security Services would solve the problems that are going to exist on campus.

Councilor Stevenson asked if the opt out program with the health & dental plan is legal or ethical. He asked what kind of input President Mowat would have at the budget meeting and leading up to the meeting. He stated that he feels safe on campus but still receives comments from women in Commerce that are skipping their night classes because they are afraid to walk to their cars. He has suggested Safewalk and it is being used now but they still do not feel safe studying on campus. He noted that with a budget increase it may result in a tuition increase or services decreased.

Councilor Bird stated that you cannot put a price tag on safety. (beginning part of statement was not recorded)

President Mowat stated that it is up to Councilors as individuals and representatives to encourage other people to help out the fellow students and make campus a friendlier environment. He noted that he will have to make a decision if he is in agreement with the budget or not. In March at the Board of Governors he will have the opportunity to influence spending. He is unsure if he wants to ask for more money for Security and displace funds from somewhere else. He encourages feedback. In his experience with the health & dental plan the upset towards the opting out process has declined. He noted that it could have been a mandatory fee that everyone has to pay.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that numbers would need to be checked out before changing the process of the health & dental plan by either opting in or opting out. She asked for President Mowat and VP Gran to report back form University Council. This would then help bridge the gap.

Councilor McKeague stated that with the health & dental plan the majority of the student body elected to have the plan. She suggested to have posters and emails put on safety measures to take when on campus.

Councilor Soon stated that he does not like the opt-out system that is in place. A person should have to stand in line to opt-out of a program but opting in would be okay.

Councilor McFetridge stated that the tools to feel safe are needed to be provided to people on campus. Women need to be provided ways to be on campus and take care of themselves.

Councilor Mason stated that if Security Services was to receive extra funding and went in full force as a SWAT team you would see Security everywhere and that alone would instill more fear upon a person. There needs to be balance.

Tasia Alexopoulos stated that the Sexual Assault Awareness Committee is doing their annual awareness day that is on February 14th but will be held on the 13th. There will be a “No means No” campaign that is posters, stickers and pamphlets. There is also a Rape Free zone campaign. “Think’n’Drink” is also coming up that is put on with Student Health. CCMR (Centralized Community Model of Response) has been formed to help stop relationships violence and unwanted sexual experiences. A Victim’s Advocate will be in place to emphasize the personal safety of the survival of the sexual assault. This person will also ensure their academic stability and allow the disclosure of accurate statistics. The petition going around the Coalition Against Sexual Assault started.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the unfortunate thing with having a SWAT team would be that they would not be able to carry any weapon or have any policing power.

Move to extend questions and comments for 5 minutes.

MOTION USC126: Mowat/Alston-O’Connor Carried.

Councilor Bird asked if a committee could be formed to brainstorm ideas about security issues on campus.

VP Tupper stated that Security did have a certain level of authority for a while and then it was taken away for union reasons. This may be something that the Executive brings up with Administration and provincial lobbying.

Councilor MacDonald stated that Security Services are not cops and should not be running around with guns.

President Mowat stated that when Security Services were viewed with the same authority of a normal police was for a short time and the staff members did not have all the proper training but were not given the resources or the time to do that.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC127: Bird/Gran Carried.

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Absent

Britt Lypka, Education
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

*****Nothing recorded up to this point.**

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes from January 22nd, 2004.

MOTION USC136: Burnett/Alston-O'Connor

Carried.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for January 27th, 2004.

Councilor Mason asked why SMS would want \$4500.

Councilor Stevenson stated that he was not familiar with the specifics. It was a request for a children's charity.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for January 20th, 2004.

VP Tupper asked if there was any consideration in changing the fair market values or is there satisfaction with the schedule.

Councilor McKeague stated that there were changes made but nothing was adopted until January 27th, 2004.

Councilor Mason stated that the amount was increased in that a candidate can spend up to \$400.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

Minutes were reviewed for January 27th, 2004.

Councilor Mason stated that forum locations were adopted. Locations will be Agriculture, Engineering, Health Sciences, Education, Veterinary Medicine, Commerce, Louis', and Lower Place Riel.

Councilor Mason stated that the Elections Board is requesting changes to the Elections Policy regarding how the ACRO votes as well as changes to the reimbursement of campaign expenses to candidates.

VP Tupper asked why 8 forums were decided on, noting that every year forum attendance is on the decrease and every year the number of forums seem to increase.

Councilor Mason answered the reason they increased the number of forums was due to a specific request from Commerce to have a forum this year.

Councilor MacDonald asked what happened in the event of a tie.

Councilor Mason stated that the ACRO votes in preferential way.

VP Tupper asked the members of the Elections Board to review the number of forums and reduce to 3.

Councilor Florizone stated that he felt that forums were a good idea, forcing students to be informed of the elections and perhaps attend the forums.

Councilor MacDonald thought that it would be better to have fewer more centralized forums with a wider variety of people attending and the speeches then wouldn't be so specific to the location.

President Mowat stated that fewer forums would be better.

Councilor Mason noted that there would be a discussion at the next meeting regarding the number of forums.

Move to send Elections Boards Motion No. 22 back to the Elections Board for reconsideration.

MOTION USC137: Tupper/MacDonald

Carried.

Councilor Crickett asked when the forums were going to be held.

Councilor Mason stated that the ACRO is presently in contact with the colleges and MSC's will find out when the best time for their forum will be.

Minutes were approved.

6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed from January 27th, 2004, and approved as circulated.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes

MOTION USC138: Alston-O'Connor/McKeague

Carried.

Move, that be it resolved, the student levy be increased from .80 to \$3.00/person.

Councilor MacDonald asked if next week voting would take place on the Where We Stand document and the WUSC motion.

Chair Evanisky noted that voting would take place next week on both motions.

Councilor MacDonald thought that the Where We Stand document would have been voted on this week as it had been discussed twice.

Councilor Mason stated that Councilor Florizone and himself are working on a draft proposal of the Where We Stand document involving alcohol consumption on campus in general. A draft should be available for next week's meeting.

Councilor Florizone suggested that the committee look into the placement and the numbers of forums for the election.

Councilor Mason stated that Councilor Florizone and himself attended a number of last day of classes pub. He suggested that there be a campus pub crawl on the last day of classes in term 2. He asked how the search for the new General Manager was going.

Councilor McKeague noted that being in Law she would have no problem walking to Lower Place Riel for an elections forum.

Councilor Hauser announced that Commerce is holding their Stud Pub on February 6th. She spoke in favor of holding an elections forum in the Commerce building.

Councilor Crickett stated that she is really happy to hear that there will be an elections forum in Veterinary Medicine. She is concerned with the week of the forums as it is their February break. She would like to see a forum on a day in Veterinary Medicine when the students can attend.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked if Councilor Stevenson would be auctioned off at the event.

Councilor Mason stated that the Veterinary Medicine forum is the grand finale the day before voting.

Councilor Hauser stated that she is unsure whether Councilor Stevenson would be auctioned off but noted that she would be serving alcohol.

President Mowat noted that 2 candidates were brought in for the General Manager search, one from British Columbia and one from the North West Territories for a day of formal interviews. The Hiring Committee is in the process of checking references and getting staff feedback. The Hiring Committee will then meet and decide whether to make an offer to one of the candidates. If it does happen that neither of the candidates is chosen the process will start over. He noted that he attended the Sexual Assault forum. He asked if the initiative should be taken to go to Administration and say that we are willing to pay "x" amount towards the initiative and if this happens what needs to be done to ensure that the money goes towards security and not something else.

President Mowat noted that he attended University Council today. A document was passed on a student evaluation of professors. This is one more step being taken to ensure that the evaluations are mandatory.

Councilor Keller announced that the Arts & Science is holding a pub crawl on January 31st.

President Mowat asked for someone to comment on the proposed raise of the WUSC levy.

Councilor MacDonald noted that it is only a couple dollars and hasn't changed since 1949 and inflation has increased dramatically since then. There is a great benefit with the fee.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if President Mowat is looking for a personal opinion on the increase of the fee or wanting a general consensus from the college to be brought to next meeting.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that taking the information back to the colleges is important but it is only a couple dollars. The amount of money is small for a really good cause. She is for the fee increase.

President Mowat agreed that it is an important component to take the information back and ask the council what their thoughts are.

President Mowat asked for a straw poll on tuition being increased if it was known that it would go towards enhancing security measures on campus.

Councilor Mason stated that no one should have a philosophical argument towards the increase of the fee.

Councilor Ross spoke in favor of an increase in tuition to enhance Security Services if she knew specifically what the plans were to improve security services. She asked how the Sexual Assault forum went.

Councilor Florizone stated that with the increase of the levy being a blurring of boundaries of the USSU's role. It is confusing as to where this fee fits in with everything else.

President Mowat stated that USC is a legitimate body that is recognized by Administration to make these types of decisions on fees. USC is the official voice for students. If the Sheaf would want to increase their fee they would also have to come to USC. If the fee increase is less than 5% it goes to the Board of Governors. He agreed that the money is going to a really important cause and is not that much money. He noted that the Sexual Assault Forum was very well attended with over 100 people in attendance and media. Most comments were constructive. He suggested that any ideas with what security measures should be taken should be emailed to him or dropped off at the USSU office or Women's Centre. The ideas will be taken to Administration. It is known that communication needs to be improved between Senior Administration, Administration, students and faculty.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what was said at the forum.

President Mowat stated that there was a lot said at the forum. He took notes and could type them and send them via email. He noted that it was powerful and emotional.

Councilor McKeague spoke in agreement with Councilor Ross. If she knew that she was better protected then she would be willing to pay for it through an increase of tuition. It would be good to investigate to see what can be done. The posters put out by the University are very hard to read as the font is too small.

Councilor Mason stated that he would as well want to know what the tuition increase would be going towards. He talked of a dedicated fee to separate the Security Services fee. With this happening students would then know what the money is going towards.

VP Tupper stated that he sees a trend in that when there are shortcomings at the university the immediate reaction is to go to the students and pay for the inadequacies of

the university. There should not be a special fee that students pay as it should be offered by the university. Students should be safe on campus.

Councilor Hauser ???

President Mowat spoke in agreement that some services on campus that have dedicated fees should be core responsibilities that are taken on by the university. The money needs to come from somewhere. He is sure the money will not be coming from the province and may be losing money from the province this year. If a service had to be cut what would it be. The Executive approved a Victim Advocate position that would liaise with all the groups on and off campus with the well-being of any victims is the concern and trying to reduce the number of people the victim needs to talk to. Funding was applied for for the position and just waiting to hear back but it looks promising. The annual Sexual Assault Awareness is on February 13th and the Vagina Monologues will also be put on in later part of February.

Councilor MacDonald stated that the university should offer the services. Students pay them to provide the services.

12. Any Other Business

President Mowat stated that James Kusie, National Director for CASA, would be present at the next Council meeting to address any questions about CASA.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC139: Mason/McKeague

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, February 5th, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Matt Leisle, USSU Assistant Chief Returning Officer**
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Malvina Gersher, Unclassified

Regrets

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Absent

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Robert Tanner, VPRA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC140: Bird/Villeneuve

Carried.

Move to switch items 9.1 and 9.2.

MOTION USC141: Villeneuve/Mowat

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Mowat welcomed Matt Leisle, USSU ACRO; Sharla Daviduik, USSU General Manager's Designate for the Electoral process; and Malvina Gersher, Sacha Taylor, Kristen Ward, Kelly Rapko and Laura Beddome with WUSC.

Councilor Burnett announced that the Agriculture Students' Association is working on fundraising efforts for Telemiracle. The Telemiracle Bed Push will be held on March 4, 5 and 6. She challenged everyone on USC to donate \$10 or would like to see them help push the bed.

President Mowat announced that the USSU through the Women's Centre would be conducting an ongoing Men's Discussion Group facilitated by himself. The first discussion group will be held Thursday, February 12th in the International Students' Lounge. Topics to be discussed will be the man's role in reacting to and preventing sexual assaults and gender related violence.

Councilor Bird announced that ISC is holding a Keg Nite on February 27th at the Sutherland Hotel.

5. Council Address

5.1 Matt Leisle, USSU Assistant Chief Returning Officer

Move to extend speaking rights and consider informally.

MOTION USC142: Tupper/Mowat

Carried.

Matt Leisle announced that the forums are booked and thanked the MSC's. He noted that MSC's are designated to be the Polling Clerks at the Polling Stations. If the MSC is not available then another representative will need to take their place. The hours of the Polling Stations are, Veterinary Medicine and Health Sciences from 11:00-1:00p.m.; Place Riel, Arts, Commerce, Education, Pharmacy & Nutrition, Agriculture, Engineering and PAC will be from 9:30-4:00p.m. If hours need to be changed he will need to know 2 weeks in advance. He noted that they are still in the process of looking for Deputy Returning Officers with the deadline being February 16th. MSC Ratification forms will be going out next week. The Voter's Cup will be going out to the College with the highest voter turnout.

??? asked if the Voter's Cup is by percentage of voting or by actual numbers.

Matt Leisle stated that it is by percentage.

??? asked if there is a schedule for the MSC's to sit at the polling stations.

Sharla Daviduik stated that a schedule would be sent out next week.

President Mowat asked if the Elections Board considered having random prizes for voters.

Matt Leisle stated that that issue is being discussed at the next Elections Board meeting.

VP Tupper asked where the forums would be held.

Matt Leisle stated that the forums would be held Monday, February 23rd in Health Sciences; Tuesday, February 24th in Agriculture; Wednesday, February 25th and Thursday February 26th in Commerce and Engineering; Friday, February 27th is the Pancake Breakfast at Louis'; Monday, March 1st in Place Riel; and Tuesday, March 2nd in Veterinary Medicine.

Councilor Bird asked when the Pancake Breakfast is.

Matt Leisle announced that the Pancake Breakfast is Friday, February 27th at 7:30a.m. in Louis'.

??? asked how much DRO's are compensated.

Matt Leisle stated that DRO's are paid \$7.09/hour.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC143: Mowat/Keller

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve noted abstention.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes from January 29th, 2004, as amended.

MOTION USC144: Ross/Alston

Carried.

President Mowat noted that Councilor Bird sent his regrets and should be removed from the Absent category.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were reviewed for February 3rd, 2004.

Councilor Ross asked why the Lutheran Students' Movement requested \$300 and only received \$80 and why the U of S Gamer's Club requested \$52.72 and received \$300.00.

Councilor MacDonald stated that it was a typo.

Councilor Bird stated that he was opposed to ???

VP Tupper stated that the U of S Gamer's Club received \$52.72 and not \$300.00.

President Mowat noted that this is the second error in the Operations & Finance Board minutes in the last two weeks.

VP Tupper noted that he understands the concern.

Councilor Stevenson stated that it is not the Board that should be attacked as it is the VP who prepares the minutes.

Councilor Bird ???

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Minutes were approved as amended.

9. Business

9.1 WUSC Fee Increase proposal

Move that USC approve an increase in the WUSC Fee from \$.80 to \$3.00.

MOTION USC145: Mowat/Alston-O'Connor

Carried.

Speaking rights extended.

Malvina Gersher spoke to the issue of ??? accountability. A presentation could be made each year on the budget to USC. She noted that the university does pay a membership fee to WUSC so that they can be a part of the sponsorship program.

Councilor Stevenson noted that he took the motion back to the Commerce council and 6 were for and 14 were against the motion. The main reasons were that it should be a student club themselves to do fundraising and not the student body. The other concern was that WUSC was receiving national funding. The Commerce Students' Society is against the motion.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he took the motion to the Kinesiology council. He noted that WUSC does not receive any national funding. He stated that Kinesiology would not support this motion. There is a growing trend on campus when any funds have to be raised students are the first to be turned to. How many times will the students be turned to? There are many Saskatchewan students that cannot afford to come to university and is there a group to help them. There are student loans but not everyone gets one or enough. The next option is to go to the bank with the student relying on their parents to cosign the loan and not all parents can do that. Some students end up working for a couple years.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that the increase is only \$2.80 to offer students a really good opportunity. She recognizes that it is not good that students always have to pay for these things.

Councilor Mason asked if the Councilors that took the motion back to their Council if there was any mention of a background of the fee. The fee has been around forever and has not been raised since 1949. He asked some would be in favor of discontinuing the program entirely.

Councilor Burnett noted that she took the motion to the Agriculture Students' Association and they would be opposing the motion. They feel that it is important to keep Saskatchewan graduates in Saskatchewan but would like to see kept in the pockets of the Saskatchewan students.

Councilor Florizone stated that the amount is insignificant. He compared the fee increase to the cost of sacrificing one beer a year. All students can afford the increase with it being probably the smallest increase in the university's history.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he did inform his council about WUSC. He stated that if the motion was opposed WUSC would not be forced out of commission and would still be able to bring in one student. The increase would bring in 2 more students. He is tired of hearing "just" \$3.00. He does not want subject the students to more funding increases.

Malvina Gersher stated that the most important thing was to allow them into Canada and giving them the opportunity.

Councilor Bird cannot see a reason why the motion cannot be justified and is in favor of the motion.

Councilor MacDonald stated that he wants the Councilors to vote how they want to and they are the representatives. Students don't want to pay "one" more fee. This is not something that the university should provide. The students are refugees and need to leave their country.

Councilor Stevenson stated that there is an obligation to the students. The Infrastructure Fee came in to place to support the students. It should be up to WUSC to raise the money if they believe that it the program is important rather than forcing the fee on the student body.

President Mowat noted that it is important to be extremely careful in spending other people's money. It is not as simple as one more fee or more money; it is about the efficient allocation of resources. The increase works out to less than a penny a day that will in turn change someone's life.

Move to extend speaking rights to 4 times.

MOTION USC146: Alston-O'Connor/Mowat

Carried.

VP Tupper stated that the university is a main funder of the program. He agrees that whenever there is something that the university needs done the onus is put on the students. He asked if the university is increasing their contribution by an equal amount as being requested at Council.

Councilor McKeague spoke in favor of the motion. The money is not for a students' society; the money goes towards a national program that supports refugee students to come here to get the education that is unavailable to them otherwise. It is a national

program that is asking for support. She agrees that having these students on campus enhances the student experience. If there were no International students on campus there probably would not be the International Food Fair. It is “only” a \$2.20 increase/year.

Councilor Villeneuve commended Council on the debate around this issue. He noted that it is wrong to vote how he individually wants to vote. He represents Kinesiology and not himself. It is unfair to vote how he wants to vote as he represents 500 students who all have an opinion. He asked if the university would also up their funding to WUSC. What if this was an opt-in fee; how many students would say no.

Move to table the motion.

MOTION USC147: Bird/Crickett

Defeated.

Councilor Stevenson asked how much of the money raised from the recent symposium was donated to charity and how much went to refugee students.

Councilor Crickett noted that she is the voice for her college. It is important to educate students in Veterinary Medicine about issues that are voted on and what takes place at Council. The comparisons that are being made to the WUSC increase are not valid. It is a different type of fee that is a national program that the university contributes to. If the increase is passed it probably won't be increased again for a very long time. It is important to explain WUSC very carefully. It is difficult to explain to students what exactly WUSC is and where the money is going. She is in favor of the fee increase and has not had the opportunity to take it back to her Council for their opinion.

Malvina Gersher noted that the university would also be increasing their contribution by 375%.

President Mowat asked if it is an efficient allocation of the resources of money. Last year Council approved a substantial increase to the Health & Dental fee and the Recreation fee that are efficient because they help educate all students on campus. The proposal of the WUSC fee increase outlines an efficient plan to take the money and bring students to the university.

Councilor Florizone stated that if there is concern with the university putting more money towards the program it is still the students' money. It is an incremental increase over time.

Kristen Ward noted that the profit made from the symposium was donated to AIDS Saskatoon and to the ??? Foundation. There has been a push of internationalization on campus for a number of years. There is more work to be done in educating students on this issue.

Councilor Villeneuve asked where the university would get the extra 375%; would services be cut or would tuition be increased. Money was taken from Safewalk to start

funding student recruitment more. He is not looking at the proposal as a moral issue or a social justice issue, but instead as a funding issue or a money issue for the campus.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC148: Burnett/Villeneuve

Defeated.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor spoke in agreement that she does not like fees to increase. She made the point that it was stated that this is the only time that the fee will be increasing. She asked who volunteers their time at a homeless shelter or sponsoring children from other countries. The average person does not step out of the boundary very often. This may be the only charitable donation that many students will make all year. To take \$2.20 from a student's tight budget to completely change someone's life who is coming from an impoverished country. This is a morally positive investment and should be able to make an exception and not look at it as another fee that students need to pay.

Councilor Stevenson stated that WUSC is not the only ratified student club that brings in international students. They are the only ratified club that receives mandatory funding from the student body. He noted that he spent 2 years with AISEC and they worked hard to bring in international students.

Councilor Mason stated that there seems to be much opposition to the increase of the fee. He asked where the opposition was to WUSC before they asked for more money. Students do not know where the money is going and probably do not care. He believes that students will see value in this increase. This will create a more diverse campus.

Councilor MacDonald stated that \$40,000 in fees is going towards CASA. More money is being spent on helping themselves and than others. There are other fees that offer services that go unused by some but it is still beneficial to other students.

Councilor Bird noted that it is important to pull together.

President Mowat noted that increasing the fee is thinking of ourselves and helps foster intercultural perspectives and relationships on campus which is worth more than a penny/day. It would take a referendum to go to the students to abolish the WUSC fee.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC149: Mowat/Berry

Carried.

Opposition noted by Councilor Burnett.
Opposition noted by Councilor Villeneuve.
Opposition noted by Councilor Stevenson.
Opposition noted by Councilor Hauser.

Move for a 5 minute recess.

MOTION USC150: Tupper/Keller

Carried.

9.2 Where We Stand: Drinking Age

Move to adopt the Where We Stand: Drinking Age document

MOTION USC151: Mason/Bird

Councilor Mason noted that together with Councilor Florizone they drafted the Where We Stand: USC's Recommendations on Alcohol Events and Awareness document. The recommendation is that first year students be provided with information and tools necessary to develop responsible drinking habits. There is also a recommendation that the government lower the legal drinking age to 18. The document is open to being amended and is hoping for discussion on the topic.

Councilor Velestuk thanked Councilor Florizone and Councilor Mason for putting together the document. He noted that he strongly disagrees with the point of pubs and USSU events being healthy ways to participate. He reviewed statistics from the Canadian Medical Association. Alcohol accounts for 15% of all health care costs, 10% of all deaths in Canada, 4th common cause of death in adults and youth (b/w ages of 16-21), most common cause of liver disease in Canada and there are 10 million North American's that are alcoholics. People should be aware of the consequences that go along with alcohol.

President Mowat stated that the document was well balanced and concise. He would recommend to make some wording changes to have it more professional sounding. There may be some information that is lacking that could be added. He would like to see some programs and a policy of the identification and the treatments of abuse. He would like to see this document tabled to a later date and this will allow discussion with MSC's councils. Alberta and Manitoba are able to manage their students. With the age being lowered it would increase the reasonable and the rational approach to alcohol consumption.

Councilor Villeneuve thanked Councilor Velestuk for coming with statistics on drinking and that it showed a great commitment to USC. He noted that he is unsure of the title being that it is a recommendation from University Students' Council. This may be this year's Council's recommendations but what about next year's Council. It should be USSU's recommendation not USC's recommendation. He is against making a recommendation to the government in lowering the drinking age because Kinesiology is based on prevention. He asked why a statement is being made of the drinking age under the provincial law when it hasn't been changed it. He noted that he likes the education and the events idea.

Councilor Bird asked what the statistics are for retention for first year students relating to alcohol. What is the drop out rate related to alcohol.

Councilor Stevenson applauded Engineering MSC's for a very well prepared document. He agrees with the discussion being tabled. The age of majority in Canada is 18 and should not be discriminated against because of that. He is in support of the document.

Councilor Florizone noted that no one under the age of 18 drinks socially. He is unsure if accurate statistics are kept for drop out reasons but he will see what can be found. There are problems associated with drinking and therefore decided to put in the education. He agreed with President Mowat in that a server intervention clause to be added and identification of use and treatment in other phases of the document. It would be easy to fix the document to be USSU from USC. This is the first Where We Stand document to be written by both Councilors. With lowering the drinking age it makes campus stronger with 18 year olds coming to all the events. This will also allow the majority of first year students to attend events. This first phase of the document needs to be passed and then revising can take place in the future.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that she supports the USSU educating first years in the document. First year students don't know what to expect when coming on to campus. She supports the idea of more awareness of drinking.

Councilor McKeague thanked the Councilors for drafting the document. She supports the education and the events sections. It would be a great idea to increase the number of all ages events as well as events that are not focused around alcohol because some first years are 17. She is uncertain about lowering the drinking age issue.

Move to table the discussion until next week.

MOTION USC152: Villeneuve/Mowat

Carried.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC153: Mowat/Bird

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology is holding The ??? Revenge on February 13th. There will be a bachelor/bachelorette auction. He noted that Kinesiology joined the Moral Boosting policy on campus. He is unsure what is meant by the prank that was left behind "dumb jocks leave the pranking to professionals". He warned that a prank would be made in return.

President Mowat stated that Council was fun and he had been waiting for the great debate all year. The Term 1 Accountability report will be available shortly and is currently being reviewed by the Ethics & Discipline Committee. He noted that if any changes should be made relating to coverage to the Health & Dental plan this is the time of year to have it done. Any changes will affect the price. He expressed his enthusiasm about what was hear in the Federal thrown speech on Monday. He has heard that the Canadian Student Loan limits will be increased substantially and will be tied to CPI with more grants to low income students and changes to the repayment plan. He asked if anyone comes across the individual that is putting up the unstamped Sheaf posters to direct them to himself.

Councilor Mason noted that he would not be in attendance at the next Council meeting as he will be overseas. He noted that the statistics that were brought forth by Councilor Velestuk would be informative for an information session for the first year students. Currently on campus there is Student Counselling, Student Health and A.T.A.P.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that she was happy with all the debate that took place. She wished that there were more debates similar to this more often.

VP Tupper noted that the Elections Board reconsidered the number of forums and they have come back with 7 forums from 8 forums. With having the 7 forums there is a cost in excess of \$1200. Why did the Elections Board choose to disregard the recommendations of Council.

Councilor Florizone noted that the reason for being late was because of the slow service at Louis'. It was not Council's recommendation to decrease the number of forums but to revisit the issue. There was no motion made of a specific number that the forums be reduced to.

Councilor McKeague stated that it was a recommendation to revisit to the motion and that was done but there was there was no actual recommendation of the exact number of forums. The issue was discussed and in terms of access it was decided to get enough forums for people across campus to attend. The final decision was 7 forums instead of 8. The Elections Board was unaware of the cost.

Councilor Mason asked for elaboration on the cost of \$1200. The USSU owns the sounds system and ACRO and CRO are paid by honorariums. The only extra cost would be to publicize the forums. He asked where the \$1200 is coming from. He noted that the recommendation to revisit the number of forums was VP Tupper's recommendation and not Council's. The number of forums right now has value as it gives publicity to the elections and increases voter turnout.

VP Tupper noted that he was the ACRO for the elections and was a candidate. He assures Council that more forums do not increase awareness of the event. The recommendation was not his personal recommendation but a motion passed by Council. There was discussion at the last meeting regarding the number of forums. The breakfast is \$1200. He noted that he is fiscally responsible and the organization should be responsible to all the students. The breakfast will serve very few people and is not effectively spending students' money. He is disappointed that the Elections Board is making decisions without thinking of the financial impact on students. Students are concerned with their money.

President Mowat noted that the Pancake Breakfast was budgeted for but it is \$1200. The money could be better spent on increasing the awareness of elections. He is a fan of the idea of tying the elections with voter rewards for being an active member in voting. When you vote you are entered into a draw for example a lunch at Louis' for a year, free tuition for a term or credit for copying. There may be the concern of having uninformed

voters but he holds faith in human faith. It is not the uninformed voters that should be worried about.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked what should be done if the Pancake Breakfast is not wanted anymore.

Councilor Mason stated that the Pancake Breakfast is a good thing and a lot of students like the breakfast. It validates what some of the students are getting for their \$44 a year. The Pancake Breakfast is one of the most well attended forums out of all of them. It is a good service provided by the USSU and increases the legitimacy of the election by getting people out to become informed voters.

Councilor Stevenson noted that with him planning on being a candidate in the upcoming elections he does not mind giving his time for the extra forums as it will be educating the voters. It will save him money on campaigning. The Elections Pancake Breakfast is more valuable than the one prior to the AGM.

Councilor Bird stated that the Pancake Breakfast is good to hear from all the potential Executive members.

President Mowat stated that because the Pancake Breakfast was in the budget he would approve the expenditure unless the Elections Board decides against the breakfast or Council says that it should not happen. It doesn't seem to be the most efficient way. He agrees with having tangible ways of showing to students what they get for their \$44. The reason for the breakfast is to get people out and inform them. With the process of trying to win the prize they are also learning more about the USSU and the candidates.

Councilor Florizone stated that it is philosophically wrong to offer students a prize to vote. It is buying a vote. He asked VP Tupper how many people he would like to see at a forum to be viable. With that number then MSC's should work to get that number out to the forums.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the reward of voting is effective leadership. It is not to win a prize and it shouldn't be. He asked how much of the \$1200 for the breakfast would be external revenue and how much would be internal revenue. How much will actually leave the organization.

Councilor MacDonald noted that he would be insulted if the voting process turned into a lottery.

Councilor McKeague stated that the Elections Board is on a tight timeline and if Council has any specific direction it must be given soon. Posters need to be made and things need to be organized.

Councilor Bird asked what would be next to attract voters.

President Mowat stated that there needs to balance the social concerns. Anything that can be done to raise the profile of the event will have positive benefits. He does not see it happening with the general consensus not agreeing. He apologized for his “silly” behavior.

VP Tupper stated that the breakfast would be a high external cost because there would salaries, cost of food and general overhead. The amount being brought back into general revenues would not be very much. There should be 300 people at a forum to make it effective. He says from a very informed opinion that if there were fewer forums there would be better turnout and more effective.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC154: Bird/Ross

Carried.

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John Tzupa, Arts & Science
Mitch Spray, Education
Anastasia Alexopoulos, Unclassified
Michelle MacDonald, Unclassified

Regrets

Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC

Absent

Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Britt Lypka, Education
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
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.

MOTION USC155: Hauser/Phillips

Carried.

Move to add item 5.1, University Life 101 – Michelle MacDonald.

MOTION USC156: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

President Mowat introduced Michelle MacDonald, U of S Retention Coordinator; Tasia Alexopoulos, USSU Student Issues Officer; John Tzupa, Gavin Gardiner and Mitch Spray. He noted that there were posters to be taken back informing students of when the elections forums would be held.

Councilor Phillips announced that along with Councilor Keller they have decided to donate \$20 to the Agriculture Students' Association in lieu of the bed push for Telemiracle.

Councilor Burnett thanked Councilor Phillips and Councilor Keller for the donation. She reminded Council of the challenge she put forth at last meeting regarding the Agriculture Students' Association Telemiracle Bed Push. She announced that Ag Challenge is coming up, which is a student conference that would be held from February 25th – 29th.

Councilor Florizone announced that February 13th is the Engineers Without Borders Benefit Concert from 9p.m.-2:30a.m.

5. Council Address

5.1 University Life 101 – Michelle MacDonald

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC157: Mowat/Florizone

Carried.

Michelle MacDonald stated that part of her job is coordinating the University Life 101 program. She noted that her office coordinates Orientation and the dates have been set for September 6th & 7th. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 8th. Volunteer recruitment for Orientation will take place in March. On-line registration will be available to the volunteers and information sent out. There have been some changes made to Orientation this year. There will be interactive sessions and sessions involving multi-media. University Life 101 is an opportunity for first year students to participate in this class that takes place once a week for the first term. Classes will be lead by upper year students. The purpose is to get first year students out and offer them the opportunity to gain information about succeeding academically and integrating them socially into the university. They are currently in the process of recruiting coaches to lead the classes. More details are available from her. She noted that it is important to inform first year students about the program and get them to attend Orientation and participate in University Life 101.

??? asked when the announcements would be made for interviewing for the coaching positions.

Michelle MacDonald noted that the deadline to apply is March 2nd and interviews will take place during the month of March.

President Mowat asked what night of the week the groups would meet.

Michelle MacDonald noted that the night of the week would be set with each of the coaches.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC158: Phillips/Soon

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes from February 5th, 2004, as amended.

MOTION USC159: Gran/Ross

Carried.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 9th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 3rd, 2004, were reviewed.

Councilor Burnett noted that the Agriculture Election Forum is being held on Tuesday at 2:30p.m. in the Atrium. She stated that she advised the Elections Board that it would be better to host the forum at 1p.m. in the Agriculture Students' Lounge.

Councilor McKeague stated that it was a possible typo and the forum should be held in the Agriculture Students' Lounge. She recommended that Councilor Burnett contact the ACRO about the time confliction.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes were deferred until next Council meeting.

9. Business

9.1 Where We Stand: Drinking Age – tabled

Move to remove from the table.

MOTION USC160: Gran/Phillips

Carried.

President Mowat stated that Councilor Mason is not present. Amendments were submitted on his behalf and it may be appropriate to table the discussion.

Michelle MacDonald stated that she is representing some initiatives that are being taken on this issue from the University Administrative side. Currently a committee, Direct Contact, has representatives from across campus that are in contact with students. Issues surrounding alcohol and alcohol awareness have been discussed several times. Direct Contact is currently in the process of drafting a position statement along with a policy. There are things happening within the University surrounding this issue. She asked that whatever direction is taken to inform Direct Contact of the position and work together with the committee.

President Mowat asked when the next Direct Contact meeting is.

Michelle MacDonald noted that Direct Contact is the first Monday of each month.

Councilor Phillips asked what direction Direct Contact is going.

Michelle MacDonald stated that the document that has not been brought forth and no current position taken. There are issues surrounding alcohol (i.e. minors drinking, alcohol based events). The document is identifying the issues and how they could be addressed.

Move to table discussion until February 26th.

MOTION USC161: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC162: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

President Mowat noted that he would like to see a section on liability added to the Where We Stand document on alcohol.

Councilor Florizone spoke to the presentation on alcohol and liability issues. It was a scary picture of liability and everything that is done the University and the USSU is still liable. It was suggested at the presentation to implement a policy similar to Waterloo University that is a very strict, risk management, liability drinking ??? This policy effectively eliminates the majority of drinking events on campus. He feels that this would not help student groups putting on social events.

President Mowat stated that it was good to see student representation at the presentation. He noted that George Foufas, Louis' Site Manager, attended the presentation and he felt that everything that could be done to limit risk is something that Louis' currently does. Some campus groups are not fully aware of the risk that is involved.

Councilor McKeague agrees with a liability section being added to the Where We Stand document.

Councilor Velestuk asked if anything was happening with the Print Shop pricing and what happened with the Physical Therapy photocopier.

VP Tupper stated that resources are provided to student groups to ensure that their event is safe. Groups that have events on campus are required to have Student Crew at the function. For every 75 people in attendance there will be one Student Crew. Student Crew employees have Server Intervention training as well as training from Campus Security. Information is provided in what the proper amount of alcohol to be served at the event and how many drinks can be served in a time frame to how many people. A lot of groups are not aware of the liability issues. He stated that the Print Shop bases it

prices on cost and at market. A spreadsheet can be brought in that shows a comparison of the USSU Print Shop prices to 3 other organizations. On average the USSU Print Shop is lower priced. There was a meeting with representatives from Physical Therapy regarding the photocopier and there is a good start. The USSU is committed to providing the service however it is important to remain fiscally responsible. Currently looking into amending the contract where some responsibility will lie on the college society to encourage their members to use the machine.

President Mowat stated that the budget development process is currently under way. The Print Shop will again look at refreshing the comparison with competitors. Perhaps where there are multiple photocopiers those will be thinned out and disbursed.

Councilor Berry noted that she attended the External Review of Safety and Security that was sparsely attended. There was a concern with only having 48 hours notice of the meeting. There were excellent suggestions made.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the reason for the Commerce Print Shop's prices being lower is that they currently have a deal with Grand & Toy.

President Mowat encouraged all Councilors to go back to their colleges and have a discussion on safety and security. Any suggestions or concerns should be forwarded on to him. It is important for each college to have their say.

VP Tupper noted the reason the current photocopier expense is in excess of the budgeted amount of \$1000 per month is because of a renegotiation of the lease as well as the Print Shop received 2 photocopiers. He stated that the leases have come due on the photocopiers and will be renegotiating leases on 34 new copiers for this fall.

President Mowat stated that there would not be a Council meeting next week.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC163: Soon/Gran

Carried.

13. **Adjournment**

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC164: Gran/Ross

Carried.

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Chabelo Gonzalez, ISC
Shantel German, Kinesiology
Drew Pearson, Law
Sean Coquet, Medicine
Sarah McIvor, Nursing
Ken Manson, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Brooke Simpkins, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Sacha Strelieff, Physical Therapy
Michelle MacDonald, Unclassified
Gavin Gardner
Wendy Sharpe
John Tzupa

Regrets

Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC165: Mason/Phillips

Carried.

Move to amend the agenda to add item 5.2, Dr. Carole Pond – Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Services and add item 7.2, University Council Minutes and Report – January 29th, 2004.

MOTION USC166: Mowat/Stevenson

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Velestuk introduced Sean Coquet, Medicine Students' Society President.

VP Tupper welcomed Melissa Cotton, USSU Volunteer Centre Director.

Councilor Phillips introduced Michel Carpentier, Arts & Science Students' Union President.

Councilor McKeague introduced Drew Pearson, Law Students' Association President.

Councilor Villeneuve introduced Shantel Germann, Kinesiology Students' Society President. He announced that there would be a pub crawl on March 5th.

Councilor Berry introduced Ken Manson, Pharmacy & Nutrition Students' Society Co-President as well as Co-President elect Brooke Simpkins.

Councilor Mason introduced Michelle MacDonald and Evelyn Smith from Retention Services.

Councilor Stevenson introduced Jessica Luc, Commerce Students' Society President.

Councilor Florizone introduced Lindsey Hinthier, Engineering Students' Society President.

Councilor Burnett stated that the Agriculture Students' Association President was unable to attend. She announced the Telemiracle Bed Push would be taking place next weekend. She brought up the run it or fund it option. There is a Steak Nite fundraiser for Telemiracle tonight. The Hawaiian Mixer is taking place March 20th at Prairieland with Trooper playing. Ag Challenge is this Thursday, Friday & Saturday that is an academic debate. Agriculture will be holding a pub crawl on March 5th.

Councilor Ross introduced Sara McIvor, Nursing Students' Society President.

Councilor Hauser ???

Councilor Lypka introduced Mike Petterson, Education Students' Society President, as well as Rick Bowes 2004/05 MSC.

Councilor McFetridge introduced Sacha Strelloff, Physical Therapy Students' Society President.

Councilor Velestuk announced that Medicine is also holding a pub crawl on March 5th.

VP Gran welcomed the USSU Executive candidates. He announced that the Vagina Monologues are taking place February 26th – February 28th at the Broadway Theatre.

President Mowat introduced President Peter MacKinnon who will be addressing Council and welcomed Michelle MacDonald and Evelyn Smith from Student & Enrollment Services Division.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor announced that St. Thomas More's Annual Medieval Feast is on March 6th.

5. Council Address

5.1 Peter MacKinnon, U of S President

Move to extend speaking rights to President Peter MacKinnon and Dr. Carole Pond and consider informally.

MOTION USC167: Mowat/Keller

Carried.

President MacKinnon noted that he is coming to the end of his 5th year and has been appointed to a second term of 5 years. A concern of his is during the first 4 or 5 years is a setting a strategic direction for the university with a clear sense of ambitions and what resources are available to support the ambitions. The first 3-year budget plan will be presented rather than a 1-year plan. The budget will be presented to the Board of Governors by May 8th. The financial situation of the university is a concern to all. He reported to the communities in Saskatchewan is that the Canadian University situation is changing significantly. Tuition is changing at some institutions dramatically. The province provided about 78% of the university's core operating budget 15 years ago and this year it is approximately 60%. This decrease is a national trend. There must be more of a debate about why this is happening and what priorities it reflects. It is his observation that this trend has taken place largely without public debate. The province provided 24% of its budget to health care 30 years ago and this year 42% of the budget goes to health care. He predicts that in the spring budget there will be another increase to health care. He has decided to force the debate of health care vs. post-secondary funding. He has moved the time of his reports to the communities from April to February to have an impact on the discussion. Budget finalization is taking place right now and he would like to have an impact. It is necessary to get a sense of what needs to be emphasized over the next few years. He fears that the university will not be sufficiently bold this year. There is boldness in the 3-year plan, boldness in the reallocations (if necessary) and boldness in the dreams for the University of Saskatchewan.

President MacKinnon spoke to security on campus. There are safety concerns campus wide. He invited two consultants from the University of Calgary because U of C was suggested to have good model in the area of campus security. He has asked the individuals to take a look at the U of S's systems, responses and institutional behaviors. They will then be able to tell the university what is being done well and what is being done badly. A draft report should be received shortly and once it is received he would like to meet with interested university groups to review the draft report and talk about a plan of what might be implemented. Shortly after a full report is completed a work plan

could be released that would look at things that could be done and when they could be done. This process will take place over the next few weeks.

President MacKinnon noted that the university wants to do much better in the area of student financial assistance package. For many years there has not been a competitive package of student financial assistance. There needs to be better scholarships, bursaries and loan programs available. The budget will reflect this accordingly. Priority number one in his perspective is scholarships, bursaries and loans.

President MacKinnon stated that the university is investing quite a bit. The most dramatic example of this is the PAC facilities as well as the renovations to the Administration Building and College Building.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the money was coming from the big box operations or money that is being redirected from other services.

President MacKinnon noted that the money is coming from the big box although the money is being borrowed from the anticipated revenue. He made the commitment that the big box project would go ahead only if the revenues from the project would go towards student financial assistance and other student needs. The first couple years of the big box revenue will go into paying the university's infrastructure costs. Apart from those costs every dollar will go into student financial assistance or student services. No other service will be taken from to provide student financial assistance.

Councilor Florizone asked about the scholarships that are set out for high school students with averages of 90%, 93% and 95%. He asked if it may lead to an inflation of high school marks and if there will be problems with city schools and rural schools having different standards in how they mark.

President MacKinnon stated he is unsure. He hopes that it does not affect marking standards. It has been a very competitive in recruitment and a lot of students are going elsewhere. Currently the financial packages for recruiting students are uncompetitive.

Councilor Stevenson stated that he understands the provincial budget constraints particularly with moving money to education. He asked if the university would be in favor of moving post-secondary education to a federal level as opposed to provincial.

President MacKinnon stated that not much would be gained in pursuing a public policy avenue. He is in favor of and has argued for there to be a dedicated federal transfer to support education.

Councilor Stevenson asked if the education transfer would be specific to post-secondary education.

President MacKinnon stated that there are other sources of funding for secondary education. The university's request and continuing encouragement has been for a dedicated transfer to post-secondary education.

Michel Carpentier inquired into the enrollment plan in 2010. He asked if the university will eventually ban the traditional Saskatchewan...

President MacKinnon noted that there has never been an enrollment plan before this year. The enrollment pattern has been well established and stable. Approximately 90% of undergraduate students come from Saskatchewan. Graduate students come from all over the world. Demographics show that around 2008 the university eligible student population in Saskatchewan starts to go deplete. It is very important in servicing Saskatchewan. It will be a necessity given the demographics to recruit more undergraduate students from out of province and that will be done very strategically. This will not drastically cut opportunities to Saskatchewan students.

Councilor Mason asked if the budget would be on a 3-year cycle or if each year be revised on a year-to-year basis.

President MacKinnon stated that it would be preferred to be on a 3-year cycle. Revisions may be necessary during the 3-year course. It may be necessary to say to the Board of Governors that the first year would involve a deficit but by the 2nd or 3rd year be out of that deficit.

Councilor Berry asked what the role the university should be playing in monitoring ethics vs. profitability where there are private sector companies involved with the university.

President MacKinnon stated that out of 93 universities in Canada the U of S is 12th in terms of research funding. Every university is involved in partnerships for the purpose of economic development. Being involved in industrial development or economic development is nothing new to the U of S but how it is done matters. It is important to make certain that the Research Ethics Board, Research Office and Research protocols protect the university, the researchers and the public. The university is confident in having good protocols and good ethics practices.

Councilor Florizone noted that the university is currently following the National Norms Tuition Policy. He asked if leading the tuition levels up to the average tuition across the country is a good way of promoting the advantages of the U of S and developing a policy of getting programs wanted and recruiting students.

President MacKinnon stated that tuition at the U of S was very low. The combination of the low tuition and the diminishing provincial support was bringing the university down. His recommendation at that time was to move within 2 years to the National Norms Policy. He will continue to look at national norms as a guide.

5.2 Dr. Carole Pond – Discrimination & Harassment Prevention Services

Dr. Carole Pond noted that she has been on campus for 22 years and is a Psychologist specializing in Clinical Psychology. For about 11 years she has been working with harassment and discrimination issues on campus. An issue that falls in her portfolio is reducing/eliminating discrimination, promoting acceptance between people and valuing others. The campus is becoming more diverse. She noted that March 21st is the International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination. She announced the various speakers and activities to promote the day. She is offering a cheque for approximately \$500 to the college who could get the most students out to the event on March 17th.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC168: Phillips/Florizone

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes from February 12th, 2004, as circulated.

MOTION USC169: Phillips/Stevenson

Carried.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 25th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Florizone asked for a copy of the Where We Stand on Student Computing before the March 18th meeting to take it back and get feedback on the document.

VP Gran stated that the document would be ready for March 11th for Council.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 24th, 2004, were reviewed.

Councilor Velestuk asked what recognition was given last year when the tobacco proposal was rejected.

Councilor Stevenson reminded Council that it is not about accepting a contract from a tobacco company. It is simply whether or not a contract would want to be heard. It is showing willingness to hear the contract.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the Student Issues Board is currently drafting a Where We Stand document on Student Smoking on campus. Last year Council took a stand and said no to tobacco and won a national award that has only been won by one woman that died of lung cancer. This year council is going against that stance and willing to accept a contract. It says that if Council is willing to see the contract then Council may be willing to accept the contract. Council may only wanting to see a contract but says to the community the possibility of accepting a contract.

Move to strike Motion OFB65.

MOTION USC170: Villeneuve/Ross

Defeated.

Councilor Mason commended the Operations & Finance Board for passing this motion. It is something that should be looked at as they did last year.

Councilor Stevenson spoke against the motion. This is not saying Council accepts a tobacco agreement. This is a different body from last year and is not bound to any decision that was made last year. Louis' is the only bar in Saskatoon that does not have a contract which means there are considerable constrictions with the bands that can be booked.

Councilor MacDonald stated that the motion was to only hear the contract. This will then leave the option of rejecting or receiving the contract.

VP Gran spoke for the motion. The motion says as an organization the USSU is allowing to be sold to the tobacco corporation. As of July 1st, 2004, bars will be non-smoking in Saskatoon. The Student Issues Board was given a mandate from Council to do a Where We Stand document on Student Smoking. A third of this document is dedicated to smoking proposals and would be best to wait for the Where We Stand document to come out before voting.

Councilor Velestuk spoke for the motion. He was mortified that this would be entertained after receiving national recognition. Council is not bound to last year's decisions but it is important to respect the decisions that were made. The decision received a lot of support and attention. By not considering to view a contract is a very powerful stance.

VP Tupper stated that there was no motion by Council last year regarding the tobacco deal. The motion was made by the Operations & Finance Board and not Council. There was no commitment from last year's Council to accept or not accept tobacco deals. He stated that the USSU staff wants to know if they should be pursuing a tobacco deal or not. The USSU is operating Louis' in the Saskatoon market with being one of the only bars without a tobacco contract. He asked if it is free money or blood money and if any amount of money would ever be accepted. The staff will then know whether to consider or pursue the arrangements or if Council chooses to not go that route that decision will be respected.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the USSU provides services to students. The real issue is that Louis' cannot get bigger bands. The USSU's biggest service is not to bring in bigger bands because bands still come. To bring in bigger bands is not a service to be provided to the students. The tobacco deal will not solve all the problems.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the anti-tobacco organizations have millions of dollars in government and private funding in which they could be sending money to the USSU. The "shining beacon" would be to have "Truth.Com" bring in bands. Louis' is still

selling Imperial Tobacco products. While there are tobacco products still being sold on campus it is terrible for Council to reject a tobacco agreement.

Councilor Phillips stated that students are adults. It is odd that Council wants an 18 year old to be able to drink but not want any advertising on tobacco. When pubs are held in the bowl there is sponsorship from alcohol companies. She would be in favor of reviewing a contract and seeing what is being offered.

Councilor Mason noted that Council should be able to respect what the Operations & Finance Board has decided. A decision was made at that board meeting that if a contract came along it would be looked at.

Councilor Florizone spoke against the motion. He stated that the debate is about corporate sponsorship. It is irresponsible of Council to refuse to look at something that will affect students in some way. It is important to look at it on a yearly basis.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that it is absurd to ask “Truth.Com” for money where they could use that money more effectively through advertising and reaching more people rather than a few hundred at a concert.

Councilor Berry spoke in favor of the motion. Council needs to take an ethical stand at this point.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC171: Gran/Burnett

Defeated.

Councilor MacDonald stated that a partnership with “Truth.Com” would be a good idea. This would not necessarily bring in funding but to put up their banner. He noted that it is a good idea to oppose the Operations & Finance Board from time to time.

Councilor Velestuk thanked Councilor Berry for her comments. He noted that the Government of Canada recently banned tobacco advertising from sports and recreation. He finds it ignorant for Council to consider a tobacco deal.

Move to extend speaking times from 2 to 3.

MOTION USC172: Alston-O’Connor/Villeneuve

Defeated.

President Mowat spoke against the motion. He noted that would he have had the chance to vote last year he would have voted in favor of the deal but it now complicates things as a national award was accepted. Given the changes in the business environment within the year and the other bars accepting the tobacco deals. The deals are not necessarily bringing in bigger bands but bands free of charge.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC173: Mowat/Tupper

Defeated.

Councilor Burnett spoke in favor of the motion. The students of Agriculture do not want blood money to bring in superior bands. Money needs to be spent elsewhere. She stated that Council should make it easy for the USSU staff and tell them that they should not look at a contract.

Councilor Berry stated that she wants to put her money where it is ethical. She feels that tobacco should not be on campus.

Councilor Florizone stated that the tobacco company would be offering money for advertising and that should be entertained. He asked if there is a sum of money that Council would accept or if there is no dollar value. He is not willing to close the door to allow future Executives and USC's to look at them and then make a decision. For now the minutes should be approved and when the deals come the real decision can then be made.

Councilor Phillips stated that this would bring profit into the organization. Tobacco is on campus; it is sold in the stores and advertised in the Sheaf.

Councilor Ross stated that Nursing students would not be in support of a tobacco deal. She asked why Councilors want to hear a tobacco proposal and then vote it down. She noted that the USSU is supporting "Truth.Com" in turning down the tobacco deals.

Councilor Tanner stated that he hates smoking and will never smoke in his life but it is not up to him to push his morals and ethics on others.

Councilor Danielson spoke in favor of the motion. He stated that provincial funding is being taken from post-secondary education and being put towards health care.

President Mowat stated that it is the massive increase in health care salaries that is taking funding from post-secondary education.

VP Tupper stated that the staff and the Executive are looking for direction. He does believe that tobacco companies are evil organizations and that they make a profit off of the deaths of many people every year. Those profits are there whether we choose a deal or not. He does not believe by accepting a contract it would cause more people to smoke. The money is there and it can either be reinvested back into the tobacco marketing plans or it is available to take.

Move to adopt the Operations & Finance Board minutes from February 24th, 2004.

MOTION USC174: Mowat/MacDonald

Carried.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 23rd, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Stevenson stated that if any recommendations are being made to operations to go through the Operations & Finance Board.

VP Gran stated that the recommendations are towards university students. The Student Issues Board is given authority to deal with all non-academic issues as they pertain to students.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 10th & 13th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 24th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Move to recess for 5 minutes.

MOTION USC175: Tupper/MacDonald

Carried.

7. Motions and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes for February 9th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor MacDonald asked what the Louis' Survey is about.

VP Tupper stated that it is an annual survey to ask what students would like to see in Louis' and gauges satisfaction.

Councilor Florizone asked what the marginal fee is that UNBC is being charged.

VP Tupper stated that the fee was left up to the Facilities & Operations Manager but would be approximately \$500.

7.2 University Council Minutes and Report

Minutes for January 29th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

9. Business

9.1 Where We Stand: Alcohol Events and Awareness

Move to approve the Where We Stand: Alcohol Events and Awareness document.

MOTION USC176: Mason/Florizone

Councilor Mason stated that there were amendments made by President Mowat to change the language. The amendments strengthen the document.

Move to amend the document.

MOTION USC177: Mowat/Mason

Carried.

Melissa Cotton announced that herself along with Jason Kovitch and George Foufas are now qualified instructors of Server Intervention for the USSU. This will simplify the process for student groups. This document speaks to many issues on campus. Ensuring

that student societies have Server Intervention increases the liability for both themselves and the USSU. The USSU requires all servers alcohol served on campus to be trained.

President Mowat stated that with the amendments the document is still not complete. It may be interesting to pass this document on to the Student Issues Board with the mandate to continue to develop in coordination with the university.

Councilor Florizone spoke in agreement that the document is in progress but is still a solid document on things the USSU and the university should be doing in regards to alcohol on campus. He would like to pass the document in this form and then look at it later. It is important that the USSU have a position passed now and then be changed over the summer.

VP Gran stated that he does not agree with an 18-year old drinking age. He does not agree with the document going to the Student Issues Board.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked for clarification of "identifying symptoms of alcohol abuse". How will the abusers be identified?

President Mowat stated that there are indicators that can be done practically. People should be encouraged in being more active and looking out for troubled students. With the title reading "Recommendations" it does not bind Council or the USSU. It may be a good idea to take the document off the Where We Stand letterhead. He asked for a straw poll in who would be willing to pass the document tonight.

Councilor Berry noted her appreciation of the hard work that has gone into the document and she supports a lot of the statements that are made. Her Council does not agree with the statement "In order to strengthen student organizations...lower the drinking age to 18".

Councilor McKeague asked if it could be a Council Recommendation rather than a Where We Stand document.

Chair Evanisky stated that if Council wishes to have the document a recommendation rather than a Where We Stand document it needs to be amended.

President Mowat stated that with it being a Where We Stand document it is not a bylaw.

Councilor Mason asked why there is disagreement with the recommendation of lowering the drinking age.

Councilor Berry noted that because her college is a non-direct entry the opinion might be possibly biased, as there are no 18-year old students in the program. The college is also concerned with young people drinking. She realizes it would create cohesion amongst many colleges.

Move to extend speaking rights indefinitely.

MOTION USC178: Mowat/Mason

Carried.

Councilor Hauser stated that having just turned 19 it didn't stop her from drinking. She supports lowering the drinking age.

Move to table discussion to next Council meeting.

MOTION USC179: Mowat/Gran

Carried.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC180: Mason/Ross

Carried.

VP Tupper stated that he is disappointed in how the Sheaf is not informing the students on the elections. He would like a letter to be written to the editor of the Sheaf on behalf of the USSU expressing disappointment.

Councilor Florizone noted that Councilor Mason and himself would not be in attendance next week. He noted that there are posters available for the High Voltage Classic.

Councilor Ross asked how many polling clerks needed to be at the polling station at one time.

Councilor Stevenson spoke to the issue of the selling of tobacco products being restricted on USSU property.

Michel Carpentier reminded Council that Councilors represent the student body and not necessarily their own personal views. He informed Council that Arts & Science is in the process of hiring a new Dean and has narrowed it down to 3 candidates.

President Mowat thanked all the Councilors for participating in President's night. He asked VP Tupper to look into the regulations of cigarettes being in Louis' now that it is an all ages venue until 8p.m. Currently in the Elections Policy it stipulates that candidates are not allowed to campaign during the election. It is important to have something in the Sheaf about the elections and he is proposing for all Councilors to write to the Sheaf about getting out and voting. He warned in not doing it in collaboration with a candidate or if a Councilor is a candidate.

Councilor McKeague stated that they tried to get the Sheaf out to the forum and no one showed up. She noted that the Elections Board is looking for at least one polling clerk to be at the polling station all the time aside from the DRO.

VP Tupper stated that there is quite a process in order to purchase cigarettes at Louis'. Cigarettes are not advertised and are in a metal box that works on a coin-op system. Before you can put money into the machine you must go to the bar and show ID to prove

age and then the bartender will allow that person to purchase the cigarettes through the machine. It is important to remember that it is not only Louis' that sells tobacco products and that the tenants do as well. He recommended that it may be beneficial to do some research in finding out the number of contracts that could be lost if tobacco sales were banned.

Councilor Stevenson asked what the revenues are from the tobacco machine.

VP Tupper stated that he is unsure of the number but can find out.

President Mowat noted that in order to gain access to the Administration Building you must go in the North side now.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC181: Florizone/Berry

Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC182: Ross/Gran

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 4th, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – February 26th, 2004**
 - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report – March 3rd, 2004**
 - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – March 2nd, 2004**
 - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report – March 1st, 2004**
 - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes – February 27th, 2004**
 - 7.2 Where We Stand: Smoking**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
 - 9.1 Where We Stand: Drinking Age - tabled**
- 10. New Business**
 - 10.1 Proposed Amendment to Bylaw #1**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 4th, 2004

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Britt Lypka, Education
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Reché McKeague, Law
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More

Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Dustin Bartsch, Commerce
Willem de Jong, Engineering

Regrets

Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jason Mason, Engineering
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Absent

Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC183: Gran/Bird

Carried.

Move item 7.2, Where We Stand: Smoking to item 10.2.

MOTION USC184: Gran/McKeague

Carried.

Move to add item 5.1, CASA National Petition – President Mowat.

MOTION USC185: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Villeneuve announced that Kinesiology is holding a pub crawl on March 5th.

VP Tupper announced that Louis' is holding a 12th Anniversary Concert Series featuring Broken Social Scene, The Stills and Raising the Fawn. On March 11th Warsaw Pack is playing. The Battle of the Bands will continue through March. March 17th - 20th the LGBTA Centre is holding The Laramie Project. The Film Festival will be held at The Broadway Theatre on March 18th. He noted that the Executive members would like to make a donation of \$30 towards the Agriculture Telemiracle Bed Push.

Councilor McFetridge announced that on March 19th the annual St. Patty's Day Cabarete would be held by Physical Therapy.

Councilor Burnett noted that the Agriculture Telemiracle Bed Push kicked off at 11:30 in the bowl today. Ag Challenge was held last week. Agriculture is holding a pub crawl on March 5th. The Hawaiian Mixer is on March 20th with Trooper and Rock Show Radio.

Councilor McKeague congratulated all candidates who ran an excellent campaign and announced the winners of the USSU elections. The Executive-elect are as follows: Gavin Gardiner for President, Wendy Sharpe for VP (Academic Affairs), Kim Stranden for VP (Student Issues) and Jeff MacDonald for VP (Operations & Finance). Voter turnout was 12.9% with the Voter's Cup going to Physical Therapy.

Councilor Crickett announced that Veterinary Medicine is organizing the first Annual Beer Olympics on March 19th.

President Mowat introduced Dustin Bartsch, 2004/2005 Commerce MSC and Willem de Jong, Engineering. He congratulated the Councilors for running a good campaign. He thanked the members of the Elections Board.

Councilor Stevenson noted that he too was going to introduce Dustin Bartsch.

5. Council Address

5.1 CASA National Petition – President Mowat

Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC186: Bird/Gran

Carried.

President Mowat stated that there has been a recognized need for CASA (Canadian Alliance for Student Association). CASA is a federal lobby group on post-secondary education issues from the student point of view. Individual students at member schools are not actual members of CASA; the USSU as an organization is a member of CASA. CASA is trying to get back to the students. CASA is launching a national student petition. Petitions were handed around to all Councilors. The petition is collecting signatures not printed names and email addresses are optional. He asked for everyone to get as many signatures as there is room for and then bring them back to Council in 2 weeks and he will take them to the CASA conference. Signatures do not have to be from students. The collective goal is to get 30,000 signatures in two weeks.

Councilor Stevenson asked why the CASA report was not out before the petition to help in answering questions.

President Mowat stated that the message that needs to get across is what CASA is and that is the Canadian Alliance Student Association; 20 member schools representing over 300,000 students and the USSU is a member and the rest of the information is on the handbills and the posters. This is another way of having students involved with the CASA lobbying efforts. He thanked Council in making the difference.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC187: Stevenson/Gran

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for February 26th, 2004, as circulated.

MOTION USC188: Gran/Phillips

Carried.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 3rd, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 2nd, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 1st, 2004, were reviewed.

Councilor Stevenson asked why the third section passed when it is opposite of what Council decided at previous meeting.

VP Gran stated that Council did not vote on whether or not a tobacco proposal should be looked. Council accepted the minutes brought forth by the Operations & Finance Board.

Councilor MacDonald asked if this would be revised to fix grammatical errors and word usage.

VP Gran stated that Council would decide what is to be done with the document. He recommended that the document be adopted, rejected or recommendations made.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for February 24th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes for February 27th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

9. Business

9.1 Where We Stand: Drinking Age – tabled

10. New Business

10.1 Proposed Amendment to Bylaw #1

President Mowat reviewed the proposed amendments to Bylaw #1.

10.2 Where We Stand: Smoking

VP Gran reviewed the proposed Where We Stand: Smoking document.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC189: Ross/Gran

Carried.

Councilor ??? pointed out that in the proposed amendment of Bylaw #1 it should read 6.01 and “f” should read a number as the sequence is numerical rather than alphabetical.

Councilor Stevenson stated that before point #2 is approved it would need to be passed before the budget has been finalized as it will have an impact on the monetary situation of the USSU.

VP Gran recommended that the concerns with the document be brought up at next week’s Council meeting and then perhaps have it amended.

President Mowat spoke in agreement with Councilor Stevenson on the smoking document. The Centre Shop collects \$200,000 in revenue annually in tobacco sales.

VP Tupper thanked Councilor Mason for writing a letter to the Sheaf regarding the poor coverage of the election in the Sheaf.

Councilor Bird stated that the Where We Stand: Smoking document should be dealt with now.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the Operations & Finance Board meeting being held tomorrow morning as the Strategic Planning and Capital Request and the smoking document will not have an effect on that meeting it will be the following meeting. He noted there was a significant voter turnout without a referendum. He noted that it sucks that he lost.

Councilor Bird stated that the election gave him a chance to go out and meet students in all colleges.

Councilor McKeague noted that the Elections Board meeting held today was a conference call meeting with Councilor Mason in Hamilton.

President Mowat noted that there is a problem with voter turnout and it needs to be corrected.

Councilor MacDonald ???

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC190: Keller/Villeneuve

Carried.

Councilor Bird noted opposition.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC191: Ross/Gran

Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 18th, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – March 11th, 2004**
 - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – March 16th, 2004**
 - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report – March 9th, 2004**
 - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 11th, 2004

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Reché McKeague, Law
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine
Nancy Ross, Nursing
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Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More

Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Gavin Gardiner, Arts & Science
Kim Stranden, Arts & Science

Regrets

Britt Lypka, Education

Absent

Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Cynthia Berry, 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 USC192: Phillips/Gran

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Bird announced that there would be a Pancake Breakfast at Louis' on March 15th.

Councilor Burnett introduced Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture's MSC for 2004/05. She announced that Cummoniwannalaya is being held on March 20th with Trooper and Rock Show Radio.

Councilor Keller announced that along with Councilor Phillips they have collected over 500 signatures for the CASA petition.

Councilor Crickett announced the Beer Olympics would be held on March 19th. Registration is due on March 12th.

VP Tupper welcomed Chris Moscatello, Student-at-Large from the Operations & Finance Board. He noted that there are tickets available to the Warsaw Pack at Louis'. He noted that tickets to Homestarrunner on March 25th are quickly selling. He presented Chair Evanisky with the gavel and stand.

Councilor Mason introduced Willem de Jong, one of Engineering's MSC's for 2004/05. He invited everyone to the pub in the Engineering Lounge on March 12th.

President Mowat welcomed the Executive-elect. He introduced Kristen Foster and Lev Bukhman from Studentcare whom would be addressing Council. He announced that there would be a presentation on the new student information system. He asked for the completed forms for the National Student Petition put on by CASA and the USSU to be handed in to him.

Councilor Stevenson introduced Dustin Bartsch, one of Commerce's MSC's for 2004/05.

5. Council Address

5.1 Kristen Foster – Studentcare

Move to consider informally and extend speaking rights to Kristen Foster and Lev Bukhman.

MOTION USC193: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

Lev Bukhman introduced himself and that he is the Executive Director of Studentcare Networks. Kristin Foster is the Pacific and Western Director. This presentation is an update of the USSU Health & Dental plan. The contract is negotiating annually with the insurance company for September to August. The process will be starting now with getting input from the Executive and Council.

Kristin Foster stated that the charts presented are a good way to breakdown the student usage of the plan. Prescription drugs are a main category on the health side with the dental side being broken down between checkups, cleanings and fillings. The claims shown on the chart are from September to the end of February. There are different factors in how the students use the plan in the first six months. The trend with the USSU is that students tend to use the plan more in the second half of the year. A projection of premiums and claims would be based on last year. Studentcare predicts and projects of what the total claims are going to be.

Lev Bukhman noted that the claims are tracked on a monthly basis. The goal is to get as close as possible to the price without going over. Studentcare wants to make sure that students are using the plan as much as possible. Health care costs rise each year. Effective January 1st, 2004, the Saskatchewan Association of Dentists raised the dental

fee by 5.7% for 2004. There is a comparison chart between the premiums and the claims. The USSU is not liable for any deficits. However with negotiations coming with a small deficit along with inflation it is estimated that there will be an adjustment of 10% or 11% for next year. A number of factors can address this by adjusting the fee for the plan or by changing some coverage. An insurance company does not recover any previous losses. The goal is to get a balance to have enough resources in the plan to pay the cost of the claims as per the coverage and to cover the insurance companies administrative costs. The plan is being well used by the students with a high degree of satisfaction, awareness and support from the students for continuing the plan. It is Studentcare's role to negotiate on behalf of the USSU with the insurance company.

Councilor Villeneuve asked for a run over from last year and how much the increase was to get an idea of will be asked for next year.

Lev Bukhman noted that for the previous two years the insurance company lost about \$500,000 on the USSU plan. This was a great deal for the students for the insurance company does not want to walk into a losing situation. Last year there was a combination of small changes to the benefits as well as an increase in the cost. This was the first increase in two years. This year's increase will not be as substantial as last year's. Studentcare is already seeing for this year a drop in the claims. In the 3rd – 5th year of the plan there should be a stabilization of the costs and use.

Councilor Stevenson asked how many universities are included in determining the last six months.

Lev Bukhman clarified that the cost of the plan is based on having the use of the plan by the USSU students. When negotiating it is important to base it on the insurance company's margin as slim as possible and to ensure that any inflation from assumptions are as low as possible.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the document states an estimated required increase of 13.97%. This increase is significant from year to year.

Lev Bukhman noted that this is not a good time of year for renewal. It would be much more preferable to have negotiations take place in June or July and basing the estimates on 10 months rather than 6 months. The plan is continually being monitored.

Councilor Stevenson asked if something is passed at Council if it would be a maximum increase. If the students were to give too much would there be a negotiation of a discount or more coverage.

Lev Bukhman noted that it could be both. He stated that he would have to check to see whether the fee collection is a fixed amount.

Kristin Foster noted that if the fee is set as a student fee and there is room to negotiate with the insurance company even if the fee cannot be changed it would mean that the

USSU would create a reserve fund. The goal is to not pay the insurance company more than has to be.

Councilor Stevenson asked if Council would be consulted if changes were to be made to the plan either price wise or coverage.

Lev Bukhman stated that the plan is monitored monthly and if something were to change the Executive would then be informed.

Kristin Foster stated that Studentcare is trying to be conservative in the estimates.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC194: Tupper/Phillips Carried.

Move to extend speaking rights to Jonathan Moore-Wright, Sharon Scott, Robin Mueller and Mark Jagoe and to consider informally.

MOTION USC195: Tupper/Hauser Carried.

5.2 PAWS/Student Central/IBM Agreement

Jonathan Moore-Wright announced that there are a number of new services available to students. He introduced Robin Mueller, Sharon Scott and Mark Jagoe. It is his responsibility as Student Computing Manager to ensure that all the students' needs around computing services and resources are met. In conjunction with the library the Learning Commons was established, there have been public access terminals and kiosks put in, campus laser printing system is available now and working on wireless networking. There are currently 75 locations on campus where wireless is available. Currently being worked on is PAWS. PAWS was launched quietly last September. PAWS is the place for online services. Once U-Star is no longer running PAWS will take its place. They are currently working on increasing student mobile computing support. This means someone moving around campus between different labs. Student Computing is trying to expand what is provided for mobile computing and has signed an alliance with IBM. Over the next 5 years IBM will be promoting computing as well as offering a good pricing on equipment. Another new service that is launching is Student Central that is not part of the Student Computing program but is a program of SESD.

Robin Mueller noted that Student Central was at one time FirStop but no longer. Student Central is located in the Administration Building. They have changed their location to better serve students on a one-on-one basis and offer a wider range of services to the students. There is not one central location where students can go on campus to get their business done. Student Central exists to fill that void. Student central is here to be advocates for students (academically or non-academically). They advise, sign student loans as well as a wide range of things. Referrals are made and a student is given an exact place to go with a room number, what to expect and what the student needs to bring along. "Ask US" is part of the new Current Students website. This is a tool that can be used when logged onto the website or onto PAWS to ask questions. An email can also be sent to the Student Central staff.

Sharon Scott announced that the launch of Student Central and PAWS is taking place all next week. There are student volunteers that will be assisting students with logging on to PAWS, how to customize PAWS and how to go through the channels. These volunteers will be in the Arts tunnel during noon hour every day. All the computer labs on campus are engaged in the launch as well as the Help Desk locations. Just launched today is the availability to log on to view grades and order transcripts under "My Grades". Coming soon is the option of viewing tuition details and pay tuition on-line. New services are being added frequently and are open to hear ideas from students.

Jonathan Moore-Wright noted that there is a comment channel in PAWS that can be used to submit comments.

Mark Jagoe noted that the Campus Computer Store is part of Information Technology Services. There are a lot of things that are being done to lower the costs to students. One of these things is the IBM Alliance. The reason for the alliance is to be the top university in Canada that provides students with information at anytime or anywhere. The 5-year partnership with the U of S and IBM is providing the university with larger discounts on the equipment to help buy more equipment and sharing technologies and expertise with the university. It is not a Coca Cola type of deal in that it is not exclusive. IBM has given millions of dollars to help expand the network. A kick off event is being held on St. Patrick's Day at the Learning Commons. He noted that feedback is welcomed.

Councilor Mason asked if webmail would be around for a while longer.

Jonathan Moore-Wright noted that it is a migration process. PAWS software was launched to test it and one thing that is not working properly is the email. The vendor will be coming out with a new version in the next couple of months.

Sharon Scott stated that PAWS is customizable. You can turn the email channel right off if it is something that you do not like and something else can replace it.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there would be student jobs available at Student Central.

Robin Mueller noted that some employees are students and some are not. She is unsure if Student Central will create jobs for students. There will be an advisory board of students developed who can make recommendations of the practice and how students are served regularly. She is hoping that there will be some student positions created.

Sharon Scott stated that the Student Central Officers were trained for 3 months. If hiring students the turnover would be very high.

Robin Mueller stated that some of the officers are closer to the student experience than others but all officers are equally trained and equally able to deal with any student challenge.

??? asked why there was a need to “refresh” every time an email was read.

Jonathan Moore-Wright noted that any comments similar to that one are good to hear and need to be filtered back through the comments channel.

Councilor Florizone ???

Jonathan Moore-Wright noted that all alumni who have webmail accounts have PAWS accounts now.

Sharon Scott stated that the focus of the launch right now is on current students.

Councilor McKeague asked if all colleges were online now.

Jonathan Moore-Wright stated that all students have been in from the beginning with there being some issues with passwords.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if there was anything in the plans for students to have the opportunity to lease a laptop/computer from the Campus Computer Store.

Mark Jagoe noted that it might be something to look into doing with used computers.

Councilor Stevenson asked what could be done as his network card was stolen.

Mark Jagoe noted that Councilor Stevenson could talk to him at the store. The reason that it was specified that only one network card could be issued was because of the low price that they were being offered at.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC196: Stevenson/Mason Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for March 4th, 2004, as amended.

MOTION USC197: Bird/Ross Carried.

Amend the minutes to read under regrets Jack Mason not Jason Mason.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes

Minutes for March 9th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Minutes for March 5th, 2004, were reviewed.

Councilor Florizone stated that motion OFB87, to purchase 2 plasma screens for no more than \$16,000 is ridiculous. He would like this expenditure to be justified.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the initial request was to get 3 plasma screens. The plan is to place one in Upper Place and one in Lower Place and have them display videos promoting events, Executive members, etc. Posters are no longer working.

Councilor Stevenson noted that he passed this motion expecting the camcorder would have been passed as well to help with promotions. He does feel it is a worthwhile investment because of the possibilities. The current system with the small tv's are insufficient.

Move that motion OFB88 be reconsidered by the Operations & Finance Board.

MOTION USC198: Mowat/Stevenson Defeated.

President Mowat stated that it is important if there are going to be tv screens to purchase a camcorder to provide vivid images rather than posters on a plasma screen.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that the mini dv camcorder requested was top of the line and perhaps a more feasible one can be purchased.

VP Tupper stated that he encouraged that this debate not happen as there are not copies available of the capital requests. He noted that there were numerous requests and the board did put a lot of effort in making well-informed decisions. This particular one was defeated. On April 1st all capital requests will be brought forth to Council and at that time will be available for consideration.

Councilor Stevenson spoke in agreement with VP Tupper. He noted that the camcorder that was presented was very expensive and top of the line. His intentions were if the plasma screens were passed then the camcorder would be as well. A camcorder is something that should be considered for a capital request.

President Mowat noted that the debate is not whether or not there should be a camcorder but whether or not the committee should reconsider the motion. A general amount can be allotted to the purchase of a camcorder without getting out the specific approval or ask the Communications department to bring back another model for subsequent approval. He is concerned that there will be plasma screens sitting for a year doing nothing.

Councilor MacDonald stated that a different camcorder would be reconsidered and to reconsider the motion would be useless. The plasma screens may be a problem and perhaps should not go through.

Councilor Bird spoke in agreement with VP Tupper in that it is something that can be discussed at a later date. He asked how effective the Operations & Finance Board is if everything is turned down at Council.

VP Tupper noted that he would like this motion defeated. The Operations & Finance Board took a lot of amount of time considering each request. There were opportunities

for clarification. He noted that this decision was probably the clearest decision made. It was a clear no from the board.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC199: Gran/Ross Carried.

Move to have motion OFB87 removed from the minutes.

MOTION USC200: Florizone/Phillips Defeated.

Councilor Florizone stated that the plasma screens are just an improvement in technology of what is already in use ineffectively in Place Riel. There is no difference in getting new plasma screens to the tvs that are already in place. The problem that needs to be addressed is the communication through tv media and then possibly justify the expenditure of cutting edge tvs.

VP Tupper asked if Councilor Florizone had read the capital request for the plasma screen tvs. On April 1st the opportunity will there for Council for with the proposal to be read and then have the opportunity to vote on it. The opportunity to vote on the proposal is not now.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC201: Tupper/Mason Carried.

President Mowat noted that on April 1st the operating and the capital would be a good time to decide what is approved and what is not. It will be late at that time to send back to the operations for reconsideration. Council has the authority for setting the budget.

Councilor Bird stated that there is a new age of technology and move with it or stay in the dark ages.

Move to approve the minute for March 5th, 2004, as circulated.

MOTION USC202: Mason/Villeneuve Carried.

6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 8th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 2nd and 4th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Villeneuve inquired about motion EB60. He asked what came of the investigation.

Councilor Mason noted that it was decided to withhold Gavin Gardiner's campaigning expenses that were to be reimbursed along with a letter of reprimand.

Councilor McKeague noted that there was a lot of discussion. With Mitch Spray's disqualification it was a direct report from the DRO where as with Gavin Gardiner's door knocking it was unsure what was said or what was going on.

Councilor Villeneuve asked how many voters saw Mitch Spray at the polling station compared to the voters that came in contact with Gavin Gardiner when knocking on doors.

Councilor Stevenson asked what the board did to further investigate the matters.

Councilor Bird asked what the guideline is for mass emails.

VP Tupper noted that this might be an idea to discuss for possible revisions to the Elections Board Policy. There were actual statements taken from the DRO's, General Manager Designate and ACRO in respect to Mitch Spray's disqualification however there was no opportunity for him to offer his side of the story.

Councilor Mason noted that the Elections Board can only act on reports that they have received for violations and complaints. A confirmed report is needed. People need to take the initiative to make a violation or complaint report to the board in order to be considered. The Elections Board Policy was passed just a couple months ago. It is up to the Elections Board in how a candidate is to be punished.

Councilor MacDonald asked if in the policy it says after a third warning the candidate is then disqualified.

Councilor Bird asked how far would the investigation go. Council has a right to know how far the investigation is going.

Councilor McKeague ??? She noted that is fairly clear in the rules what can and cannot be done but if the same thing was done to everyone that was running who broke the rules in different ways a lot of people would be disqualified. Most people get a verbal warning. There was a lot of discussion and thought was put into this.

Councilor Bird stated that there are candidates that did follow the guidelines.

Chris Moscatello asked to what degree intent was considered into a chance encounter with the polling station and with someone going knocking on doors.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC203: MacDonald/Gran

Carried.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1 Executive Committee Minutes

Minutes for March 8th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

9. Business

9.1 Where We Stand: USC's Recommendations on Alcohol Events and Awareness

Move to remove Where We Stand: USC's Recommendations on Alcohol Events and Awareness document from the table.

MOTION USC204: Florizone/Mason Carried.

Councilor Florizone stated that there has been a lot of discussion on the document and could really be developed next year. It should be passed in the current format. Drinking age is a big problem with colleges to deal with when planning functions for their students.

9.2 Proposed Amendments to Bylaw #1

Move to approve the proposed amendments to Bylaw #1.

MOTION USC205: Mowat/Tupper Carried.

President Mowat noted that there are two proposed amendments.

VP Tupper stated that the amendments are both good; however, would like to see a clear definition of the term "vacant". Does it mean if the President has resigned, become ill, died, or out to get a coffee. To him vacancy means of the office and the President is no longer acting as President.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the VP Operations & Finance might be overwhelmed with duties and then taking on the Presidents' role may be a detriment to the organization.

President Mowat stated that it notes in the bylaw that "the position of President become vacant" and not meaning if the President is at a conference. It would only take place if the President was to become impeached, resignation or death. The position itself has to come vacant through one of the listed ways.

VP Tupper noted that ideally VP Operations & Finance does not take on both rolls because the position is quite busy but would not be any busier than the other VP positions. He spoke in agreement with the motion because the duties of the VP Operations & Finance are similar in financial matters, ??? obligations as well as operational workings to the President. If the position is being filled temporarily those are the areas are in need of covering.

9.3 Where We Stand: Smoking

Move to remove Where We Stand: Smoking document from the table.

MOTION USC206: Gran/McKeague

VP Gran reviewed the document. The document makes a statement on smoking and it sends a great message to the U of S as well as the province of Saskatchewan and Canada.

Councilor Mason noted that the document is strongly worded and it takes a hard stance on smoking. He does not agree with the word “immoral” being used in the document. Smoking is a legal activity and the tenants should not be prohibited from selling tobacco products.

Councilor Keller stated that there has been two weeks to discuss with individual Councils.

Move to amend the document under “Tobacco Use - General” to remove “USC is not prepared to promote an activity that has no benefits but many adverse effects”; remove the word “logical” under “Tobacco Sales/Advertising – General” and replace with “reasonable”; and amend recommendation #1 to remove “owned or” (as per SIB02, SIB03, SIB04).

MOTION USC207: Gran/Villeneuve

Carried.

VP Gran recommended that the amendments be passed and then discuss the document afterwards.

Councilor Florizone noted that the document is now much weaker because it is still allowing the sale of tobacco products on campus. He is much happier with the document. One thing that to look at in the Constitution is mutual respect. He asked if this document is respecting people for the different choices that are being made. The selling of cigarettes affects no one but the person buying the cigarettes.

Councilor MacDonald stated that there is pointlessness in the document. It is an infringement on individual rights. People are still going to carry cigarettes.

President Mowat noted that he is unsure where he stands on the document. He asked if cigarettes should be sold in Louis’. If the answer is no then this is the document that should be in place as well as it takes away from tobacco proposals. People are still going to smoke. If people are going to smoke and if they have the right to smoke then money should be made on the sale of tobacco products. He noted that he would abstain from the motion.

Councilor McKeague noted that the reason for removing “owned or” out of the document was to make it more acceptable. The reason why the board opposes the sale of tobacco is because people buy cigarettes to smoke them. If people choose to smoke in USSU operated space it does affect other people as they in turn inhale the second hand smoke.

VP Tupper noted that the USSU does not “own” Place Riel. The USSU leases the space from the University and then sub-leases the space to the University. With the amendments made it brings more integrity to the document. If Louis’ were to lose the sale of tobacco it would cost \$1,200/year of lost revenue. This amount is not a significant amount that will not hurt the operation financially. He supports the document as amended.

Councilor Villeneuve spoke to “environmental responsibility” and how smoking affects the safety of the environment. The university is innovative and the document is an innovative approach at smoking. There needs to be sustainability within the organization.

Councilor Stevenson noted that he spoke with a Pharmacist that works at Shoppers. They promote health and also sell cigarettes and their stance is that they are not a moral sensor. It is not their responsibility to tell people they can or cannot purchase something. He asked if a Pharmacy was brought into the new Place Riel how many would be willing to come in without being able to sell tobacco. He believes that it is enough that no one will be able to smoke in public. It is contrary to what Council has been discussing to have a section on being against tobacco proposals.

VP Gran stated that USC is a political entity. Pharmacies would still be able to sell tobacco products in their operation unless it is a USSU run pharmacy that is not happening in the near future. He noted that smoking is legal but it does not make it moral.

Councilor Bird noted that he is against the selling of tobacco on campus. Tobacco should be outlawed across campus.

Move to split the document into three sections.

MOTION USC208: Florizone/Mowat Carried.

President Mowat congratulated Councilor Florizone on taking the initiative of splitting the document into three sections with all aspects being important.

Move to call the question to vote on Section 1.

MOTION USC209: Mowat/Keller Carried.

Item 9.3, Section 1 was approved with amendments.

VP Gran asked if Louis’ would become smoke free immediately.

VP Tupper noted that a policy would need to be drafted from Executive and USC based on the recommendation.

Move to call the question to vote on Section 2.

MOTION USC210: Gran/Keller Carried.

Item 9.3, Section 2 was defeated.

Move to amend Section 3 to add a second recommendation to read “The USSU shall divest itself of any investments it holds in any company that produces tobacco products for commercial sale.”

MOTION USC211: Mowat/Velestuk Defeated.

President Mowat states that the recommendation falls in line with the spirit and intent of the third section.

Councilor MacDonald asked if next year if there is a successful food drive not accept Kraft Canada's donation.

President Mowat noted that the comment made by Councilor MacDonald was not towards the amendment and it speaks to an investment in a company not in receiving goods from the company.

VP Tupper stated that some of the investments might hold shares in tobacco companies. The investments change hour by hour and there is no control over what the fund managers purchase for the fund. Currently there are no investments in funds that act in an unethical manner. The motion is not clear and the document would lose its integrity.

Councilor Mason noted that he likes the amendment as it goes with the ideology of the document and it would be very difficult to fulfill the recommendation. He does not agree with Section 3 of the document.

Councilor MacDonald noted that with receiving product that was paid for by the company in question it is the same as having an investment in them.

Councilor Bird asked if the amendment made would be directed to all of campus.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC212: Mowat/Ross

Defeated.

Councilor Bird noted that the document should be revised.

Item 9.3, Section 3 was defeated.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 15 minutes.

MOTION USC213: Mowat/McKeague

Carried.

Councilor Stevenson noted that for the future Elections Board to consider not just the number of occurrences but the severity or intent of the candidate. This is not clearly defined in the current policy.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked about having the petition in the tunnel.

Councilor McKeague noted that the Elections Board does look at the severity and the intent as well as the number of occurrences. If Council could come up with a guideline it would be helpful.

Councilor Mason noted that intent is taken into consideration when sitting on the Elections Board when reviewing violations. He stated that he likes the Elections policy right now as it allows the board the freedom to put in place the punishments they see fit.

Councilor Bird stated that it is “wishy-washy” to not allow candidates to be around polling stations but allow candidates to knock on doors during voting days.

President Mowat noted that he does intend on sitting in the tunnel to have people sign the National Student Petition as it is an effective way of getting signatures. He appreciates everyone’s hard work in helping to get the signatures. He stated that he agrees with the Elections Board and is in support of them completely. He would like to see the punishments recorded with a breakdown of the incidents and then be available to candidates. The Executive will look at a time frame for establishing Louis’ as a non-smoking venue.

Councilor McKeague noted the concern with Mitch Spray being at the polling station. He was told by the DRO that he was not supposed to be there and his reply was “yeah, yeah I know” and stood there for another couple minutes.

Councilor Stevenson noted that he would have rather campaigned on election day to get the votes necessary to win Presidency and be fined \$170 rather than losing the election and saying that he ran a clean campaign. This type of incident should not be attached in the minutes to encourage next year. He does not believe that anyone from the residency association was contacted regarding the matter. He would have gone out for the board to get the names of people that had talked to.

Willem de Jong noted that the Elections Board made a decision with what they had and not much more can be done.

Councilor Tanner noted that he didn’t see Gavin Gardiner knocking on doors in Residence.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC214: Keller/Mason Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC215: McKeague/Gran Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 18th, 2004

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University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, March 18th, 2004

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Britt Lypka, Education
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Reché McKeague, Law
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy

Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Gavin Gardiner, Arts & Science
Wendy Sharpe, Arts & Science

Regrets

Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)

Absent

Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC216: Phillips/Bird

Carried.

Move to amend the agenda to add item 10.1, Elections and Referendum Policy Amendments.

MOTION USC217: Stevenson/Hauser

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Ross announced that the Nursing Mardi Gras would be held on March 26th at the Pat.

Councilor McFetridge announced that the St. Patty's Day Cabaret would be held on March 19th.

Councilor Soon introduced Jen Wong, 2004/2005 MSC.

Councilor Berry reminded Council that March is Nutrition month. The campaigning is continuing through to the end of the month and is organized by Dieticians of Canada. This year's campaign focuses on healthy eating and active living in school age children and youth.

Councilor Mason introduced William de Jong, one of Engineering MSC's for 2004/2005.

President Mowat welcomed the Executive-elect and thanked Councilors for returning their completed National Student Petitions.

VP Tupper announced that the USSU Film Festival is taking place at Louis' tonight. He sent around posters announcing that March 23rd-25th is Political Awareness Week. This event is sponsored by the USSU. He noted that he had 4 free tickets to Homestarrunner but in order to win the tickets a question had to be answered correctly.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for March 11th, 2004, as circulated.

MOTION USC218: McKeauge/Phillips

Carried.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 16th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Stevenson asked why lunch was changed from Vietnamese to sandwiches for the upcoming budget meeting.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 9th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

10. New Business

10.1 Amendments to Elections Policy

Councilor Stevenson noted that he thought of some amendments to be made to the Elections Policy. He stated that the organization is in an outdated position regarding campaigning on campus.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC219: Berry/Stevenson

Carried.

Councilor Berry answered the trivia question correctly to receive the 4 free tickets.

Councilor Burnett apologized for being late. She announced that Cummoniwannalaya is March 20th.

Councilor Mason asked for an update on the new General Manager.

President Mowat stated that the USSU's new General Manager is Sandra Duncan. She started on March 15th and has been attending budget meetings along with meeting with staff. He would like Sandra to attend a Council meeting to introduce herself. Everything is going really well.

Councilor Mason asked when Accountability Reports would be presented to Council.

President Mowat noted that the Accountability Reports are late for Term 1. They are at the printers and will be available for next Council meeting.

Councilor Keller wished Councilor Phillips a Happy Birthday.

Councilor Crickett asked what day the petition would be presented.

President Mowat stated that the petition would be presented on March 24th, which is the day after the budget.

Councilor Florizone noted that the Liberal color on the poster is the largest and asked if it had to do with the Executive's political affiliations.

Councilor MacDonald asked why Club Red & Black is not on the posters.

VP Tupper noted that the 4 parties got together by themselves and the Club Red & Black was possibly not contacted. He is not aware of a Club Red & Black political party.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC220: Keller/Ross Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC221: Ross/Bird Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, March 25th, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
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- 13. Adjournment**

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Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

Absent

Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Britt Lypka, Education
Jack Mason, Engineering
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Nancy Ross, 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 adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION USC222: McKeague/Alston-O'Connor

Carried.

Move to add to the agenda item 10.3, Where We Stand - Student Computing Document.

MOTION USC223: Gran/Burnett

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

VP Gran welcomed the Executive-elect. He announced that April 1st is the first initiative by the USSU with respect to the sexual assaults on campus. The USSU is trying to get campus clubs, college societies and the university community to take back the campus. Members from the U of S Karate Club will be in Upper Place Riel at 9:45a.m. demonstrating self-defense techniques. There will be a rally in the bowl at 11:45a.m.

Councilor Burnett introduced Lisa Chadwick, 2004/2005 Agriculture MSC. Agriculture Students' Association raised \$15,492.26 for the Telemiracle Bed Push. The money raised was without corporate sponsorship. The final social event for the year is the Travelling Blue Room on April 2nd.

Councilor Florizone introduced Willem de Jong, one of Engineering's MSC's for 2004/2005. The High Voltage Classic is being held this weekend.

Councilor Bird thanked Veterinary Medicine for holding the Beer Olympics.

Councilor McFetridge introduced Melanie Funk, 2004/2005 Physical Therapy MSC.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for March 18th, 2004, as circulated.

MOTION USC224: Bird/McKeague

Carried.

6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 24th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor Stevenson asked why Councilor Hauser opposed to the Where We Stand – Student Computing document.

VP Gran noted that the board is unsure as to why she opposed but she mentioned her disagreement with item 4 under On-Campus Access relating to the College of Commerce. She was worried that “non-peak hours” may cut in to the time for commerce labs.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 20th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

Councilor MacDonald noted that the budget could be debated next week. He recommended Council to take a close look into the amount of money given to Executive and staff for conferences and travel. The amounts are excessive and changes should be considered.

??? asked if there were motions missing as it jumps from OFB101 to OFB104.

Councilor MacDonald noted that there was a typing error.

**The missed pages would available at next Council.

Councilor Bird noted that VP Tupper should be reprimanded for the missing minutes.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor stated that he should not be reprimanded and it is not a big deal.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the missing information is in the budget document.

Councilor Bird ???

Councilor MacDonald stated that Council should not be gentle on the Operations & Finance Board and should be prepared to criticize the budget.

Councilor Florizone asked if there was a Capital Request document that should be available for discussion for next week.

Councilor MacDonald stated that he is pretty sure that something was handed out.

Councilor Bird noted that the Capital Requests were handed out a couple weeks ago with time to review them.

6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report

Minutes for March 16th, 2004, were reviewed and approved as circulated.

9. Business

9.1 Amendments to Elections Policy

Move to approve the amendments proposed to the Elections and Referenda Policy as amended.

MOTION USC225: Stevenson/Florizone

Carried.

Opposition noted by VP Gran.

Opposition noted by Councilor McKeague.

Councilor Stevenson stated that campaigning should be allowed and encouraged on election days. This will allow the elections to be placed back into the candidate's hands. The proposed changes will hopefully help the campaigns next year.

Councilor Florizone spoke in favor of the changes. He noted that with the proposed amendments it still protects the polling stations as a space where candidates cannot be around.

Councilor MacDonald asked for a straw poll.

VP Gran spoke against the motion. The integrity of the election must be maintained. Candidates have a week to campaign and it is adequate time. The Election Act of Saskatchewan does not allow campaigning on voting days with respect to banners, emblems, etc. Why does USC have to be different from Saskatchewan? Campaigning on the day of voting influences the voting in a negative way and would be extremely hard to monitor the candidates. Currently you are able to vote from any computer on campus and this amendment would also mean that no campaigning could take place within 50 feet of any computer on campus. The Chief Return Officer is strongly against the amendment. It would be unfortunate to take that route to try to improve voter turnout.

Councilor McKeague spoke against the motion. It is difficult enough to enforce the Elections policy and campaign policies. This would cause a logistical nightmare. Campaigning during voting days might decrease the integrity of the elections process.

Councilor Stevenson spoke in disagreement with what the Elections Board has said about the amendment. The amendment would make it easier to monitor the elections. The amendment states that no campaigning could take place within the official polling station's range. It never said anything to do with computers. It is a solid document and the changes are going to be very positive. Currently the Elections Board has no way of monitoring third party provisions in the election.

Councilor Florizone stated that all the mentioned problems that were mentioned by VP Gran are problems that occur right now. The amendment is a solution to the problem and allows candidates to campaign on voting days. All candidates have the same advantage and there is no questioning whether or not someone is not abiding the policy. What is the difference between "go vote" and "go vote for me"?

Kim Stranden noted that the provincial bylaw campaigning still exists during voting with posters and billboards still up. Without a constant reminder to the voters they will not vote.

Councilor McKeague noted that the Elections Board employed people to monitor the computer labs during the elections time. Her concern is that the amendment is not specific that campaigning material cannot be within 30 feet of the polling stations.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor spoke in support of the amendment. It would take away some of the problems. By accepting the amendments would eliminate questionable acts. She agrees with the Councilor McKeague's recommendation of the campaigning material not being allowed within 30 feet of the polling stations.

Councilor Bird noted that the Elections Board did a great job and it is time to move on.

Councilor Crickett spoke in support of the amendment. Voter turnout of 12.9% compromises the integrity of the vote and these changes will increase the voter turnout.

Councilor MacDonald stated that it was great to have the DRO's monitoring the computer labs. There are many computer labs around campus that cannot be controlled all the time.

Move to suspend the rules of debate in regards to the number of times to speak.

MOTION USC226: Alston-O'Connor/Tanner

Carried.

Councilor Bird noted that the plasma screens proposed in the capital requests would help with voter turnout.

VP Gran noted that the Provincial Elections Act does not allow posting or the display of campaign literature in or on a hall window or door of a polling place or of the building in which the polling place is situated and this would then eliminate all of campus. He stated that it opens the door for problems similar to the civic election and this would hurt the integrity of the election.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the USSU Elections run with much more integrity than the provincial elections.

Gavin Gardiner noted that the Elections Board is an autonomous body that should be reviewing the Elections Policy. His concern is that there is vested interest in this issue. It should come from the Elections Board to give it more legitimacy.

Councilor McKeague thanked Gavin Gardiner for his comment. The Elections Board does review the policy each year with amendments made as seen fit.

Councilor Bird asked how much more this would undermine the Elections Board. More time is required.

Councilor Stevenson noted that USC could make changes to the Elections Policy. He noted that he would not be running in next year's election; therefore, this is not an amendment in his personal interest.

Councilor McKeague noted that this would be more of a pain for the Elections Board. Before posters can be taken down it will have to be figured out if there is a polling station near by. It will be more complicated.

Councilor Bird ???

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC228: Gran/Keller

Carried.

Move to amend the amendment under General Elections, Section 12 so that it would not be stricken from the policy but to read "...within 30 feet of a polling station or in any computer lab on campus on voting day(s)..." Under Referenda, Section 13 so that it would not be stricken from the policy but to read "...within 30 feet of a polling station or in any computer lab on campus on voting day(s)..."

MOTION USC227: McKeague/Stevenson

Carried.

Councilor McKeague noted that with the amendments made to the amendment it makes the policy clear.

Councilor Stevenson stated that the DRO should use judgment what is within 30 feet.

10. New Business

10.1 Amendment to Bylaw No. 1 – Article 10.03

Councilor MacDonald noted that currently the Executive members are allowed to only take a maximum of 12 credits. He stated that if he could only take 12 credits he would then have to take a lab which would have him out of the office approximately 20 hours per week but if he was to take 18 credits per year he then would only be out of the office for a maximum of 9 hours per week.

10.2 2004/2005 Budget

VP Gran noted that debate on the budget would take place at next Council meeting.

10.3 Where We Stand – Student Computing

VP Gran noted that the document would be discussed at next Council meeting.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

MOTION USC228: McKeague/Stevenson Carried.

Councilor McKeague noted that the MSC forms are available at the USSU office to have 2004/2005 MSC's ratified.

Councilor Hauser ???

Councilor Stevenson noted that the College of Commerce runs their own server.

Councilor Villeneuve announced that he had been nominated and awarded the Vera Pezer Award for Student Enhancement (Member of Student Council). He thanked whoever nominated him and he is honored.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC229: Gran/Keller Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC230: Burnett/Villeneuve Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, April 1st, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – March 25th, 2004**
 - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**
 - 7.2 2004/2004 Fiscal Plan Presentation**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
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 - 9.4 Where We Stand – Student Computing**
- 10. New Business**
 - 10.1 Motion to set Health & Dental fees for 2004/05**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, April 1st, 2004

Present

Robin Mowat, President
Chris Gran, VP (Academic Affairs)
Chris Tupper, VP (Operations & Finance)
Wadena Burnett, Agriculture
Maggie Phillips, Arts & Science
Marlaina Hauser, Commerce
Brett Stevenson, Commerce
Britt Lypka, Education
Greg Florizone, Engineering
Jack Mason, Engineering
Dwight Bird, ISC
Jason Villeneuve, Kinesiology
Reché McKeague, Law
Nancy Ross, Nursing
Cynthia Berry, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jessa Alston-O'Connor, St. Thomas More
Jeff MacDonald, St. Thomas More
Carolyn Crickett, Veterinary Medicine
Robert Tanner, VPRA

Gavin Gardiner, Arts & Science
Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science
Matthew Leisle, Arts & Science
Wendy Sharpe, Arts & Science
Kim Stranden, Arts & Science
Willem de Jong, Engineering
Matthew Galbraith, Engineering
Sandra Duncan, USSU
Crystel Knihniski, USSU
Amanda Mitchell, USSU

Regrets

Lauren McFetridge, Physical Therapy

Absent

Avril Keller, Arts & Science
Jarred Soon, Dentistry
Nathaniel Danielson, Education
Jordan Velestuk, Medicine

Also Present

Trent Evanisky, Chair
Lisa Chadwick, 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 amended.

MOTION USC231: Bird/Gran

Carried.

Move to add item 6.8, CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report.

MOTION USC232: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

Move to remove item 9.3, Amendment to Bylaw No. 1 – Article 10.03.

MOTION USC233: MacDonald/Burnett

Carried.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Ross introduced Jamie Robyn, Nursing MSC 2004/2005.

VP Tupper welcomed Sandra Duncan, USSU General Manager, and Crystal Knihniski and Amanda Mitchell, USSU Accountants.

Councilor Mason introduced Willem de Jong and Matt Galbraith, Engineering MSC's 2004/2005. He invited all to the Engineering Last Day of Classes Pub on April 6th.

Councilor Berry announced that the Pharmacy & Nutrition Environmentally Friendly Pub Crawl is on April 2nd. She announced that she had 2 free tickets to give away at the Council meeting.

Councilor Phillips introduced Matt Leisle and Michael Kowalsky, Arts & Science MSC's 2004/2005.

Councilor Burnett introduced Lisa Chadwick, Agriculture MSC 2004/2005. The Travelling Blue Room is on April 2nd. The Last Day of Classes Pub is the Hard Times Pub.

Councilor McKeague challenged the other boards to see who could be ??? as the Elections Board.

Councilor Hauser apologized for coming late. She announced that she would be returning as MSC along with Dustin ???. She announced that Commerce is holding a Chug Pub on April 6th.

President Mowat welcomed the Executive-elect and Soleman Hashmi, student from Law.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for March 25th, 2004, as amended.

MOTION USC234: Phillips/Gran

Carried.

Councilor Ross noted that she sent her regrets and was not absent.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that he was present and not absent.

Councilor Mason noted that he sent his regrets and was not absent.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

VP Tupper noted that there was a meeting held but the minutes are not prepared as of yet. The minutes will be available at the next Council meeting

6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report

President Mowat presented and reviewed the final AdHoc report.

Move to adopt the final report of the AdHoc CASA Assessment Committee.

MOTION USC235: Mowat/Florizone

Carried.

Councilor Mason spoke regarding recommendation #7. He likes the idea of cost sharing system but questioned if it would penalize schools closer the conference.

President Mowat stated that in the discussion he tossed around the idea to member schools that they submit their travel costs in advance and then the total cost of the conference, including travel costs, would be split equally amongst all members. This idea has not been finalized.

President Mowat thanked Councilor Stevenson, Councilor Florizone, Councilor Berry and Zia Poonja, who dedicated their time to participating in the CASA Committee.

VP Gran asked if the report was adopted would it then mean that the USSU would remain a member of CASA. There are many other areas in the budget that could use the money that is being spent on CASA.

President Mowat noted that the CASA Constitution states that if a school was to leave CASA it must be done before March 15th and this date has passed with no motion coming forth to USC to revoke the membership. Any changes to the CASA fee structure must be approved at CASA. A fee change was approved at the last conference and this increase will be seen in the budget as well as be ratified by the USSU.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.2 2004/2005 Fiscal Plan Presentation

VP Tupper apologized for the Capital Proposals and Strategic Plans not being available at last Council meeting.

******For 2004/2005 Fiscal Plan Presentation please refer to the attached document.***

Move to extend speaking rights to Sandra Duncan, Crystel Knihniski and Amanda Mitchell.

MOTION USC236: Tupper/Ross

Carried.

Councilor Florizone spoke to the line item for the maintenance of planters in Browsers and Place Riel.

VP Tupper noted that the line item pertains to the planters in Lower Place Riel located next to the kiosk and hanging plants near the escalators. Currently the services are

provided by Facilities Management (Plant Services). Some of the plans that he has seen for the expansion have called to remove the plant areas.

Councilor Florizone asked if it would be possible to remove the planter location and save \$4000/year. He asked if the USSU is obligated to maintain that space.

VP Tupper noted that the USSU is not obligated to maintain the space. If Council wishes it could be discussed with Facilities Management and Freda Salikin (USSU Facilities & Operations Manager) regarding the possibility of a more modest program in that location.

Councilor Florizone asked what the reasoning is for the increase to the Communications budget for promotions from \$1300 to \$5000.

VP Tupper noted that the reasoning for this increase is to purchase more merchandise to get the USSU's name out to students.

Councilor Stevenson noted that with the increase to the promotional line to Communications there should be more product received. The amount is significant.

VP Tupper noted that there is a cost management program in place at the USSU. The product will be purchased at the cheapest possible price.

Councilor Florizone spoke to the Executive/Staff Retreat expense and that the budget amount, \$7500, is extravagant.

VP Tupper noted that the retreat takes place when the incoming Executive come into office. This allows time for the new Executive to go over policies, protocols and get to know one another. The outgoing Executive participates with the transition. The staff join in for two days to brainstorm ideas for implementation of strategic plans. The cost is high because of the number of participants, meals, accommodations, transportation, etc.

Councilor Mason spoke to Executive Development for the conference in Winnipeg. He noted that the transportation noted is flying and asked why the Executive could not drive the USSU van to Winnipeg.

VP Tupper noted that during the first month of being in office the Executive are very busy. It is more productive to fly. Along with the Executive members going to the conference the General Manager and 2 Senior staff attend as well.

Councilor Florizone noted that the value of the retreat is significant but he is concerned with the cost and if any cost savings measures have been looked into.

VP Tupper noted that this year's budget is based on last year actuals. The Retreat is in the planning stage. There currently has been cost savings measures looked into.

Councilor Florizone noted that all departments/centres have an increase in their budget.

VP Tupper noted that to be more accurate this year the centres are being charged for depreciation costs.

Councilor Berry asked for more information on the Communications department's request for the plasma screen TVs. The strategy seems confusing.

VP Tupper noted that the Communications Coordinator thought that plasma screen TVs would compliment the current communication tools that are used now. There is a staff member that changes the buzz boards weekly. There will be a new program created called Street Team that will go through campus to let people know what is happening at the USSU. Through the surveys conducted one of the top communication tools that used is word of mouth. The display screens are not to replace something but to assist in the new direction of Communications.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked why the TVs could not be regular TVs.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that if the TVs are big and bright it will catch peoples attention rather than a small screen.

VP Tupper noted that some considerations are the size of screens compared to the TV screens and the depth is much easier when considering placement of the screens.

9. Business

9.1 2004/2005 Operations Budget and Strategic Plans

Move to adopt and implement for the 2004 fiscal year, the operational budget and strategic plans.

MOTION USC237: Tupper/Bird Carried.

Councilor Florizone suggested to have the line item sent back to Freda Salikin to review the plant maintenance costs.

VP Tupper noted that when there are suggestions or recommendations made at USC they are taken back to the USSU staff and it is then looked into. He suggested to leave it as is and pass the recommendation on to Freda Salikin to seek other options for plant maintenance and, if possible, to be reduced.

Councilor Stevenson spoke to "Executive – Staff Welfare" (170-5580-00). He asked what presents and what parties are being referred to in that line.

VP Tupper noted that the gifts are for thanking the Executive for their hard work over the past year.

Move to amend “Lobbying – Elections” (240-5210-00) from \$10,000 to \$2,000. Moving the expenditure from November to June. Amend “Lobbying – Memberships” (240-5410-00) from \$31,000 to \$39,000.

MOTION USC238: Mowat/Florizone

Carried.

President Mowat apologized for the lateness of the amendment. It does not change the bottom line of the fiscal plan. The numbers were not available until March 27th when CASA voted on the fee for the upcoming year. It is expected that in the upcoming year there will not be the elections that were dealt with in the last year. There is a federal election that could be called at the end of this fiscal year or early next fiscal year. It has been an assumption that there is not much room for the USSU to make an impact during the federal election. A \$2000 allocation to “Lobbying – Elections” is more than sufficient. The increase of the CASA fee will be allocated to fund the ambitious strategic plan.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that there could be a provincial election within 6 months. He is concerned with cutting that line dramatically in case something comes up. The money should stay, then if there is an election the USSU is prepared but if not then the money does not get spent. He would like the amount left at \$10,000 and see the CASA fees still increased.

President Mowat stated that he recognizes Councilor Villeneuve’s concerns. The reason for the increased cost for this past provincial election was because of a transfer over of funding from the previous year. The USSU will be seeing a rebate from the last election of \$4500 and then would be transferred again to next year. The total amount for this coming year would then be \$6500.

Councilor MacDonald asked if CASA has a tiered fee.

Councilor Stevenson noted that CASA does not function on a tier system. The CASA fee is paid based on the student membership. If the number of students were to decrease at the U of S the fee would also decrease. The amount is capped. He would like to see in upcoming budgets that the USSU shows the accounts of the money being transferred over from the previous year.

Councilor Mason asked if there is a typo in Lobbying – Elections.

President Mowat noted that it is a typo. November says \$20,000 but the amount should be \$10,000.

9.2 2004/2005 Capital Purchase Proposals

Move to review the 2004/2005 Capital Purchase Proposals.

MOTION USC239: Tupper/Bird

Carried.

Move to individually review the Capital Purchase Proposals by department.

MOTION USC240: Tupper/Bird

Carried.

President Mowat noted that the capital requests have been reviewed at the Operations & Finance Board level and in saving time to review as one package.

Move to approve Louis' capital proposal for a patio deck bar in the amount of \$19,610.

MOTION USC241: Tupper/Villeneuve

Carried.

Councilor Florizone noted that MUB and Louis' projects have gone over budget every time. He asked if this amount is a realistic estimate or will it come over budget as in the past.

VP Tupper noted that Councilor Florizone's concern was fair. He stated that it is a solid proposal and it is very likely that it could go over or go under. Consultants have been hired to discover any unknowns. He is confident with the amount budgeted.

Councilor Berry asked if it is going to be an issue running beer lines from the bar to the deck and asked if it is being considered.

VP Tupper noted that the kegs are in the mini-MUB and the beer will be closer to the deck bar. Louis' Site Manager has been consulted with the plans.

Councilor Mason asked if there has been contact with Rely-ex as the estimate is passed its 30-day guarantee and to ensure that the numbers are still accurate.

VP Tupper noted that as far as he is aware there has been no contact with Rely-ex but it doesn't mean that there has not been contact.

Councilor Bird noted that there would be less chance of injury to the staff, as currently, they have to go up and down the stairs.

Move to adopt and approve Browsers capital proposal for a coffee brewer, 2 airports and an airport rack in the amount of \$976 (plus PST).

MOTION USC242: Tupper/Phillips

Carried.

Move to approve LGBTA capital proposal for a TV, VCR, DVD player and a cabinet in the amount of \$1437.88.

MOTION USC243: Tupper/Phillips

Carried.

VP Tupper noted that the Operations & Finance Board did make an amendment to the proposal. There were 2 original requests for the same type of equipment from the LGBTA Centre and the Women's Centre. The Board only decided to approve one and in this case it was the LGBTA Centre; however, the equipment will be used for both

centres. A cabinet will not be built but there will be a sturdy, steel cart used to secure the equipment to for easy transport between the centres.

Councilor Stevenson noted that it was also a recommendation to not purchase a combination VCR/DVD player. There may be times with the combination systems breaking down more quickly than individual systems. The two systems could also be purchased individually at a cheaper cost.

VP Tupper noted that he did not recall that motion in the minutes but the recommendation will go forward to the Resource Services Manager when the equipment is purchased.

Move to approve Print Shop/Photocopy capital proposal for a neon sign in the amount of \$1590.00.

MOTION USC244: Tupper/Bird Carried.

VP Tupper noted that this capital request was approved in 2001/2002 but the signage was never purchased.

Move to approve Print Shop/Photocopy capital proposal for a heat sealer, 12" pouch laminator and installation of a sink.

MOTION USC245: Tupper/Phillips Carried.

Move to approve Communications capital proposal for 2 plasma display screens with built-in TV tuner.

MOTION USC246: Tupper/Villeneuve Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that the original request was for 3 screens. It is something that students will appreciate and is a good technological step forward.

Councilor Florizone noted that plasma screens are still relatively new in technology with a high depreciation. If the process was put off for one year there would be a reduction in the cost of the screens. He does not see the difference between the current TVs and posters to the plasma screens. The plasma screens will be ignored just as the TVs and posters are. The same type of media will be put through unless there is a change of communication that does not appear to be happening. The expenditure for screens and the peripheral accessories is \$13,473.42 but in the summary page it is shown as a \$9000 expense.

Councilor Mason spoke in agreement with Councilor Florizone. He would like to see the purchase put off for a year since it is still a new and expensive technology. Currently the communication is relatively static.

VP Tupper noted that the capital proposal needs adjustments. The mounting brackets, wireless networking hubs, security cases and extended warranty are not consumable costs and should be included in the purchase price. The capital purchase cost will be

\$13,242.26. He noted that that is the reason for the price discrepancy pointed out by Councilor Florizone.

Crystel Knihniski noted that the items under consumable costs (excluding GST) should have been included in the capital purchase price as they are not consumable costs.

Councilor Bird noted that the plasma screens will make an impact and it is time to move ahead.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the plasma screens would attract attention. The plan in place is not utilizing the screens properly. It is not a good idea to be using the plasma screens for displaying the posters. There is no a reason to be purchasing the screens right now. He noted that there should be advertising from outside sources and then would be able to pay back some of the capital expense.

Councilor Mason noted that the spending decision would be more wisely made in the future with the improvement of technology.

Councilor Florizone spoke in agreement that the plan is not there for the use of the plasma screens. A \$10,000 purchase should not be approved without having a concrete plan in place.

President Mowat spoke in favor of the motion. The technology is vivid and will be valuable for the communication efforts. There is currently nothing in the procedures called for a detailed plan to be put forward. It is unfair to ask for a detailed plan for what will be put on the plasma screen. Technology is constantly improving. The technology is very useful.

Councilor MacDonald stated that the depreciation with the plasma screens is very dramatic compared to computers. If there is any doubt in the purchase of the screens it should be rejected and reviewed next year.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that plasma screens have been on the market for about 2 years. He asked if there has been any research done to calculate how plasma screen TV prices decrease in price over the last couple years. There are more advertising options other than digital images such as computers. A digital camera can be purchased under \$1000 and without a capital request at a later date.

President Mowat spoke in agreement with Councilor Villeneuve to the camera be purchased. It would be great to see videos for bands that are coming to Louis' and advertise USSU events.

Councilor Stevenson stated that there are many options for advertising and a camera is not necessary.

Councilor Berry noted that a digital camera is quite critical to the success of the plasma display.

VP Tupper noted that the Communications Department has the technology to do flash media.

Move to approve Facilities capital proposal for replacement of the vanity in the Women's washroom in Lower Place Riel.

MOTION USC247: Tupper/Ross Carried.

Councilor Berry noted that there is a sink currently removed for repair. The vanity is quite black with mold. She asked that this motion be passed.

Councilor McKeague asked for the motion to be passed.

Councilor Stevenson asked what a vanity is.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that the counter structure that holds the sinks is the vanity.

Councilor Mason noted that he would like to see a bigger mirror in the men's washroom.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC248: Tupper/Gran Carried.

Move to approve Administration capital proposal for computer upgrades in the amount of \$26,879.40.

MOTION USC249: Tupper/Gran Carried.

9.3 Where We Stand – Student Computing

Move to approve the Where We Stand document on Student Computing as amended.

MOTION USC250: Gran/Phillips Carried.

VP Gran noted that he encouraged Council to not split the document into many sections.

Councilor Burnett noted that she took the document back to the Agriculture students. After reviewing the document they see some problems. She asked why would the Agriculture students use a computer if the software required is not on the computer. There are certain programs that are limited to the Agriculture computers. If this is passed what will the university do to ensure that those programs and that software will be available to the computers in the tunnel and Arts labs. She also asked why Agriculture students would go over to Engineering computers when the proper software is not on the computers. The university needs to ensure that the software is going to be university wide, which is ineffective cost wise. She does not agree with the document.

Councilor Florizone noted that there are a few items that he does not agree with. He has a problem with Computer Access, and that no student must wait to utilize a computer on campus. This is not a feasible goal for the USSU to have. A reasonable goal would be to not wait any longer than 15 minutes. The other point is regarding peak hours. It is hard to define peak hours in the college of Engineering and hard to predict peak hours at any time. Another issue is with “the essential software utilized for any class be affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan to maintain the industry standard”. The College of Engineering uses very expensive software so they purchase non-proprietary software that has reduced features and does not meet industry standard but is at an affordable price. In Section 2, “the University of Saskatchewan offer free of charge to students who wish to learn how to utilize various programs and accessories offered by the University of Saskatchewan”. He does not agree with “free of charge”. There are courses that are paid for through the Engineering tuition to learn how to use the software on their computers. To support free use of all software and accessories is an unreasonable request to the university.

Councilor Hauser noted that she sits on the Academic Affairs Board and they passed this document. She voted against the document because of Section 4 “Access”.

Councilor Berry noted that she spoke with Pharmacy & Nutrition Associate Dean of Undergraduate Affairs regarding the issue. Pharmacy & Nutrition maintains a college specific lab, which is 100% funded by the college and 100% maintained by the college. It would become an issue if it were opened up to the remainder of the university in terms of licensing agreements. The software is expensive and they don’t want to risk losing it. Security issues are a concern and questioned what constitutes non-peak hours in their college. She does not agree with Section 4.

Councilor Stevenson noted that he reviewed the document. It would be very expensive to have a zero wait time for computers on campus. There would have to be a computer for every 7 students to have a zero waiting time, which would be a ridiculous amount of money. He noted that Section 4, Non-peak hours is a logistical nightmare as many colleges own their computers and networks and do not want to open them up to outside users. Commerce does not want to be part of the university wide network because of the logistical and tech support nightmare it would become. In Section 1, General Services, lobbying for the student information project is not something that needs to be in the document because it is the mandate of the VP (Academic Affairs) already.

Councilor Alston-O’Connor ???

Councilor MacDonald spoke to On-Campus Access, Section 1. It would be really expensive to provide a sufficient amount of both Macintosh and IBM computers. His college would be very against this motion as it would be expensive, there is a lack of space and is not necessary.

Councilor Alston-O’Connor noted that the Academic Affairs Board does their best and then bring forth a document to be discussed.

Councilor Phillips noted that the document should be put back to “tabled indefinitely”.

Councilor Florizone noted that the document has not been changed that much. With the document amended he is very much in favor of it. It is worth while for amendments to be made.

VP Gran noted that the Academic Affairs Board spent a lot of time on the document and not one Councilor member came to the Board and proposed anything for the document. With the amendments made it has substantially changed the document. He will not vote in favor of the document with the changes made.

Councilor Mason spoke to Services, Section 1, and he does not agree with the word “lobby”.

Councilor Bird asked to have all the amendments read before making a decision on accepting the document.

Move to amend the document to remove Section 4 under On-Campus Access.

MOTION USC251: Florizone/Mason

Carried.

Councilor Mason noted that the idea behind this section is okay. Logistically it is a nightmare and may have severe results on other colleges especially Commerce that would have their computer labs over taken by Arts students.

President Mowat asked what about having the Arts computer labs flooded by everyone else. He asked if in favor of building the college empires then why not be in favor of differential tuition. He does not think that students are going to run all the way across campus to find a free computer. It does not make sense why any student should not have access to all the computers as they pay tuition to the University of Saskatchewan and each college is a part of the university. In the future Commerce will not be running its own computer system and will be integrated as every other college into a university wide system. He understands the software requirements.

Councilor Mason noted that if any student from any college was allowed access to any computer on campus there would not be a large shift in computer use.

Councilor Stevenson noted that if President Mowat wanted to chip into the Commerce computing fund that alumni and students put into themselves. Commerce does pay a premium on their tuition to that of an Arts student and that is because of the computing system. The reason there is a commerce computing system is because commerce wants to maintain it themselves. It is too hard to label when a non-peak period is.

Councilor Florizone noted that the non-peak hours is a logistical impossibility and should be removed from the document.

Councilor McKeague noted that she is presenting the views of her college. Law only has 10 computers in the lab and they feel that they should be allowed to use Commerce computers because the Commerce students are always in Law library.

President Mowat noted that he would vote against the deletion but would to see Section 4 amended to read “all students be able access to all computers on campus all the time”.

Councilor Ross stated that the reason it was worded this way was to alleviate some of the concerns that were addressed by Councilors by using college specific programs. The majority of students are on campus during the day between 8a.m.-4p.m. This would allow the students on campus during those hours maximum access to computers within their building. In Health Science all the computers are Macintosh computers and is upset that she cannot go to Engineering to use a lab computer but Engineering can go to Health Science and utilize the computers.

VP Tupper noted that there are a lot of students involved with cross-college programs. There are many students that take classes in different colleges.

Move to amend the document to add to On-Campus Access, Section 4 to read “All students be able to access college specific computer laboratories”.

MOTION USC252: Mowat/Tupper

Defeated.

President Mowat stated that if a student were to take classes through many colleges they would then have to contribute to all the colleges and have many separate computer accounts. This is not the answer and there are no computer account fees for the average student because it has all been rolled into tuition. All students on the university are contributing.

Councilor Burnett noted that she took an Engineering class last term and had access to the Engineering computers without purchasing an Engineering account. She noted that she had no problem accessing the Arts computers as well.

Councilor Florizone noted that once a student is enrolled in an Engineering class they have access to the Engineering computer labs. One thing that could be lobbied for is people enrolled in specific classes to have access to those specific labs.

Move to amend the document to remove On-Campus Access, Section 1.

MOTION USC253: MacDonald/Alston-O'Connor

Defeated.

Opposition noted by Councilor Stevenson.

President Mowat noted that he does not understand the intent of the motion.

Councilor MacDonald noted that St. Thomas More does not have room for more computers.

Move to amend the document under On-Campus Access, Section 1, to read, "...such that no student must wait more than 15 minutes to utilize one on campus."

MOTION USC254: Florizone/Mowat

Councilor Florizone stated that with this amendment it makes the document much more reasonable.

Councilor Villeneuve stated that he hasn't seen a survey that says how long students find it acceptable to wait. A number would be created without any knowledge or surveys.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor noted that she would vote against the amendment although she does agree with the spirit of the amendment. It is impossible to enforce the amendment.

Move to amend the amendment to read, "...such that no student must wait excessively to utilize one on campus."

MOTION USC255: Florizone/Mowat

Carried.

Councilor Stevenson spoke in favor of the amendment.

VP Gran stated that Council is getting off topic and taking the document to be much more than it actually does. This document is a lobbying tool.

Move to recess for 5 minutes.

MOTION USC256: Mowat/Tupper

Carried.

Move to amend the document under On-Campus Access, Section 4, to read, "All students be able to access college specific computer laboratories, for colleges in which they are enrolled in a class."

MOTION USC257: Stevenson/Burnett

Carried.

Councilor Stevenson spoke in agreement with VP Tupper's earlier comment. When enrolled in a class within that college you should have access to the computers.

President Mowat noted that this amendment is proposing the status quo. He is against the motion. A student pays tuition to the university and then funds the colleges out of an operating grant. All students are paying to one fund and all students should have access to all the computers that that fund pays for.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor ???

Councilor Mason stated that it is valuable to support a document that maintains status quo in case the university takes away some privileges.

Move to amend the document under Training and Support, Section 2, to remove "free of charge".

MOTION USC258: Florizone/Burnett

Carried.

Councilor Florizone stated that there are classes at the university that tuition is paid for that are for learning how to use computer software.

Councilor Phillips noted that the training and support applies to how to use PAWS, my.usask, library and the scanners. It is for basic training for first years and not how to use the specific programs in the colleges.

Councilor Florizone noted that the point brought forth by Councilor Phillips is already addressed in the document.

Move to amend the document to read under On-Campus Access, Section 3, changing “someone” to “anyone”.

MOTION USC259: Mowat/Tupper

Defeated.

President Mowat noted that it makes it clearer.

VP Tupper noted that it is housekeeping.

Councilor Florizone noted that “anyone” would include Alumni. He would recommend “someone” being replaced with “a student”.

Councilor Bird asked how many amendments were made to the document. He noted that he is opposes the document. He asked how critical the amendments are and doesn’t make any sense.

Move to amend On-Campus Access, Section 3, to read “...be accessed by any current student with an...”

MOTION USC260: Mason/MacDonald

Carried.

Councilor Mason noted that this amendment addresses the concern of Alumni using the computers.

Councilor McKeague noted that most Alumni would not use the computers unless they are on campus doing Alumni Support Group work.

VP Gran noted that some Alumni do have access to computers on campus right now even without their outdated NSID.

President Mowat stated that this amendment is not exclusive and does not ban Alumni from using the computers.

Move to call the question on the main motion.

MOTION USC261: Mowat/Bird

Defeated.

Move to amend the document under Software, Section 1, to read "...the industry standard, where fiscally prudent."

MOTION USC262: Mowat/Florizone Carried.

President Mowat noted that this addresses the concerns brought forth by Councilor Florizone and the vast expense of proprietary software.

Move to call the question on the main motion.

MOTION USC263: Mowat/McKeague Defeated.

Move to amend the document under Services, Section 1, to read, "The Student Information (SI!) project should include the following items..."

MOTION USC264: Mason/Alston-O'Connor Carried.

10. New Business

10.1 Motion to set Health & Dental fees for 2004/05

President Mowat noted that Studentcare would be at the next Council meeting. He stated that it looks like a 9% increase in the fee which is equivalent to about \$19.00. The options are to increase the fee or to remove the coverage for eyeglasses and contact lenses, reduce prescription drug coverage from 80% to 70%, and/or implement a \$5.00 deductible for prescription drugs purchases.

11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)

Move to open questions and comments.

MOTION USC265: Tanner/Mason Carried.

Councilor Stevenson spoke to the Health & Dental. The Grad Students' Association would like to know how the services are being used. Kristin Foster is going to be providing him with a breakdown of the services and the costs going to each service. He recommended getting in touch with Kristin if there are any questions. He announced that the Chug Pub is on April 6th.

Councilor Burnett spoke to the Executive Fall Accountability Report. She asked why dates were not specified under VP Tupper's calendar.

Councilor Bird congratulated President Mowat on his speech at the Rally in the Bowl on the stance taken against Sexual Assaults on campus. It was a good turnout.

VP Tupper noted that if dates were needed he could track them down and reference the events. He thanked the Councilors for approving the budget.

******Remainder of meeting recorded on high speed...some comments were not recorded***

Councilor Florizone ???

President Mowat announced that the year-end wind up would be at Louis' following April 8th USC meeting at Louis'. A lot was accomplished at the meeting with passing the budget and passing a document on computing.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that last year Studentcare came to Council with an increase. He worries that in 5 years from now there is going to be a plan in place that is critically expensive program with very little services.

VP Tupper spoke to Councilor Florizone's question regarding STMSU rejecting the coke funding. STMSU has chosen not to accept the money. The money will be taken back to BOCP and offered again to STMSU next year.

Councilor Mason responded to Councilor Berry's trivia question. He answered that Pharmacy & Nutrition became one in 1985.

Councilor Stevenson thanked Council for the hard work put in tonight. He thanked the Executive-elect for attending. His answer to the trivia question was 1982.

Councilor Florizone asked if something could be available for early next week in regards to the cost breakdown of Studentcare. This way Councilors can have more concrete information to take back to their colleges. He guessed 1964.

Councilor MacDonald ???

President Mowat ???

Councilor Ross informed everyone of the strike situation at SIAST. It does not directly affect the university students but it does affect the Nursing college. If the strike continues the second year students will not be able to do their practicum in May and June and they will be unable to continue on to the 3rd year, which means losing an entire year of nurses. She asked for support for everyone to write to MLA's and to the paper to get the word out that this is an important issue.

Councilor Bird answered the trivia question with 1991.

Councilor Berry noted that she would change the question. The question asked is the proprietary trade name of the drug Sildenafil.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor asked ???

VP Tupper noted that the petition was successful and was presented in the House on the day after the budget. He suggested that letters should be written to the unions as well to stop using students as bargaining tools.

Councilor Mason answered the question correctly, Viagra.

President Mowat noted that the petition was extremely well perceived. He thanked the College of Arts & Science who received by far the most signatures. He promised Councilor Keller if she received a certain number of signatures, which she did, he would buy her lunch.

Councilor Stevenson asked President Mowat why the CASA fees are being increased.

President Mowat stated that the request for the fee increase is based on a lengthy strategic planning document. He will bring the document for the next Council meeting. They have plans for some great things including: addressing communications with students by hiring member services staff member to liaise with member schools along with many more things.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC266: Bird/Mason Carried.

12. Any Other Business

Move that Council receive the Executive Fall Accountability Report.

MOTION USC267: Mowat/Tupper Carried.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the document looks clean and encourages all to look over it thoroughly.

President Mowat announced that the Executive would be presenting Councilors with the year-end gifts (martini glasses with the USSU logo).

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC268: Mason/Ross Carried.

University Students' Council Agenda

Thursday, April 8th, 2004

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Call for Quorum**
- 3. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 4. Introductions and Announcements**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1 Dr. Michael Atkinson, Provost and Vice-President Academic**
 - 5.2 James Kusie, CASA National Director**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Action**
 - 6.1 USC Minutes – April 1st, 2004**
 - 6.2 Academic Affairs Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report – March 30th, 2004**
 - 6.4 Student Issues Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.5 Appointments Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.6 Elections Board Minutes and Report**
 - 6.7 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 6.8 CASA Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 7.1 Executive Committee Minutes**
- 8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 9. Business**
 - 9.1 Motion to set Health & Dental fees for 2004/05**
- 10. New Business**
 - 10.1 Amendment to Bylaw No. 1 – Article 10.03**
- 11. Questions and Comments (30 minutes)**
- 12. Any Other Business**
- 13. Adjournment**

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday, April 8th, 2004

*****Attendance sheet not available.**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Adoption of an Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

MOTION USC269: Florizone/Phillips Carried.

Move to add to the agenda item 9.2 Ratification of CASA Bylaw and Constitution Amendments and item 9.3 Ratification of Assessment Point Value for CASA Fee.

MOTION USC270: Mowat/Phillips Carried.

Move to strike item 10.1.

MOTION USC271: Mowat/MacDonald Carried.

Agenda approved as amended.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Councilor Mason welcomed Willem de Jong, 2004/05 Engineering MSC.

Councilor McKeague introduced Valerie Quitin, 2004/05 Law MSC. She announced that she would be leaving early tonight.

President Mowat welcomed Dr. Michael Atkinson (Provost), Dr. David Hannah (Associate VP of Student Enrollment Services Division) and Jim Spinney (Director of Budget Planning). He also welcomed James Kusie, CASA National Director. Kristin Foster and ??? from Studentcare will be joining USC later. He welcomed the Executive-elect. He handed out the Late Nite Study Session posters for distribution among the colleges.

Councilor Berry announced that she got 185 signatures from the students at the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition to be sent to the SGEU President, President at SIAST and Honorable Lorne Calvert in regards to the strike at Kelsey.

5. Council Address

5.1 Dr. Michael Atkinson, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Move to extend speaking rights to Dr. Michael Atkinson, Dr. David Hannah, Jim Spinny and James Kusie. Move to consider informally.

MOTION USC272: Mowat/McKeague

Carried.

Dr. Michael Atkinson noted that one of his responsibilities is to manage the planning process of the budget for the university. The multi-year budget will be taken to the Board of Governors on May 7th.

He noted that until about 2002 the U of S was developing a tuition policy. The fee increases were based on what was required to create a balanced budget. In 2002 it was time for justification of the fee schedules and tuition using different criteria. The National Norms Policy was introduced to track other institutions tuition policies like the U of S. This has been difficult as budgeting policies for universities throughout Canada differ. The policy on national norms has worked for the university and for the students. It is important to watch what sister institutions are doing with respect to tuition. It is important to determine what the financial challenges will be within the university.

Jim Spinny distributed and reviewed a handout that is an illustration of how tuition calculations are done.

Councilor Mason asked why student union levy fees were not included on the handout as they do vary from institution to institution.

Jim Spinny noted that the schedule is divided into columns. One column is tuition and then there are number of columns that are fees. These fees are mandatory fees that institutions are accessing on students and the institution is controlling the fee. The fees shown are fees that collected by the university and not other organizations on campus. He spoke to the issue of where the tuition revenue goes. It is distributed to the colleges and the operating units within the University. The operating budget for the University is approximately \$260 million of which tuition (under-graduate, graduate, etc.) covers approximately \$78 million. Tuition is approximately 30% of the total operating budget. The Provincial Operating Grant is approximately \$155 million, which is approximately 60% of the total operating budget. Operating budgets of universities are increasing so the operating budget will increase; government support is tending to decrease over the years. The trend needs to be reversed. If there is a deficit it will have to be dealt with in a way other than turning to the students and increasing fees/tuition.

Councilor Mason asked if there is any idea for what tuition hikes may be present in 2004/2005.

??? stated that there is no recommendation ready to go to the Board of Governors. There is difficulty in getting information on what is happening at other institutions.

President Mowat asked what would be done to make up the extra funds if not going back to the students.

??? stated that the first thing to be done is to estimate the size of the deficit. He believes that there is a deficit of between \$4 and \$6 million by 2006/2007. The size of the academic part of the university is about twice the size of that administrative part. To compensate it may mean reductions in staffing, reductions in non-salary budgets or increased student numbers. While there are many cutbacks the institution is being resourced in different ways. Some of the biggest investments being made over the past few years are in student services with the biggest being the student information service.

5.2 James Kusie, CASA National Director

James Kusie gave a brief overview of what CASA is and what the year is looking like. He noted that he is visiting all of the member schools. CASA represents close to 300,000 students, focus on education and proud to be able to engage the stakeholders in discussion. He spoke of the adjustments made to the debt reduction program. He noted that tuition has increased 134% from 1992 – 2002, which is a direct result of the funding cuts over the last 10 years. Most schools have increased lab fees, library fees and gym fees to compensate for not being able to increase tuition by 34%. CASA is fighting for more stable funding. CASA is fighting for an appeal mechanism in the student loan process when applying for a student loan under your parents/guardians income. He noted that the average student loan that a student can receive in Canada is \$9,350 with most students requiring more than that. CASA is pushing for another study grant to be added on to the 3 current grants. There will be a faculty and a capacity crunch. CASA's focus is accessibility, affordability, innovation, mobility and quality. CASA plans to focus on student financial aid and transfer payments. He noted that there were problems with the federal budget; low-income grant was increased for first year students. It is a great step in the right direction but it is important to ensure that the supports are there for students to complete their program. The government also introduced the learning bond; to help low-income families to start saving for their children's education. CASA has been extremely effective this year and the most affordable option. A new strategic plan was just adopted for the next 5 years.

Councilor Stevenson asked about the dedicated transfer.

James Kusie stated that it is said that financial requirements are taking over academic requirements to get into universities.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC273: Phillips/Bird

Carried.

6. Minutes and Reports for Action

6.1 USC Minutes

Move to approve the minutes for April 1st, 2004, as amended.

MOTION USC274: Villeneuve/Florizone

Carried.

Councilor Mason noted that in the budget it should be air pots not airports.

6.3 Operations & Finance Board Minutes and Report

Minutes were approved for March 30th, 2004, as amended.

Councilor Stevenson noted that he sent his regrets for this meeting as was not in attendance.

9. Business

9.1 Motion to set Health & Dental fees for 2004/2005

Move to renew the Health & Dental plan at the current coverage levels and increase the combined rate at \$233.30.

MOTION USC275: Mowat/Tupper

Move to extend speaking rights to Studentcare.

MOTION USC276: Mowat/Villeneuve

Carried.

Kristen Foster noted that usage of the plan continues to be high. She stated that the proposed increase is about \$24. She noted that there are a few options, which include reducing benefits in a few areas to keep the costs low, keep the coverage the same and increase the rate or implement a \$5/prescription deductible.

Councilor MacDonald asked if the amounts are negotiable.

Kristen Foster stated that the numbers are coming from the insurance company. She noted that back in March Studentcare negotiated with the insurance company. The insurer started at a 22% increase for dental and 15% for health and Studentcare managed to negotiate.

Graham noted that the majority of students are claiming the cheaper drugs.

Councilor Villeneuve asked if the \$5 deductible was implemented last year.

Kristen Foster stated that the \$5 deductible was an option last year as well and Council decided to not implement it increased the premium instead.

Councilor Mason asked why an amount paid out was more than the amount eligible for coverage.

Kristen Foster noted that she is unsure. She will forward the answer by email once she knows.

Councilor Florizone stated that travel coverage could be cut out of the plan. If a student can afford to travel then they can afford to pay for travel insurance. It would be a better cut than to reducing the prescription drug coverage.

Kristen Foster noted that travel coverage is something that an unseen circumstance. Last year there were \$2159 in travel claims as compared to this year's approximately \$300 in claims. It could be a cost savings but also could result in an extremely high travel claim; at other universities there have been travel claims upwards of \$80,000.

Move to consider formally.

MOTION USC277: Mowat/Bird

Carried.

President Mowat noted that there are many different components in the plan that reflects the premium. It is important to remain with the same coverage level that was voted in by the students and support the overall continuation coverage.

Councilor Stevenson argued that students also voted in a certain price level and it would be negligent of the Council to approve premium increases. The plan should be looked at and then debate the issue of pertinent components.

Councilor Burnett stated that Agriculture disagrees with increasing the fees but they disagree with cutting out the eye care program. However, they wish for the eye care to remain the same so she will be voting in favor of the increase.

VP Tupper spoke in support of the proposed increase and maintain the current coverage. He proposed that a Health & Dental Plan Ad-hoc Committee be struck to review the current plan for the next year.

Councilor Alston-O'Connor ???

Councilor MacDonald ???

President Mowat stated that the premium increases are driven by the use of the plan by students. A vast majority of the students on campus use the plan.

Councilor Stevenson noted that the majority of prescription claims are for birth control medication. Charging every student the full percentage is not realistic.

Councilor Berry noted that there isn't a great variety of price with oral contraceptives. The large number of claims for oral contraceptives should be expected. Anti-depressants are another prescription that is claimed and students who take it really need them. She spoke in favor of increasing the fee.

Move to call the question.

MOTION USC278: Tupper/Phillips

Defeated.

Gavin Gardiner noted that it was a suggestion by the upcoming Executive members to set up an Adhoc committee to review the health & dental plan. He agrees that students didn't vote on a health plan that was going to increase by 40% in 2 years.

Move to extend speaking rights to 4.
MOTION USC279: Stevenson/Bird

Defeated.

9.2 Ratification of CASA Bylaw and Constitution Amendments

Move to ratify all constitution and bylaw amendments that were made at the March 2004 AGM of CASA as presented.

MOTION USC280: Mowat/Phillips

Carried.

President Mowat noted that the changes outlined are in keeping with the new strategic plan and reflect the changes coming from the CASA AGM. All amendments are housekeeping.

9.3 Ratification of Assessment Point Value for CASA Fee

Move to ratify CASA's setting of assessment point value for the fee structure of 1.85 for 2004/2005 operating year.

MOTION USC281: Mowat/Tupper

Carried.

President Mowat noted that this is the official ratification of the changes to the membership fee structure.

VP Tupper noted that this would not affect the budget that was passed as it was already accounted for and will not affect the bottom line.

11. Questions and Comment (30 minutes)

Move to have questions and comments for 15 minutes.

MOTION USC282: Mowat/Mason

Carried.

Councilor Villeneuve noted that it was a unique and dynamic Council this year compared to the last year.

Councilor Ross extended her thanks along with the Nursing students to Councilor Berry and Pharmacy students on the strike matter. The support was appreciated.

Councilor Burnett noted that there is no use to have a buzz board in the Animal Science building. The building is mainly offices and not heavily trafficked by students. She thanked everyone for a great year.

VP Tupper noted that security alert boards are going up in Residence not announcement boards on entertainment.

President Mowat noted that the security alerts are for only security purposes and will only house one piece of paper at a time. He thanked Councilor Villeneuve for his distinct personality and looks forward to visiting Council next year on occasion. He also thanked all MSC's for their hard work and the accomplishments that were made. He noted that

Senior Administration has not come to Council before to talk directly about tuition and fee issues. He encourages the 2004/2005 Executive to have them come back and talk earlier in the year to discuss tuition.

Councilor Bird thanked everyone for a great year.

Councilor Villeneuve asked what would happen with the Executive Accountability reports.

President Mowat noted that the accountability reports could be made available by the end of the month.

Move to close questions and comments.

MOTION USC283: Mason/Ross

Carried.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn.

MOTION USC284: Berry/Burnett

Carried.