

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, September 18th, 2014
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

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- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**

9.1 Councillors Reports

10.Adjournment

| Name | Sept.18 | Sept.25 | Oct.2 | Oct.9 | Oct.15 | Oct.23 | Oct.30 | Nov. 6 | Nov. 13 | Nov.20 | Nov. 27 | Dec. 4 |
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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA |
| Chan, Emilie | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Max | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haines, Aleina | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Huywan, Zachary | R | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron,Monica | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Kristen | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Marina | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Li, Wendy | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Munro, Jessie | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nelson, Elias | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steele, Desirée | P | | | | | | | | | | | |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday April 3, 2014

Present

Max FineDay, President
Nour Abouhamra, VP Student Affairs
Jordan Sherbino, VP Academic Affairs
Jenna Moellenbeck, VP Operations and Finance
Phoenix Rider, Indigenous Students
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Alex Keen, ESB
Shawn Heinz, Law
Morgan Jangula, Education
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Jon Herriot, Medicine
Megan Vandendriessche, Arts & Science
Steven Heidel, Arts & Science
Jordan Robertson, ESB
David Ogunkanmi, International Students
Rainer Kocsis, St. Thomas More
Monica Iron, Indigenous Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jon Katzman, WCVM

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Wyatt Berlinic, Engineering
Stacy Pritchard, Agriculture & Bioresources
Melissa Gan, Arts & Science
Sara Kruger, Engineering

Absent

Bruno Goncalves-Sebastiao, Kinesiology
Borden Miller, Education

Guest List

Anna-Lilja Dawson
HenryTye Glazebrook

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

President FineDay moved to adopt the agenda
USCMotion136: President FineDay/VP Sherbino

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced members from The Sheaf.

VP Moellenbeck announced the election results for the 2014/2015 USSU Executive:

President – Max FineDay
VP Operations & Finance – Elias Nelson
VP Academic Affairs – Desiree Steele
VP Student Affairs – Jack Saddleback

VP Sherbino noted the USSU Experience in Excellence Awards had been hosted on March 30th. One of the awards was the Vera Pezer Award for Student Enhancement – Member of Student Council. VP Sherbino presented the award to Councilor Herriot, as he was unable to attend the ceremony.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – March 20, 2014

4.2 Executive Committee Minutes – March 25, 2014

4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – February 27, 2014, March 20, 2014, March 24, 2014

5. Motions Arising from Minutes and Reports for Information

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion137: Councilor Radomske/Councilor Iron

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

VP Moellenbeck noted that those who didn't sign up for the potluck on April 6th there is a sign up sheet available. VP Moellenbeck, GM Cottrell, Jason Kovitch, and incoming VP

Operations and Finance Elias Nelson met with City Transit to propose having a yearlong U-Pass for students in professional colleges like Medicine, Dentistry, and WCVM. City Transit was interested in the idea and they will do further analysis. Councilor Herriot asked if there was a proposal that could be brought to his college to make sure it's financially viable for the students and what the cost difference would be. VP Moellenbeck noted that something would be brought to the students. Saskatoon Transit needs to decide if they want to do it. Once Saskatoon Transit approves the proposal it will be brought to the university. After this it will be brought to the students to see what they think.

Councilor Robertson noted that those attending the bonspiel should bring clean running shoes. Councilor Jangula asked if the timeline given for the bonspiel was correct. Councilor Robertson noted it was.

9. Other Business

9.1 Biweekly Council Reports

11. Adjournment

Move to adjourn meeting.

USCMotion135: President FineDay/VP Sherbino

Carried

**Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday May 6, 2014**

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback,
Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:24 p.m.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

4. **Business**

4.1 Roundtables

President FineDay introduced roundtables to the new Executive.

4.2 URSU

President FineDay noted that he would like to take a trip to Regina to meet with URSU. VP Steele and President FineDay will be having a meeting regarding the tuition waiver proposal and will meet URSU that day as well.

4.3 SUDS

GM Cottrell noted that the Executive would attend SUDS, which is August 14th to the 27th in Vancouver. She will start the booking process.

4.4 Transform US

President FineDay confirmed with the Executive that they are working through the TransformUS document. The Executive will work closely with the College Presidents to see what their issues with the closure of the Education, Law, Engineering, and WCVM libraries might be. They've all been emailed and he will make an attempt to get feedback. There is concern that's been expressed about the fact that student representation hasn't been provided in the reorganization of the Vice

Provost Teaching and Learning position. President FineDay will be pushing for representation on this.

4.5 Human Rights Conference

VP Saddleback noted the policy amendment that was put in place for Bill Whattcott. The ASC and Pride Centre put in a proposal to go to the WorldPride Human Rights Conference and it has been accepted. The conference is at the University of Toronto on June 24th to the 27th. Annie Batiste is also going. The Executive is in support of this initiative.

4.6 Cell Phones

GM Cottrell noted that the Executive needs to give Barb, Administrative Secretary, their cell phone numbers and birthdays and they'll receive partial repayment for their phone bills.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday May 13, 2014

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback,
Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

4. **Business**

4.1 CFCR

VP Saddleback requested \$50 for posters for CFCR.

Move to provide \$50 for CFCR posters

EXECMotion001: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

4.2 SMSS

VP Nelson noted that SMSS had applied for funding for an event when the system was down and was told it could still be put through. This funding is for business cards and for two logo designs for sub-institutions of theirs. The cards would be through XL but the logos wouldn't. The logos should be with XL as well to verify the money is used properly and it keeps business within the USSU.

Move to fund SMSS on the condition that XL is used

EXECMotion002: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

4.3 Ratification

VP Nelson noted that there are a few groups looking for ratification. These groups are the Ambassadors, the Filipino Students' Association, and Peer Health Mentors. Documents will be sent out for the Executive to look over. Peer Health Mentors need to be looked into as they stem out of the university.

4.4 Community Work

President FineDay noted that the Executive should look into doing community service. In past years days were scheduled as a group to do work for Habitat for Humanity or other organizations. This is something the current Executive and staff should look into.

Something that could be done is once per semester each Executive could pick an organization to do a day of work with. GM Cottrell noted that a few of the USSU staff are currently involved in some community work. There is also a relationship with Community Living. VP Steele asked with the rationale is for doing this. President FineDay noted that this is because the staff is members of the community. GM Cottrell noted that the USSU is involved with many members of the community. The City of Saskatoon website lists many of the community associations.

4.5 LB5Q

GM Cottrell noted that this event isn't something that should be banned. ESB can be removed from the listing and LB5Q can ratify as a standalone group with the USSU where they can get funding and insurance. Protective Services has said that it's not in their power to prevent them from holding the event and instead they can be present for it if needed.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Executive Committee
Minutes for Monday June 2, 2014

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Elias Nelson, Jason Ventnor
Absent: Jack Saddleback, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

May 19 – 25

- **Media Relations re: Dr. Buckingham** – Media around Dr. R. Buckingham losing his tenure as a professor. Although this isn't an undergraduate issue, it certainly hit a nerve with the campus & broader community. This resulted in our Provost & VP Academic, Brett Fairbairn, to resign.
- **BoG Meetings** – I attended many Board meetings this week. Board meetings are confidential, but as is publicly known now, the Board terminated the President & Vice Chancellor of the University, Dr. Ilene Busch-Vishniac. Acting President Gordon Barnhart has taken over in the interim with no scheduled departure date as of now.

May 12 – 18

- **URSU** – The Executive drove to Regina to meet with URSU and discuss areas of commonality, a potential provincial association of students, and other areas. Increasing communications between our respective membership and the organizations was a key topic that kept coming up.
- **Tuition Waiver Plan** – VP Steele and I met with officials from the Ministries of Advanced Ed. And Social Services to discuss a Tuition Waiver program for wards of the Crown. The Ministry of Social Services indicated they were doing a review

of all their legislation and would take this into account. They also invited the USSU to submit proposals for consideration that could result in increasing access for a traditionally underrepresented group of our society.

May 5 – 11

- **Orientation** – Sessions like governance, communications, marketing, media training, etc, were provided to the Executive as a foundation to our skills that we need this year to ensure success for us and the USSU.
- **Post-Secondary Leadership Forum** – Attended sessions in Saskatoon dedicated to members of post-secondary Board of Governors. Sessions included emerging trends, issues in governance, and others. Senior members of the Ministry of Advanced Education led the sessions and the Minister himself was there to give remarks.

Desirée Steele

May 19 – 25

- Wrote and helped to revise a new open letter from the USSU regarding TransformUS
- Caught up on some academic advocacy documentation
- Caught up on documentation from committee meetings and worked on strategic planning for the year

May 12 – 18

- Student Forum Executive meeting with Max to prep for the coming years' meetings
- Meeting with Pauline Melis (Assistant Provost, Institutional Planning and Assessment) and two people from her office to discuss student input on tuition
- Meeting with the Executive over lunch to get our heads around strategic responses to the TransformUS Action Plan and briefings (Esp. the library restructuring)
- Teaching, Learning, and Academic Resources committee (TLARC) and Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Works Committee (RSAW)
- A Meeting with a student who has a potential need for advocacy
- USSU goal setting with the Exec

- A meeting with the Ministry of Social Services to discuss the USSU's proposal for a tuition waiver for foster children
- Lunch with URSU
- Further reviewed documentation relating to TransformUS
- Attended some sessions of the Engaged Scholar Learning Day, networked over lunch
- Drafted a letter in response to the Buckingham debacle
- Orientation to USSU governance

Elias Nelson

Jack Saddleback

May 12 – 18

- Met with the Sustainability Committee
- Worked with the other Executives on strategic planning
- Met with Sean McHugh, Executive Director for the Canadian Fair Trade Network to discuss Fair Trade options
- Met with the International Activities Committee
- Met the University of Regina Students' Union Executive team

4. Business

4.1 Ambassadors

VP Nelson noted that this group should be ratified. They meet all the requirements.

4.2 Pilipino Students Association

VP Nelson noted that PSA consists of some non-undergraduate members and should change their constitution to ensure that it's primarily undergraduates.

4.3 Arab Nation Students' Association

VP Nelson noted that this group has the same situation as PSA. President FineDay commented that VP Nelson should email both reminding them that they should be primarily undergraduate students. Jason Ventnor commented that they can ratify but if they apply for funding they have to comply with the USSU policies.

4.4 Peer Health Mentors

VP Nelson noted that there are a few issues on whether to ratify this group. This group is primarily a U of S organization and is primarily run by Rita Hanoski of Student Health Services. Their bank account is controlled by Student Health Services. It should be recommended that Rita Hanoski is written out of the constitution and that their bank account is made separate. President FineDay commented that it should be denied, as it is a university body. They do not meet the requirements.

Move to ratify Ambassadors, Pilipino Student Association, and Arab Nation Student's Association

EXECMotion003: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Executive Committee
Minutes for Monday June 10, 2014

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback,
Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:41.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

Desirée Steele

- **Student Advocacy** - This week I was significantly occupied by student advocacy cases. My activities included reviewing pertinent documentation, accompanying a student to a meeting regarding academic standing, and assessing another student's situation according to their package and the relevant policy to see how we can help. These cases are, so far, the most challenging part of this job.
- **University Council** – University Council committees this week included the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Works Committee. I use these meetings as opportunities to learn more about how decisions are made at the University and how best to advance student interests relating to these governance structures.

Elias Nelson

- **LB5Q** – On the premise that Dr. McDougall will not budge on the LB5Q issue, Mr. Lachica has confirmed that the EBSS will proceed with their Multiple Pickup Plan (MPP). With the return of Ms. Cottrell on Monday, the USSU will need to determine whether and to what extent it can insure the MPP.

- **Agenda 2014-15** – To better inform the development and implementation of my policy agenda for the 2014-15 year, I am surveying student union websites for related information as well as contact information for my analogue, with whom I will arrange to speak over the coming weeks. My goal is to have my agenda defined and finalized by the end of this month.

Jack Saddleback

- **Healthy Campus** – I attended the healthy campus committee meeting and shared some upcoming initiatives, along with hearing others upcoming initiatives. The committee has been working on an online presence on the new USask website and a logo which would include the 8 dimensions of health. I had brought up my 3-stage initiative in regards to mental health and the committee was supportive and curious on how they could get involved.
- **Alcohol Programming on Campus** – I attended a planning meeting for upcoming initiatives around alcohol consumption awareness. ‘What’s Your Cap’, Student Health, Protective Services, Residence, and the Aboriginal Students’ Centre were all invited to take part. Many ideas were thrown around but it looks like a large media campaign will be coming to campus!

4. **Business**

4.1 Trees on Aird Street

GM Cottrell noted that during the construction of Place Riel trees had to be destroyed. At the time a promise to replace the trees at a rate of two for one was made. The last of the replacement trees have been requested by the university to go into the greenway on Aird Street near the new residential buildings. GM Cottrell has contacted Gift Marufu about having the Executive at the planting but has not heard back from him. She will follow up and VP Saddleback will attend if possible.

4.2 Ratifications

Move to ratify U of S Innovative Energy Team and delay ratification of What’s Your Cap pending further information

EXECMotion004: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.3 USSU Loan

GM Cottrell noted that the new loan for Place Riel is effective until May 29, 2015. The interest rate is significantly more favourable and if enrollment holds steady there will be a surplus of income over loan repayment. Policy requires the USSU to create a reserve of \$750,000 but it's not there yet so there is no urgency to change policy but there should be another examination of the possibilities. GM Cottrell will arrange for the account managers to visit at the end of the summer and for them to attend USC.

4.4 Executive Bonding

VP Steele noted she would like some social opportunities for the Executive to get better acquainted. Everyone was in agreement. In addition to other initiatives the Executive will work to prepare an icebreaker for Retreat.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday June 17, 2014

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback,
Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:52.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

Introductory Lunch w Patti McDougall

The executive met with Vice-Provost Teaching & Learning, Patti McDougall. Patti has absorbed much of the job of the former Associate Vice-President Student Affairs. This was an introductory lunch where we talked about our goals, individual to our portfolio and collective goals. Patti also talked about what was on her agenda for the year.

Introductory Lunch w Student Health

The executive met with student health to talk about shared interests, particularly around student mental health. Student Health noted that they've seen a significant increase in students coming to access their services based on mental health needs. The USSU doesn't believe that there is adequate access to this service as students can often be waiting over a month to get in to see a councilor. We agreed to continue to work together to ensure these issues are acted upon.

Desirée Steele

This week involved preparing for the last meetings of the summer for Academic Programs Committee (APC), Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC), and Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC). Ongoing projects (policies, program changes, etc.) were wrapped up for the summer and the committees each

approved annual reports on their respective activities to be sent to University Council.

I presented to PPC the top priorities of the USSU this year:

- 1) facilitating the development of effective student consultation on tuition rates and moving to multi-year increase forecasts;
- 2) working to increase childcare spots on campus;
- 3) launching a university-wide mental health initiative including awareness-building, advancing research, and developing a campus-wide mental health strategy;
- 4) promoting the expansion and development of experiential learning opportunities – including internships/clinical placements, study abroad, applied research, coops, and community engaged learning – in a diverse range of disciplines

Other activities included continued work on goal-setting as well as academic advocacy matters. Also Executive photos, which were far more hilarious than agonizing, as it turned out.

Elias Nelson

Oohlala App- I spoke to a representative from Oohlala and the executive viewed a live demonstration of the app. The verdict is that Oohlala is expensive and does little to contribute to campus life.

Analogues - I have been in contact with Minsoo Cho (VP Operations & Finance, URSU) and Milanpreet Grewal (Finance Officer, UFVSUS) to discuss our responsibilities and the challenges that face us. I have gained a greater appreciation for the quality of governance and services offered by the USSU and have advised them on related issues.

Jack Saddleback

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presence on the new USask website and a logo which would include the 8 dimensions of health. I had brought up my 3 stage initiative in regards to mental health and the committee was supportive and curious on how they can get involved.

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4. **Business**

4.1 Health U

VP Saddleback discussed the concept of Healthy U. This is put on through the U of S and it’s an app to track progress on a 12-week initiative to get healthier and more fit.

4.2 Parking C Lot

This lot is going to be made part of Lot 1 and will become a scramble lot. There will also be open parking.

4.3 Teambuilder

The Executive will knock our socks off with their creative and remarkable teambuilder.

4.4 Funding Request

VP Nelson noted that the SMSS is requesting funding for Miles for Smiles for the Children’s Hospital Foundation. This event is on September 13th in Regina and Saskatoon. They would like \$200 for Pepsi and \$250 XL credit for posters. The total cost of the event will be \$5600. Silver sponsorship will be given.

Move to provide \$250 funding to SMSS

EXECMotion005: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.5 One-Stop Program

VP Nelson noted he would be working with the university with the one-stop program. He will be gone from July 14th to the 25th.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**Executive Committee
Minutes for Friday June 20, 2014**

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:20.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

USSU Retreat

Participated in the annual USSU Retreat with the rest of the staff. We did team building activities, the executive presented on our goals, and we got to know staff members who we don't interact with on an every day basis.

VP F&R

Met with the Vice-President Finance and Resources to get acquainted with his team. We talked about issues in his portfolio, childcare, the Red Bear Centre, parking, and other issues that impact students. Committed to having regular meetings with each other.

Desirée Steele

Elias Nelson

Jack Saddleback

Mental Health Initiatives – I met with Terrie Fitz-Patrick on June 16th to discuss the logistics of putting on a mental health summit. On Friday, June 20th, Terrie and I then sat down with Patti McDougall and Vicki Squires to start laying down a solid timeline and game plan in regards to mental health initiatives.

Parking – I met with consumer and parking services to discuss upcoming projects they have and begin the work to get the USSU designated parking program information to go out with their communications on parking. They had good coffee

4. **Business**

4.1 Oxjam

VP Nelson noted that Oxfam is looking for funding for the Oxjam even. They're asking for \$100 in XL credit for posters and \$300 for honorariums for bands playing the event. The event is being held at The Woods.

Move to provide \$400 funding to Oxfam

EXECMotion006: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

**Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday July 15, 2014**

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Jack Saddleback, Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:11.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

July 7 – 11

- Met with university auditors' office to discuss the implementation of a new program that will allow for students, staff, and faculty to anonymously report fraudulent activity. Brought up how students can access this service and how it will impact them.
- **Work Community Organization** – Next Up Leadership program – a non-partisan program that helps to develop leadership in youth communities. I was asked to play a role in the planning and leading of this program.

June 30 – July 4

- 2 Vacation Days
- **Crown Wards** – Met with Wendy Klingenburg about crown wards. Talked about how uSask and the USSU can best support government wards of the crown in reducing barriers to accessing post-secondary education.

June 23 – 27

- **Board of Governors Committees & Meetings** – Two days of meetings for the Board of Governors. Because much of what goes on at the BoG is confidential I cannot say much more.

- **Operating Budget Adjustments Committee** – Met with the OBA Committee to discuss recent updates on the universities financial situation.

June 16 – 20

- **USSU Annual Retreat** – Attended the annual retreat where the Executive lead an icebreaker and introduced our goals this year to the rest of the staff.
- **Saskatoon Pride Events** – Attended various Saskatoon Pride events for Pride Week with other members of the Executive.

June 9 – 13

- **Lunch w/ Patti McDougall** – The Executive met with Vice Provost Teaching & Learning, Patti McDougall, to discuss her and our priorities for the year. Patti is in a new role as the former AVP Student Affairs has been eliminated. I brought up tuition increases, the emergency bursary for students, TransformUS, and childcare as just a few key issues we'll be looking at and hoping to get some movement on this year.
- **Meeting with the University Learning Centre** – The Executive met with the ULC to discuss other areas that we could work on together. The ULC has traditionally been a very strong partner for the USSU Executive. I'll continue to work with Jim Greer on the Open Textbook initiative that I've been pushing for the past year.

June 2 – 6

- **Convocation** – I attended nearly every convocation ceremony, meaning I was out of the office a lot. Was able to see our members convocate and had a good number of conversations with them about the USSU, as well I was able to speak with the Chancellor, members of the Board, the President of the University, the Registrar, and the Vice-Provost Teaching & Learning about projects and issues of interest to our members.
- **Exec Goals** – The Executive got together as a group and outlined some personal, as well as group goals for the year. Clearly, TransformUS became a large topic of discussion. We remain committed to pushing the university to conduct meaningful consultation with our membership and learn from

previous mistakes of former administration. One of my personal goals for the year is ensuring that the university's commitment to childcare is kept – this is an issue that students care about and is one that has taken too long to realize.

Desirée Steele

July 7 – 11

- This week included a few meetings that will help me work toward the goals of increasing opportunities for undergrad research and experiential learning in general. I met with Patti McDougall, Vice Provost Teaching and Learning, to talk about the status of recommendations for reaching the goal of increasing experiential learning by 20% by 2017. Following that, I contributed to a short video being produced in order to increase awareness of experiential learning on campus.
- I also met with Laura Zink, Kara Low, and Jordan Shebino from the Undergraduate Research Initiative to find out what they're working on and discuss how we can cooperate to increase undergrad research (UGR) and improve opportunities for recognition thereof. Specifically, I ascertained that the Office of the Vice President Research (OVPR) would be receptive to a proposal for increased funding for the Undergraduate Research Symposium planned for January 2015.

June 23 – 27

- This week, I worked mainly on academic advocacy cases, doing research toward increasing experiential learning opportunities at the U of S, and helping to update tutor registries.
- Academic advocacy needs arise spontaneously and always become my top priority as they are often time-sensitive and always impact significantly on the students involved. Regarding experiential learning, I was able to obtain a concept paper submitted to the Teaching, Learning, and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC) last December, which provided a very helpful environmental scan of the situation at Usask. This, combined with planned meetings and further research, will help me to contribute to the purposeful expansion of valuable opportunities for Usask students.

- Finally, the USSU is updating its tutor registry and the University Learning Centre (ULC) is finishing up their new one, so I went through both systems to note possible changes and improvements. It's unclear yet whether or not the ULC and USSU registries will merge at some point.

June 16 – 20

- This week I worked mostly on narrowing down my goals for the year. I look forward to fleshing out initiatives to improve and expand both undergraduate research and experiential learning opportunities at Usask. Jack and I also worked on some icebreakers for the USSU staff retreat this Thursday.
- The retreat was a great change to get to know the USSU and it's peeps better. I really enjoyed teambuilding activities and hanging out with the folks for the USSU office, Centres, and Louis'.
- I also very much enjoyed the learning, dancing, and eating that were part of Fridays celebration in the North Concourse for National Aboriginal Day. Jack and I have some work to do on our jigging, but we'll get those fancy steps if we keep trying.

Elias Nelson

June 30 – July 4

- **Infrastructure Through 2039** – I have continued to compile and framework data for analysis in anticipation of producing a review of infrastructure as it relates to student fees and the organization's debt. This process will continue pending the completing of the audit, at which time Ms. Mitchell will become available to assist.
- **FMDB** – Mr. Henderson has instructed me to contemplate the database through which campus group-related applications are received, processes, and responded to. The database will be revised at my recommendation.

June 23 – 27

- **LB5Q** – The issue went public early this week. Dean Taras' comments in the media and email were disappointing, alluding to past tragedies in an attempt to portray LB5Q as an event that

would lead to something similar. While the EBSS explores the possibility of LB5Q C Plan, similar to the A Plan but with pickup and drop-off at TCU place, the USSU began the process of determining whether it can insure the event.

- **Internal Processes** – I have been working to reform internal processes relating to student groups for greater efficiency and accuracy. I will be meeting with Scott Henderson on June 3rd to discuss reforming the Campus Groups database and am working with Jason Kovitch to reform how XL and I account for and share information relating to student group credits.

Jack Saddleback

July 7 – 11

- **Sustainability** – Had a phone meeting with Minsoo Cho, VP Operations and Finance for the University of Regina Students' Union, to discuss sustainability, composting, waste management, and community gardens. Learning that URSU's community garden is run by their PIRG.
- **Community Garden** – Met with the office of sustainability, residence, horticulture, consumer services, and facilities management to discuss the structure of the community garden at McEown Park. The group discussed the possibility of hiring a summer student to oversee the coordination of the garden; where two university departments would share the funding for the position. The community garden is running this year as it has in the past but they look different, coordination wise, in the future.

June 23 – 27

- **CHEP** – Met with John Stewart, CHEP's Co Good Food Box Coordinator, to talk about initiatives for the upcoming year. Discussed the Good Food Box awareness to the campus community to increase student access.
- **Human Rights Conference** – Attended and presented at the World Pride Human Rights Conference to showcase the work the USSU has done on campus to create a safe and welcoming space for all students. Some successes we've had to include policy change, gender-neutral washrooms, gender inclusive

ceremonies with the Aboriginal Students' Centre, and ongoing support for all forms of diversity.

4. **Business**

4.1 Hike, Bike, and Roll

VP Saddleback noted there was a request for funding for the Hike, Bike, and Roll event for buttons and posters.

Move to provide funding to Hike, Bike, and Roll

EXECMotion007: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

4.2 SUDS

The conference organizers would like open forum topics. The top two will be chosen for discussion. All Executive members are invited to give ideas to President FineDay who will pass them on.

4.3 Movie for Welcome Week

Move to have the movie for welcome week to be Pitch Perfect

EXECMotion008: President FineDay/VP Saddleback

Carried

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday July 22, 2014

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Jack Saddleback, Caroline Cottrell
Absent: Elias Nelson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

- **Financial Appeals Review Committee** – Went over applications from students for financial reimbursements for classes with other members of the committee.
- **USSU Golf Tournament** – Golfed for the second time ever in my life. Hit the ball like 8 times. It was impressive.

Desirée Steele

- **Planning** – I've begun looking into what events and campaigns the VP Academic has held in the past, what they involve, and which I want to carry forward this year. Jordan Sherbino's calendar and proposal and planning documents have been helpful as I ponder efforts that could potentiate the most help for students.
- **Tutor Registry** – We're working on our tutor registry. I've been providing feedback. It's going to be snazzy folks or at least a lot more useful!
- **Golf Tournament** – It was incredibly fun. My team won despite me. I'm glad I went. Thanks to those who made it happen.

Elias Nelson

- **Services Revision** - I have been sitting on a committee tasked with reviewing the method of delivery for Edwards School of Business Executive Education. The object is to reorient the service to be student-oriented rather than administrator-oriented and the same will be done for the University Bookstore during the week of 21 July 2014.
- **LB5Q** - Despite the administration being adamant that on-campus pickup and drop-off will be disallowed, I met with delegates from the EBSS, ESB, Aon Risk, Risk Management, Protective Services, Facilities Management Division, and others for the LB5Q Stakeholder Forum. The meeting went well, and as usual, the EBSS delegates outdid the USask and ESB administrators in terms of reasoning, eloquence and overall professionalism.

Jack Saddleback

- **Residence** – Met with Amal Awini, operations manager with residence, to discuss residence operations. Residence has implemented a new system this year that is attempting to streamline processes and reduce paper waste by utilizing online resources. The only concern I have about this is the amount of troubleshooting they've had to do with the software they've been using; the team has been working tirelessly and keeping me up to date however.
- **Fresh Food Market** – Met with the Aboriginal Students' Centre, CHEP, and Student Health to discuss this year's fresh food market. The grant funding for the ASC's market has stopped. They still have the funds to pay but need a better ordering system. The ASC and CHEP approached the USSU to see if we could do a large order to cover all the market's needs. In previous years this was the case but was dropped due to accounting issues. This year we'll be looking at implementing a large order process and streamlining the accounting process since we do not have to deal with grant funding.

4. Business

4.1 LB5Q

GM Cottrell reported that the new plans for pick up and drop off for LB5Q are such that the USSU will be able to provide insurance for the event. She revealed this at the Forum on Friday, July 18th when members of the university, Edwards School of Business, and students were present. This has been confirmed by AON.

4.2 Water Cooler in RRSCC

Jason Kovitch suggested that we get a water cooler in the Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers so that Louis' can stop carting bottled water over for catered events. We also want to stick to our plan to stop using bottled water of any kind. Each Councilor will get a water bottle at the beginning of their term. We will look to purchasing some glassware for other users. The cost will be minimal.

4.3 Student Central

GM Cottrell reported that she had been working to get Student Central to set up a pop-up show in Place Riel for a week at the beginning of the term. They're very much in favour of doing this. We will need to spend about \$1500 on infrastructure to make this work.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**Executive Committee
Minutes for Thursday July 31, 2014**

Present: Max FineDay, Elias Nelson, Desirée Steele, Jack Saddleback,
Caroline Cottrell

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

Board Meeting- Board of Governors meeting. Much of what is discussed at the Board is confidential. We did get a nice group picture taken though.

Met with Consumer Services Directors-Talked about how to reduce the cost of course packs in the bookstore. And how to make sure that our members in the regional colleges are able to access their student cards without having to drive to Saskatoon.

Desirée Steele

This was a three-day week due to a vacation Monday and an EDO on Friday. Nonetheless, I was a witness for a student at a University Academic Appeal hearing, worked with the Executive committee on the USSU policy review, met with the ULC about collaborating on events this term, and began work with the research shop proposal committee.

Elias Nelson

Services Revision & OneCard - I have been sitting on a committee tasked with reviewing the University Bookstore to reorient the service to be student-oriented rather than administrator-oriented. I refer to this as a focus on *constituent service*, because the term *customer service* does not accurately

represent what we want to achieve. Jason Kovitch and I met with Tom Bell to discuss the OneCard and the pros and cons that would arise for the USSU if it were to be implemented campus-wide.

Jack Saddleback

Parking – Met with consumer services to discuss parking. Lot 1 (the lot across from Place Riel) has recently incorporated C Lot (which was nestled between STM and McLean Hall); this amalgamation was a solution to a safety risk in regards to the prior exit of C Lot directly onto College. Parking services is looking to offer \$1 overnight parking in Lots S and Y during the regular term to accommodate evening classes.

New Students Webpage Discussion – The communications department of the university gave a presentation to various student services and departments to showcase the recent update to the New Students webpage. At the presentation, a lot of feedback was given to the communications team in regards to what could be added and what was not needed for new students coming to the university.

4. **Business**

4.1 Policies

This meeting was called in order to review and revise USSU policies. The revisions are listed below and have been made to the policies in the Shared Files and posted on ussu.ca. Policies not listed were deemed to be current and not in need of revision.

Move to amend policies as listed below

EXECMotion009: President FineDay/VP Nelson **Carried**

- **Bereavement** – We have never planted trees via Meewasin. In a year like last year we could incur significant costs and there is always the danger that we will miss someone. Perhaps this should be left off, especially now that we are also sending the Infrastructure Fee to the charity of the family's choice.
- **Executive Sponsorship** – Add Constituency group to College group. Change titles, change Browsers to Louis' Loft.

- **Process for Approval** – Change Board to Committee throughout.
- **Key Access** – Delete Centre Coordinators having access to the Main Office outside of regular hours.
- **Laptops** – Under booking add a)
- **Parking** – Change title of Facilities and Business to Facilities. #2 paragraph 2 doesn't make sense and are there two or four stalls behind MUB?
- **Van** – Change iCal to online calendar. Delete Copy Desk.
- **AOCP** – Change to Association of Constituency Presidents read “increase communication and cooperation among member association and further their interests”. 2 under composition specify undergraduate. Under meeting D – persons should be changed to people.
- **SAL** – Line one change obtain to seek and add comma after boards. 2a) first line doesn't make sense. Line 4 not positions but activities of the boards. B comma after boards. Comma after committees.
- **Signature Stamp** – Change a) to include President and Business and Services Manager.
- **Senate** – Change accordingly with to according to.
- **HR** – See hard copy for changes.
- **Appointments Board** – Call for SAL – could this be the first date of classes? 5 take caps of Representative and Body.
- **Academic** – Change title of CSSO to Governance and Academic Secretary. 4 change persons to people or individuals.
- **Campus Groups** – VP Nelson is working on this.
- **Expenditure of Money** – In the preamble change students to members. Cheque – can be drawn. 1.3 add comma after operation. Change titles, delete the –.
- **General Financial** – Change the titles. Under 3 change contingency to reserve.
- **Investment** – Comma after governance on line 3.
- **Centres** – Check for Oxford comma.
- **Advertising** – Change first sentence. Change title of manager.
- **Media** – Change title of manager.
- **Posters** – Change title of manager.

- **Radio Show** – Policy needs to note that there are fees associated.
- **Space Rental** – Change titles of spaces.
- Universally change all titles to reflect current reality. Add Oxford commas where necessary. Ensure that “board” is changed to “committee” where needed.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Executive Committee
Minutes for Wednesday August 6, 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Desirée Steele, Jack Saddleback, Caroline Cottrell
Absent: Max FineDay

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

Desirée Steele

July 28 – August 1

- This was a three-day week for me. It began with being a witness in a University Academic Appeal hearing. That was interesting and that's all I can say about it.
- Aside from investigating events a little more, I enjoyed pilates in the park, the ice cream cake, the USSU policy review (yes, I mean I enjoyed it, Max), and my first meeting as an undergraduate rep on the advisory group to set up a Research Shop at Usask. Also, I watered my flowers a lot.

July 21 - 25

- **Know Your (Academic) Rights** – I'm gradually reviewing project proposals and events from last year to help me figure out how to plan this year. I focused on the Know Your (Academic) Rights event that I hope to run from September 15th to 19th this fall.
- **Ernie Barber** – Max, Jack, and I met with the Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic, Ernie Barber, on Thursday Afternoon. We had a good conversation about changes necessary to move the University forward regarding program

prioritization as part of the Operating Budget Adjustments. I sincerely hope that we will be able to talk again soon, as he indicated we should.

- **Louis Loft** – I tested out the direct trade coffee Louis' Loft sells. Turns out they do indicate which is which, if you know which supplier is fair trade and which is direct trade. VP Saddleback helped me pose for some photos needed for the experiential learning promo video I'm part of. It's really hard to act natural.
- Most importantly, on Wednesday morning, Max **came to my office** and **asked me a question** (what I think about electoral reform for the USSU). This is a notable milestone in our relationship. Thus, I have duly noted it.

Elias Nelson

- **Campus Groups Policy** - The Executive Committee met to review the policies of the USSU on 31 July. I have decided that 1) the Campus Groups Policy is in great need of renewal and that 2) this will be best done in Term 2. The Campus Groups Policy will be revised in Term 2 so that I have an opportunity to see it in action and so that the revised policy is implemented in time for the summer, rather than during the scramble that is the beginning of Term 1.
- **Local Internal Process Improvement** - In the week ending 4 July, Scott Henderson asked that I ready my revisions of the database management system for campus group ratification and funding applications. I have put a considerable amount of thought into this and am beginning to get my ideas on paper in a form that can be near-fully understood by another. My estimate is that the internal process improvement on the campus groups funding and ratification database management system will save the Vice President of Operations & Finance approximately one (1) hour of administrative labour time per day.

Jack Saddleback

July 28 – August 1

- **Parking** – Met with consumer services to discuss parking. Lot 1 (the lot across from Place Riel) has recently incorporated C Lot (which was nestled between STM and McLearn Hall); this amalgamation was a solution to a safety risk in regards to the prior exit of C Lot directly onto College. Parking services is looking to offer \$1 overnight parking in Lots S and Y during the regular term to accommodate evening classes.
- **New Students Webpage Discussion** – The communications department of the university gave a presentation to various student services and departments to showcase the recent update to the New Students webpage. At the presentation, a lot of feedback was given to the communications team in regards to what could be added and what was not needed for new students coming to the university.

4. **Business**

4.1 Dillan Radomske

The Executive recommends allowing MSC Dylan Radomske from Nursing to Skype in for meetings while he is doing his practicum in northern Saskatchewan for the first term.

4.2 Road Trip

As is customary, the Executive will take trips to off-campus colleges to connect with members. Everyone will make the trip to Prince Albert and LaRonge. VP Steele and VP Nelson will go to Yorkton. North Battleford was not productive last year and so it will not be visited.

4.3 Education Students' Society

Move to approve funding for Education Students' Society Professional Development Workshops

EXECMotion010: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.4 RememberUS

On August 7th at 11:00 am there will be a plaque unveiled remembering the President's Honour Roll of those who participated in the Great War. VP Nelson will attend and suggested others go to.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Executive Committee
Minutes for Tuesday August 12, 2014

Present: Max FineDay, Desirée Steele, Jack Saddleback, Caroline Cottrell
Absent: Elias Nelson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:54 a.m.

2. **Quorum**

Quorum was present.

3. **Roundtables**

Max FineDay

The Student Union Development Summit- Went with the rest of the exec. to SUDS to share ideas, network, and learn with other student union executives from across Canada. The idea of mental health initiatives and support for our members was a key topic raised. Creating a safe space on campus for traditionally marginalized communities was raised a number of times at SUDS. This is a conversation that needs to happen more on our campus, and has already been happening as I engage with our diverse student community on campus.

Desirée Steele- This week was packed with interviews for the new Governance and Academic Secretary. It was a good experience and I'm happy to see how many talented and capable people are interested in working with the USSU. I was also involved with an Alternative Dispute Resolution panel. Another very challenging, very confidential learning experience.

On Thursday morning, we flew to Vancouver for the Student Union Development Conference hosted by the Alma Mater Society at UBC. I learned a lot from the individuals I met as well as from some of the sessions. I'm looking forward to seeing how I can adapt and implement some of the ideas I encountered, especially regarding student engagement and University Council student representation.

Elias Nelson

Campus Groups & Student Governance - I have been meeting with campus groups to revise their governing documents to better meet the groups' needs as well as the imperatives of the Campus Groups Policy. Most notably, it appears as if a number of USask administrative bodies have been working through student groups to make use of the resources that the USSU offers to them. While this is not for certain, the revision of governing documents has at times focused on mitigating the potential for this sort of activity and reasserting the principle of student governance.

Local Internal Process Improvement - I continue to conduct an internal process improvement on the campus groups funding and ratification database management system. So far I have produced process maps for the ratification and funding processes. These maps will serve many other purposes.

I refer to this initiative as “local” because the process improvement will only affect day-to-day administrative processes of the VP Operations & Finance. This is phase I of II, and phase II will focus on more effective communication with student groups. However, phase I will be completed and a summary report presented to the management before phase II is initiated.

Jack Saddleback-

Community Garden – I have been overseeing a small community garden with a few other students over by St. Andrews. The crops are looking good and I look forward to giving our USSU portion to students in need. Looking at next year, there is a big possibility that a student position will be available next summer to oversee all community gardens on campus.

Student Union Development Summit – Traveled with the Executive to SUDS in Vancouver where we met with other student union reps from across Canada. It was an invaluable experience to hear what concerns are at other institutions and how we may all collaborate for the betterment of students across the nation.

4. **Business**
4.1 SWITCH

Move to ratify SWITCH

EXECMotion011: VP Steele/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.2 Academic Freedom Event

President FineDay asked if the Executive were amenable to having the USSU logo attached to an Academic Freedom Event planned for October 1st. The Executive agreed that this would be appropriate. President FineDay will respond accordingly to event organizer Professor Howard Woodhouse.

5. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Executive Meeting
August 26th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, GM Cottrell

Quorum: Quorum was present

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m.

1. **Roundtables:** The Executive made a decision to go back to providing verbal updates to one another at Executive meetings.
 - a. **GM Cottrell:** The GM reported on the situation with KONE elevators. The service elevator in the rear of Place Riel was not replaced during the primary renovation because it was in use for construction and was consequently increasingly damaged. Last December Council approved the funds for this elevator to be replaced and a contract was signed with KONE. However, the company is having significant problems and the installation, originally scheduled for May 1st has been twice pushed back, now to March of 2015. We have determined that this is unacceptable and have cancelled the order and gone, instead, with Thyssen Krup. However, we have not heard anything back from KONE. The GM checked with the USSU lawyers before proceeding and they believe KONE has failed to honour the contract so there should not be any legal implications.

Research Project: The GM will deal with research projects until such time as Felipe is off U-Pass and then he will be able to take over.
President FineDay has a project as does **VP Steele**.

LB5Q: The insurance issue for LB5Q (now called Blackout Cabaret) is nearly resolved. The USSU has to get permission from the company to extend insurance to TCU Place and this should be forthcoming on August 27th or 28th.
Trees for Aird Street: Gift Marufu, head of Grounds for the U of S, will be planting the last of the USSU's trees on Aird Street, east of Cumberland Ave. USC committed to planting trees to replace those removed for the construction of Place Riel.
 - b. **President FineDay:** The President met with VP Heather Magotiaux to discuss the founding document on Aboriginal Initiatives and the need to bring it up to date. First written about 11 years ago, it is now in need of revision.

President FineDay also met with Julian Demkiw, EA to **President Barnhart**, to discuss priorities. He has asked for meetings with the President separate and apart from those held with the GSA to ensure that the undergraduate voice is being thoroughly heard.
VP Steele and **President FineDay** met with the Library regarding open textbooks. This has become something of a province-wide issue and there are those in the post-secondary world who wish to revive the

Saskatchewan Student Coalition. The USSU has kept the domain name. There is also some uncertainty about what this all means for Be Book Smart.

There has also been some contact with Patti McDougall on TransformUS.

- c. VP Saddleback: He reported that he has been meeting with Physical Therapy in support of Shinerama which is scheduled to raise money for cystic fibrosis on September 18th. He would like to ensure they get some publicity.

The following events have now been planned: Speed Friending (September 11), Games with Friends (date TBD), Sexual Assault Week (September 22-26), Zombie Walk (September 27th), Mental Health Awareness Week (in November).

- d. VP Nelson: He would like the Executive to reconsider ratifying Peer Health Mentors. Concerns were raised about the involvement of Student Health and Counselling but VP Nelson assured everyone that all the requirements for ratification have been met. He will circulate the constitution.

What's Your Cap: This group also wants to present to the Executive Students for Life: They are looking to ratify but will need to work on their constitution before this can happen.

- e. VP Steele: She is dealing with a variety of academic cases, about which she can say nothing because of confidentiality.

VP Steele is also working on alternative dispute resolution.

She expressed concern that some Education internship students may be being told that they cannot work - that it is prohibited by the College.

She is working on know you rights.

2. WUSC

GM Cottrell gave some background about the relationship between WUSC and the USSU and noted that they are going to ask to speak to USC about their need for a small increase in the fee – 50 cents per student per term. They will be in touch.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Executive Meeting September 9th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, GM Cottrell

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:18 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

GM Cottrell: The GM reported that Welcome Week was wonderful and that it was financially successful. Moreover, she said that she had no complaints about it. She also mentioned that she was everywhere where she was needed during Welcome Week, for example at the front desk, helping students getting their U-Pass, and dealing with opt-outs. She also mentioned that this year U-Pass worked in a better way because of the decision of having two (2) tables set up; one table was set up in the North Concourse and the other one at the Information Centre. On the other hand, she pointed out that the Student Central pop-up did not work as well because of problems in communication.

The GM also reported that an advertisement for Sean Gallop's position at Louis' was already posted.

Finally, the GM talked about the three (3) cases of groups of people in Place Riel this Tuesday (September 9th) that did not have permission to be there promoting their events. One of these groups was LB5Q and one was TD.

VP Nelson: He mentioned that he knows what he is going to do for the year. He has two (2) events planned, one for Term 1 and the other one for Term 2. He reported that he is just waiting on the financial approval for these events.

VP Steele: She mentioned that Welcome Week was fun until she got sick. She also said that she was at the Bowl working which was also fun because she got to talk and meet with a lot of students.

VP Steele participated in some meetings this week, about which she can say nothing because of confidentiality.

She also went to Planning & Priorities Committee (PPC) Orientation last week.

Moreover, she had conversation with ULC about smart-start, which will take place in two (2) more weeks.

VP Saddleback: He mentioned that Orientation was awesome, and that there were a lot of people to talk to. He also mentioned that that *Speed Friending* will take place this Thursday (September 11th) from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Louis' Loft. He invited the Executive to participate in this event.

4. Business

4.1 Pizza Table

The Business and Services Manager, Jason Kovitch, joined the meeting to explain the purchase of a new portable cooler table for Louis'. He voiced that the cooler table that Louis has right now failed its public health control, and therefore, it needs to be replaced. He showed the new cooler table that they are planning to buy and the features it presents. He also mentioned that the cooler table at Louis' is 12 years old and it needs to be replaced with urgency. Moreover, Louis' has the space to fit this new pizza table.

Move to approve funding for a new cooler table for Louis'.

EXECMotion 012: VP Saddleback/ VP Steele

Carried

4.2 ISSAC "Building Bridges"

President FineDay reported that the ISSAC asked if they could put posters around campus to promote their initiative called "Building Bridges". This initiative involves International and Aboriginal students.

Move to approve poster campaign to promote "Building Bridges" by ISSAC.

EXECMotion 013: VP Steele/ VP Saddleback

Carried

4.3 By-election

GM Cottrell mentioned that there are four (4) vacancies in Student Council (USC). The four vacancies are Law, Agriculture & Bioresources, WCVM and Indigenous Students. She expressed her concern about the election by saying that they cannot have an election until there is an Elections Board. She pointed out that Students-at-Large (SAL) applications are out, so she asked the Executive to get an Elections Board as soon as possible. She also mentioned that vacancies would not fill out until the end of October. Therefore, she pointed out that there should be another method to fill vacancies in USC but that this requires a change to the Bylaw. VP Steele mentioned that the by-elections should be moved to September. GM Cottrell said that she would continue conversations about this topic with the Executive and with Jason Ventnor. As a final point, she said that the sooner the USC is full, the better.

4.4 WorkGreen

VP Saddleback reported that the Office of Sustainability invited the USSU and the Executive to be part of the program WorkGreen. He consulted the members of the Executive if they would like to participate. VP Saddleback also mentioned that there is a four (4)-step process that the USSU has to go through in order to participate.

Move to take part in the project WorkGreen.

EXECMotion 014: President FineDay/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.5 Transit Union

GM Cottrell reported that she received an email from Transit Union asking if the USSU would want representation in the Transit Union group. She transferred the email to VP Nelson who reported that he was interested but that there is no need for the USSU to be part of this Transit Union. President FineDay pointed out that he agrees with VP Nelson and that he has already talked with him about the Transit Union. As a result, President FineDay and VP Nelson agreed to go to the meeting but just to listen to what the Transit Union has to say.

4.6 USC Training and Orientation

GM Cottrell indicated that this Saturday (September 13th) there would be an orientation for the USC. She also mentioned that each member of the Executive would have 30 minutes to present their portfolios and their committees. Moreover, all senior managers will be there with the exception of Amanda Mitchell.

4.7 LB5Q

GM Cottrell reported that VP Nelson received an email from David Dubé (CEO of Concorde Group Corp) saying that he wants to meet with EBSS about “Blackout Cabaret” because Mr. Dubé sponsors a Huskie Game in October 2014 called “Blackout”, and therefore, he argues that the name of the event from EBSS cannot have the same name. GM Cottrell pointed out that she is going to the meeting at ESB on Friday (September 12th) where she will discuss the problem with the Dean of ESB and Mr. Dubé.

4.8 Engineers Without Borders (EWB)

VP Nelson mentioned that EWB requested money for four (4) events during the year. He pointed out that the budget that they presented accounts for everything and that they need the money. EWB requested \$880.00, \$500.00 cash and \$380.00 in XL credit.

Move to approve funding for Engineers Without Borders’ events.

EXECMotion 015: President FineDay/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.9 Malaysian Student Association welcome back BBQ

VP Nelson reported that the Malaysian Student Association is having a welcome back BBQ this Saturday (September 13th) and that they requested \$875.00, \$350.00

cash, \$150.00 Pepsi credit and \$375.00 in XL credit. XL credit will be modified, and for now only \$500.00 were approved.

Move to approve \$500.00 for the Malaysian Student Association for welcome back BBQ.

EXECMotion 016: President FineDay/VP Nelson

Carried

5.0 Islam Awareness Week

VP Nelson reported that the Muslim Students' Association requested \$1000.00, \$500.00 in XL credit and \$500.00 cash, for the Islam Awareness Week. GM Cottrell voiced that MSA needs to clarify from where are they catering.

Move to approve funding requested by MSA for Islam Awareness Week.

EXECMotion 017: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

5.1 Usask Debate Club Welcome Back Night

The Debate Club requested \$500.00 for their Welcome Back Night, which will take place on September 12th. They required \$400.00 cash for pizza and \$100.00 in XL credit for poster and business cards. VP Nelson suggested modifying the budget, arguing that pizza is not that expensive. GM Cottrell suggested that the Debate Club should use Louis' for catering. VP Steele added that if the club needs more money for future events, they could apply for more money later during the year.

The final budget was decided to be: \$100.00 in XL credit, \$150.00 for pizza and \$50.00 for cookies and juice.

Move to approve \$300.00 for the Usask Debate Club for its Welcome Back Night.

EXECMotion 018: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

5.2 STM Student Board

VP Nelson reported that he received two (2) cheques from the STM Student Board that were from 2004. The Executive talked about not honouring their cheques given the amount of years that have passed since they were issued.

VP Steele explained to the Executive why they did not cash the cheques. The reason was that Coke Company gave the checks to the STM Student Board. They considered that Coke was not an ethical company, and as a result, they did not cash their cheques.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.

Executive Meeting September 16th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:58 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

President FineDay went to get waffles at STM last week. He mentioned that students from Ahmadiyya Muslim Students' Association (AMS) came to him to express how they are feeling excluded by the other Muslim Student Association in the prayer room. Patti McDougall will meet with AMS and President FineDay next week to discuss this concern.

VP Nelson:

VP Steele:

VP Steele had meetings with a variety of people. These related to some of the five University Council committees of which she is a member (RSAW, PPC, and TLARC) as well as some other projects she is involved in, including an experiential learning action group and a research shop proposal committee. She also worked with a variety of students, especially the incoming University Councillors. To wrap up, she also prepped for *Know Your Rights* this week

and gave a speech on behalf of the USSU at a University celebration of teaching.

VP Saddleback:

Sustainability Week Planning – Met with Margret Asmuss, Office of Sustainability’s Sustainability Coordinator, and Taylor Yee, Office of Sustainability’s Student Group Liaison, to begin planning this year’s Sustainability Week. The Office of Sustainability will be announcing a number of new programs and workshops on October 22nd for the National On Campus Sustainability Day. We’ll be collaborating with the O of S, the U of S Cycling Club, Environmental Studies Students’ Association (to be confirmed), and others to bring workshops and campaigns forward.

Zombie Walk 2014 – Corresponded with John Allison, Saskatoon Fantastic Film Festival (SFFF) Director, to solidify our involvement in this year’s Zombie Walk on September 27th. We’ll be gathering in Kiwanis Park between 4:30 – 6 pm, also offering zombie makeup before we shamble across the river at 6 pm to watch Life After Beth, which is presented by the SFFF.

4. Business

4.1 Zombie Walk

VP Saddleback explained that Zombiewalk would be the same as last year. He asked for \$30 to purchase make-up for the event.

Move to approve \$30 to purchase make-up for Zombiewalk.

EXECMotion 019: VP Saddleback/VP Nelson

Carried

4.2 Executive Meeting time

President FineDay mentioned that the Executive needs to find a new time for their Executive meeting, so the Academic & Governance Assistant can take minutes from the meetings. The Executive decided to meet every Tuesday at 3 pm.

4.3 Sask Invest

The group is expecting to increase their events. They are looking for \$500 cash and \$200 in XL credit.

VP Steele mentioned that the request is not satisfying because it does not specify very well for what the money is going to be used. She liked the idea the group has but she wants to see a detailed budget, for example, cost of materials and other sources of funding.

Move to approve \$200 in XL credit and to modify funds request.

EXECMotion 020: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

4.4 Usask Model United Nations

The club requested \$150 in funds to purchase a proper gavel for debate, and handbook on the UN procedures, among other materials. They also requested \$120 in XL credit to make placards and printing relevant materials.

VP Steele noted that the club needs to detail their budget better.

The \$120 in XL credit will be granted. However, the club will be required to bring the receipts for the price they pay for the gavel, and the USSU will reimburse them for the price.

EXECMotion 021: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

4.5 Environmental Science Student Association welcome back BBQ

The group requested \$130 cash to purchase food for their BBQ.

Moved to approve \$130 in funding.

EXECMotion 022: President FineDay/VP Nelson

Carried

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:29pm.

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday September 18th, 2014

Present

Max FineDay, President
Elias Nelson, VP Operations and Finance
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Marina Jones, Dentistry
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Zachary Huywan, Law

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf

Meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to amend the agenda to move, 7.1.1 Appointments Committee, and 7.1.2 Elections Committee to 6.1 and 6.2 under 6.0 Business.

USCMotion001: President FineDay/Councilor Robertson

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay mentioned that it was great to be in the first Council meeting. President FineDay requested that everyone remember we are on Treaty Six land and that we are in Strategic Alliance with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. He mentioned that we should be very proud of this Alliance.

President FineDay brought up the news about Transit in Saskatoon. Saskatoon Transit has given a 48 hours lockout notice to bus drivers, which means that potentially buses might stop running on Saturday September 9th, 2014 at 9p.m. President FineDay noticed that this presents a challenge for the USSU because the organization pays Saskatoon Transit a significant amount of money to provide a service to the students. He mentioned that if Transit is not going to provide this service, the USSU might withhold payment and look at the contract. He also pointed out that he would keep councilors updated with what happens with Transit.

President FineDay reported that on Saturday September 13th, 2014 during Orientation for USC the Executive needed to talk about Council Committees. However, there was no time at Orientation to explain the committees and committee structure. As a result, he explained that the reason behind moving the Appointments Committee and the Elections Committee to Business is to choose which Councilors are going to sit on each Committee.

He explained that the Appointments Committee is an easy job. It meets once, and it decides the Students-at-Large who would sit on each Committee. He asked if there were any Councilors who were on the Appointments Committee last year. Councilor Iron responded that she was part of this Committee.

President FineDay also said that an Elections Committee is necessary for when the USSU has elections. He pointed out that the USSU needs an Elections Committee set up as soon as possible, so the by-elections can occur. He said that the Elections Committee meets when there needs to be a by-election or in March for the next election of the Executive and Student Council. Councilor Schwab mentioned that he was part of the Elections Committee last year. President FineDay encouraged councilors to put their names forward for any of these committees.

President FineDay talked about the External Affairs Committee. He said that this committee is the only one he runs, and it deals with government policy. He mentioned that last year the committee focused on the cost of textbooks and that the results were successful in convincing the provincial government to adopt a cheaper textbook model.

Finally, President FineDay introduced the member of The Sheaf who was present: Rainer Kocsis.

President FineDay invited his fellow members of the Executive to talk briefly about their committees in order to give the Councilors to have a better idea about each of them.

VP Nelson started by talking about the Budget & Finance Committee. He mentioned that by sitting on this committee, participants would have the chance to participate in allocating resources for the benefits of students and students groups. He pointed out that Campus Groups finance goes through the Budget & Finance Committee and it is approved by it. He said that this often entails presentation as well as ratification of new student groups. He said that it is a very important business. Some topics that he would like to explore this year on his committee are: long-run capital strategy, and process improvement. His goal is to reduce redundant tasks and to work more directly with students groups, rather than working more indirectly, through emails or telephone calls.

VP Saddleback thanked councilors for coming out to the first meeting. He mentioned that he chairs on the Student Affairs Committee, and the Sustainability Committee. The Student Affairs Committee is all non-academic, non-governmental issues, which includes a number of the goals that he would like to see put forward this year. He mentioned that his first goal is to deal with Mental-Health. He said that he likes that people on campus are jumping on board with this project and realizing we all have a mental health concerns. He mentioned that he would be working very closely with the Help Centre, as well as Student Health, and various other student groups on campus. He pointed out that the Mental Health Awareness Week is going to take place from November 3rd to November 7th.

VP Saddleback explained that the Sustainability Committee deals with sustainability on campus. He pointed out that the Sustainability Week is going to take place from October 20th to October 24th. He invited councilors to join him on both committees.

VP Steele mentioned that she sits on the Academic Affairs Committee. She pointed out that the committee deals with two (2) major things. The first one is to facilitate Teaching Excellence Awards by helping at the nomination tables, and then go to the classroom where professors that have been nominated to survey the class. The second thing is to help run the Undergraduate Research Symposium, which will take place in January. She mentioned that this event started two (2) years ago, and that it is really important for undergraduate research on campus. Finally, she said that she deals with Academic Policy, so she invited councilors who are interested on this kind of policy to join her committee.

President FineDay mentioned that Student-at-Large (SAL) applications are posted on the USSU website. He also said that all these committees are open to all students at the University. Moreover, he mentioned that there is an option for councilors to sit on the Undergraduate Student Forum for SAL, which is a connection between administration and students. He mentioned that last year he proposed the first term Reading Week on this Forum. Finally, he mentioned that the forum is to bring up students' issues to direct

high-level administration.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes - April 3rd, 2014

4.2 Executive Committee – May 6th, 2014; May 13th, 2014; May 21st, 2014; June 2nd, 2014; June 10th, 2014; June 17th, 2014; June 20th, 2014; July 15th, 2014; July 22nd, 2014; July 31st, 2014; August 6th, 2014; August 12th, 2014; August 26th, 2014; September 9th, 2014.

Councilor Radomske mentioned that he has a question about the minutes from May 13th, 2014. He asked about LB5Q and the argument that it should be its own group/event.

VP Nelson responded that it was an idea coming from the Edwards School of Business Student Association and the USSU Executive. He mentioned that the idea was not pursued.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion002: President FineDay/Councilor Iron

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Appointments Committee

President FineDay nominated Councilor Senecal, Councilor Iron, Councilor Schwab, Councilor Prebble, Councilor Chan, and Councilor Li. All nominees accepted their nominations.

Each Councilor that was nominated gave a short speech explaining why they should be chosen as a member of this committee.

Move to provide a 5-minute break to count the votes.

USCMotion003: President FineDay/Councilor Robertson

Carried

Elected to the Appointments Committee:

Councilor Iron

Councilor Schwab

Councilor Senecal

Councilor Chan

6.2 Elections Committee

President FineDay nominated Councilor Haines, Councilor Robertson and Councilor Arcand. Councilor Robertson declined. Councilor Arcand and Councilor Haines accepted.

Councilor Robertson nominated Councilor Munro. Councilor Munro declined.

VP Nelson nominated Councilor Li. Councilor Li declined.

Move to close nominations.

USCMotion004: President FineDay/Councilor Iron

Carried

Elected to the Elections Committee:

Councilor Haines

Councilor Arcand

USCMotion005: Motion from Council is inaudible from recordings.

7. New Business

7.1 Election to USC Committee

Nominations and elections will be held next week.

VP Steele mentioned that she forgot to mention when the committees would meet. She said that the Academic Affairs Committee would probably meet once a month.

VP Saddleback pointed out that the Sustainability Committee and the Student Affairs Committee meetings are up to the members of each committee.

VP Nelson mentioned that the Budget & Finance Committee would meet most likely every week.

President FineDay mentioned that the External Affairs Committee might meet seven (7) times this term. He also talked about the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee, which looks at disciplinary action of policies. He also mentioned that it needs to be filled out. However, he mentioned that the committee has not been used in 8 and half years.

7.2 WUSC

President FineDay explained that WUSC is a student group that brings refugees to the University of Saskatchewan and help them with costs associated to the University and coming to Canada. WUSC would be presenting to Council next week to ask to raise their fee. He said that he did not have the specific amount but that General Manager Cottrell does.

Move to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

USCMotion006: *Motion from Council is inaudible from recordings/Councilor Radomske* **Carried**

GM Cottrell mentioned that she has been involved with WUSC for 8 and half years. She made clear that the money is managed by the USSU but it belongs to WUSC. WUSC is asking to raise their fee because they cannot keep up with the costs associated with the

refugees that WUSC has at the moment.

8. Questions and Comments

Councilor Radomske mentioned that in a meeting of his student group, he was approached by one of the councilors who had a concern about the bus services that it is offered to students. Moreover, she had a concern about students' costs and if there is going to be a rebate this year for student transportation related to the problem with Transit.

President FineDay answered that this was a very serious situation. He said that Transit has not been a great partner this year. He said that the USSU found out that Transit was reducing their services; *President FineDay's explanation is inaudible from recordings.*

He also mentioned that he is in constant communication with the Transit Union President and he hopes that Transit can go back to service before the lockout (September 20th). He would have a look to the contract with GM Cottrell and VP Nelson to see what sort of options the students have. He argued that he thinks students should not pay for a service that is not being offered, and he will communicate this to City Council and Transit.

Councilor Senecal asked if whether the reduce services and the lockout are related to the same issues entirely.

President FineDay answered that they are certainly related. Saskatoon Transit and the Transit Union have been without a contract since 2012, therefore that is a problem for the city and people that use the bus system. The reason behind reduced services is because their buses have not been well maintained. The reason behind this is that they have not attracted mechanics to Saskatoon because they are still paying 2012 rates. Transit tried to attract mechanics by giving a 10% boost but the amount is still below compared to other cities in Western Canada.

Councilor Arcand commented that in her college they are looking to see if it would be possible to get U-Passes that include the last two (2) weeks of August and first two (2) weeks of May so students in the College of Dentistry can still ride the bus on that time.

President FineDay recognized that the current U-Pass does not fit with everybody's academic calendar. He said that GM Cottrell has been working since last year to see the possibility to extend the U-Pass. However, he said that it is really hard to get Saskatoon Transit, the University administration and the USSU to agree on what a better service looks like. Conversations between these three bodies will continue.

Councilor Labrecque mentioned that the comment might be directed to VP Nelson. She said that a member of SESS, Saskatoon Engineering Student Society, approached her about ratification. She wanted to know why ratifications have taken so long, especially since they have been ratified before.

VP Nelson mentioned that his first priority is concerns from students, and therefore, ratification is a really important one. He said that ratification usually goes from three (3)

to five (5) days but he wants to keep it on three (3) days. He said that he believes that SESS is ratified. However, he addressed that if the club is unsatisfied with his services to please let him know.

Councilor Haines asked a question about ratification as well. She was wondering if there is a way for groups that were ratified in the past to their ratification form to be saved. The reason behind is that it is a lot of work to fill out the form because they require specific dates that sometimes they do not know.

VP Nelson replied that he is working on this matter right now. He mentioned that he is working with IT support to revise the system and make it more user oriented to be easy to administer, therefore eliminating redundant data and steps. He said that their program used for the forms has been updated from FileMaker Pro 12 to FileMaker Pro13. He said that last year database is inaccessible for him. He explained how the process is going to work; therefore the information from each ratified group is saved in the system.

Councilor Arcand had a question regarding the difference between a student society and a student group. She said that in her college (Medicine) the student society is ratified but that under that society there are a bunch of groups that are not. She asked whether those groups are allowed to be ratified because they get funding from the Saskatchewan Medicine Student Society.

VP Nelson replied by saying that the terminology is confusing. He said that the terminology right now is College Society and Campus Group. A college size determines the insurance from each College Society and students groups. He said that both, a student society and a student group are eligible to be ratified, as long as they meet the requirements of the policies.

Councilor Labrecque asked about the process on which VP Nelson is working on about keeping the ratification forms stored and if the ratification could be extended to a longer period in time.

VP Nelson answered that student groups are interesting organizations because membership turnover is the biggest threat. He explained that student groups usually select their Executive at the end of term 2 for the upcoming year. Thus, ratification period mirrors those kinds of consideration. He said that the USSU has to distribute their profit according to the Saskatchewan Non-Profit Act; therefore extending the ratification process to two (2) years would make it difficult for the USSU to check if the groups are following the policies. He argued that multiyear ratification seems unpractical, both on the student groups and on college societies. He invited Councilor Labrecque to have another conversation about because he is interested in the topic.

Councilor Senecal asked also a question related to group ratification. He mentioned that the email of the group he is involved with was blocked over the summer; therefore he asked if there was a chance for student groups' emails to be kept in use until September, so students could use the email to organize stuff before the academic year begins in

September.

VP Nelson replied that this relates to the policy of the University administration. He said that the administration would only allowed groups that were ratified to use a Usask email address. He suggested groups change the email provider to Gmail. He mentioned that he is not sure if the University will allow groups to continue using their Usask emails over the summer.

VP Steele mentioned that there is going to be a focus group next Wednesday, September 24th, from 9a.m. to 11a.m. in the Agriculture Building with food from STM. The focus group is an opportunity to emphasize what undergraduate students would think about a research shop. This focus group is to address students' questions about research. She pointed out that is a great opportunity to increase research at the University of Saskatchewan. She invited Councilors to join her.

Councilor Haines asked about the research group and if it was related to SPIRG.

VP Steele replied that it is not related to the SPIRG.

Councilor Jones asked about term 1 reading week and why it was set on November and not on October.

President FineDay replied that the University administration did not feel that October was not a long enough time to set reading week. He said that they were unable to convince the administration to put reading week in October.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councilors Reports

The Chair explained what Councilors Reports were. Each week Councilors are expected to provide some kind of report from their college or student group.

Councilor Schwab – STM – mentioned that STMSU is having by-elections next Thursday September 25th and Friday September 26th. Also, there is going to be an election forum on Tuesday September 23rd. He pointed that out that students can vote on PAWS. Moreover, he said that on Wednesday September 24th and Thursday September 25th there is going to be a “Meet the Faculty & Staff Lunch”.

Councilor Munro – Edwards School of Business – pointed out that Edwards School of Business is putting on an internal case competition. There is a junior and senior division. For the senior division, it is an actually buying of an NMC (National Mining Competition). She mentioned that this year they are trying to get more engineers to participate because the competition is really engineer focused. There is going to be a “Meet & Greet” for people who are interested on September 24th at Alexander's at 7p.m. Finally, Councilor Munro pointed out that case competition are great and that they can provide people with scholarships. She invited people to ask her if they had any questions.

Councilor FineDay-Kierra – Indigenous Students – stated that the Indigenous Students are currently in their election process. However, members supposed to be confirmed on September 19th but there were some technical difficulties with the voting system; therefore students cannot vote until September 25th and 26th.

Councilor Radomske – Nursing – said that he met with SNSS last week to review the portfolios, councilor members. He also mentioned that events are being planned and that they are doing fairly well.

Councilor Jones-Kirsten – Kinesiology – mentioned that the College of Kinesiology Students’ Society is having a BBQ next Wednesday September 24th from 11a.m. until 1p.m. She invited councilors to participate. The BBQ will take place at the PAC.

Councilor Senecal – Arts & Science – expressed that during the week there were two (2) events in the College of Arts & Science. The first one was 1-Day ArtSci (#1dayartscicontest). The results of this contest will be released during next week. The second event was the pancake breakfast that took place on Tuesday September 16th.

President FineDay apologized to the councilors for not having put in camera on the agenda. He proposed to move a motion to go in camera.

USCMotion007: Councilor Iron/Councilor Chan

Carried

10. Adjournment

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, September 25th, 2014
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 WUSC**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – September 18th, 2014**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – September 23rd, 2014**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
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- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
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 - 6.1.5 Sustainability Committee**
 - 6.1.6 Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee**
 - 6.1.7 Student Representatives on University Council**
 - 6.2 WUSC**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

| Name | Sept.18 | Sept.25 | Oct.2 | Oct.9 | Oct.15 | Oct.23 | Oct.30 | Nov. 6 | Nov. 13 | Nov.20 | Nov. 27 | Dec. 4 |
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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Huywan, Zachary | R | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Marina | P | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

Executive Meeting September 23rd, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Meeting with Arts & Science Dean's Executive

VP Steele and I met with Dean Stoicheff and his Executive to talk about issues relevant for students in Arts & Science. Experiential learning, student supports, and Aboriginal initiatives were the main topics. Each of the vice-deans also spoke to their position. We had a good discussion about the USSIU's priorities for the year and how we can mutually benefit in these areas.

Meeting with the President and Executive

The USSU had our monthly meeting with the President and his Executive. The USSU brought childcare up as a topic and stressed to the university to honour the commitment it made to expanding childcare and building a new centre. We also discussed ways to expand accessibility for traditionally underrepresented groups in post-secondary education, specifically following the lead of the University of Winnipeg who has excelled in this area.

VP Nelson:

Student events - I took a vacation day Monday to observe an approximately \$0.5M event that was financed, planned and managed on-site by a student union, the executive of which was so kind as to offer me access to the event's documentation. In future, when students and student groups ask why USask does not have a stadium concert during welcome week and whether doing so is a possibility, I will have a more concrete answer for them than has previously been offered. I returned in time to attend LB5Q: Blackout. Considering the timeframe of what transpired over the summer, I would consider the event a great success. I continue to be impressed by what student organizations are capable of!

Student Council - I was asked a number of questions relating to ratification, including: how ratification takes to process; whether the auto-population of forms is a potential options; what is the difference between college societies, campus clubs, campus groups, and student groups; whether multi-year ratification is an option; and what can be done to address the inconvenience of "-@usask.ca" addresses expiring when ratification does. I was blindsided by the specificity of these questions. However, I am very happy to see that others are putting as much thought into the ratification and funding processes as I am, and take these concerns as support for the improvement that I am working toward. Councillors, please keep it coming!

VP Steele:

This week I ran a campaign for the Academic Advocacy Office (really, myself and sometimes Felipe) called Know Your Rights. I tabled in Health Science, the Arts tunnel, STM, near ESB on the second floor, and in the Engineering building. Thank you to all the volunteers, including my fellow execs and USSU staff, who helped when I couldn't be there or moved that dang plasma screen with me!

I also attended PPC and RSAW committee meetings as well as University Council, where I gave the USSU address because Max was sick, and University Student Council.

VP Saddleback:

Breakfast with the President and Upper Administration

– The executive sat down with interim president, Dr. Barnhart, interim provost, Ernie Barber, upper administration, and the GSA to discuss our concerns. We discussed childcare, accessible education, Aboriginal engagement, parking, and communication.

Positive Space – Sat down with Craig Friesen, Pride Centre Coordinator, to discuss an upcoming Positive Space workshop for the USSU. Slated to present on September 24th at 1:30 pm.

4. Business

4.1 Saskatoon Transit

President FineDay mentioned that there has been a lot of Twitter and Facebook interaction regarding the lockout from Transit.

GM Cottrell (in advice from lawyers) contacted Transit to let them know that the USSU will withhold payments to Transit; 0.60 cents per student per day until the buses are back on the road & students start getting what they've paid for.

The USSU is working to see how to get this money back to students.

4.2 Environmental and Bioresources Student Association Pizza Mixer

EBSA requested \$137.98 for their pizza mixer. \$6.65 in XL credit, and \$130.98 in funds.

Move to approve \$137.98 for EBSA pizza mixer.

EXECMotion023: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.3 Prairie University Ultimate Championships

The Pandora Women will be participating in a university-level Ultimate Frisbee tournament and they requested \$500.

Move to approve \$500 for the Prairie University Ultimate Championships.

EXECMotion024: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

4.4 Prosthetic Hand Project by SaskInvent

SaskInvent asked for \$300. \$100 for small electrical motors, \$100 for a 3-D printing budget, \$50 for Arduino board components, \$30 for other electrical components, and \$20 for programming development hardware.

Move to approve budget for SaskInvent.

EXECMotion025: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.5 Zombie Obstacle Run

SWITCH requested \$400.05 for their Zombie Obstacle Run. They requested \$167.20 in funds, \$124.00 in XL credit and \$108.85 in Pepsi product.

Move to approve budget for SWITCH.

EXECMotion026: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.6 Jack Project

VP Saddleback pointed out a concern with respect to the Jack's Project. Each chapter that participates in this project receives a budget.

However, VP Saddleback was not clear where the money goes and who receives it.

GM Cottrell suggested that he could talk with Amanda Mitchell about it but that she does not see a problem with it.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday September 25th, 2014

Present

Max FineDay, President
Elias Nelson, VP Operations and Finance
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
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Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Wendy Li, Education

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Marina Jones, Dentistry
Jessie Munro, ESB
Zachary Huywan, Law
Michael Prebble, Education

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Shafalta Basnyat, WUSC
Zain Ali, WUSC
Celestin Usengumeremyi, WUSC
Stephanie Deptuer, WUSC
Jessica Brown, WUSC
Kennedy Pulkey, WUSC
Anna Tsui, WUSC
Delaney Stang, WUSC
Courtney Stang, WUSC
Brilene Greer, WUSC
Lorot PaulMichail, WUSC
Jessica Shirley, WUSC
Hassan Khalid, WUSC

The meeting was called to order at 6:10p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion008: President FineDay/Councillor Chan

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay mentioned that it was great to be in a full Council meeting with so many people. He welcomed all the guests from WUSC and thanked Anna-Lilja Dawson for her work with the Sheaf, as its editor.

President FineDay also brought up the event “Take Back The Night” from the Women’s Centre, which was taking place during the Council meeting. He invited councillors to go to the event after the meeting.

President FineDay also reminded councillors that next week, President Barnhart is going to be at the Council meeting. He asked councillors to please come to the Council meeting next week and to bring some questions prepared for him. He mentioned that food would be served.

President FineDay gave a Transit update. The USSU Executive decided that they were not going to ask their members to pay for a service that were not receiving; therefore the USSU Executive decided to withhold \$0.60 cents per day that the buses do not run. He mentioned that Transit was going to go to the Labour Board on Friday September 26th, so he hopes that they would come to a solution that brings positive solutions.

VP Saddleback said that on Saturday September 27th at 4:30 p.m., Zombie Walk is going to take place. The event is taking place at Kiwanis Park and he invited all councillors to participate.

VP Nelson talked about the Campus Club Meet & Greet. The event is going to take place on September 26th at 4:00p.m. at Louis’ Loft. He invited councillors and campus clubs to participate.

3. Council Address

3.1 WUSC

Move into informality.

USCMotion009: Councillor Iron/VP Steele

Carried

Jessica Brown mentioned that WUSC has three (3) overarching mandates, which are education, employment, and empowerment. She mentioned that WUSC was going to talk about their mandate on education for this meeting.

Jessica Brown started by saying that WUSC is a big organization that has a lot of partners in Canada, and internationally. WUSC works to improve access to education in multiple ways, primarily for girls and young women. However, the goal behind education is one

of the three (3) mandates and the heart of WUSC at the University of Saskatchewan is the refugee program. The Student Refugee Program (SRP) is a program which provides university students with the opportunity to engage in real-life change. The SRP sponsors students from many refugee camps around the world, mostly in Africa and in Asia. WUSC helps them move to Canada, to obtain a university degree, and to develop a new life with new friends, and possibly the chance to relocate their family. The SRP is very special and unique in Canada because it partners refugees' sponsorship with education. The SRP is the only program in the world that that makes this partnership. The results have been exceptional.

Jessica Brown mentioned that in 2007, Impact Study found that 97% of WUSC sponsors students graduated from university, and 85% of those students did find employment in their field of study. Students from WUSC credited their success to the SRP.

She explained that the first twelve (12) months of the program consists of financial, academic, and social support. She explained that the social support is important because it provides a community and safe space for their students to learn what it means to be Canadian. The SRP provides regular potlucks, BBQs, swimming parties, movie nights, etc., to help students. Ms. Brown showed a picture to the councillors that showed an event from this summer that took place at her farm. She also mentioned that in a few months they are going to go to Regina for a trip, and there are going to be competitions against WUSC Regina. She remarked that all these activities help students to connect with Canada and with other Canadian students.

Ms. Brown introduced Shafalta Basnyat to explain the financial support. She explained that every year the University of Saskatchewan sponsors three (3) students with \$3.50 that are charged on tuition (per semester). She pointed out that the last increase was in 2009 were it increased from \$3.00 per term to \$3.50. She mentioned that WUSC needs an increase because of inflation. Ms. Basnyat explained what inflation was and how to calculate it using the Consumer Price Index (CPI). She showed a basket of goods and services and explained that the CPI monitors the movement of the price of goods and services in the basket. She said that the price of the basket changes every year and that right now WUSC is using the 2002 basket as a base year. She pointed out that by comparing the price of the basket from 2002 to 2014 shows that the cost increase is on average \$1.85.

Currently WUSC calculates its budget by assuming that there are going to be an approximate of 14,000 undergraduate students. From these students, WUSC receives \$3.50 per student per semester. As a result, WUSC gets \$96,000 (\$32,000 per term) for the whole year to sponsor students. Ms. Basnyat explained that as inflation has increased so has the operation fee for WUSC. She explained that the \$32,00 is no longer sufficient to support the program. In order to make the 2014 budget fit and to be able to provide the students with sufficient resources, WUSC had to reallocate all of the different items, such as, orientation, books and bursaries among others.

Ms. Basnyat then mentioned that WUSC is asking for an increase for a levy from \$3.50 per semester to \$4.00 per semester. She explained that the \$0.50 cents of increase reflects the increase on inflation; it reflects a 50% increase in inflation since 2009.

Ms. Brown explained what the fee that students pay to WUSC is used for. For example, she mentioned that is used to pay immigration fees, TOEFL tests, and physical fitness tests and a whole variety of fees that the money is used for.

Ms. Brown introduced Lorot PaulMichael who explained his experienced with WUSC. He mentioned that he was from the camp in Kenya. He arrived in January and he is a first year student in Arts & Science. He quoted Winston by saying, “we make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give”. He said that the SRP was a very life changing opportunity to him and many others. However, he mentioned that it was frustrating to see other students that did not make it, going back to their home countries because they were not able to get opportunities like the SRP.

Mr. PaulMichael mentioned that the opportunity to come to Canada ha given him the opportunity to continue his studies. It has also given him the chance to settle in Canada and to live in peace, which he said that he has never had before by living as a refugee. He thanked the SRP for changing his life and many others. He extended his thanks to all the people present at the meeting.

Ms. Brown introduced Celestin Usengumeremyi. He mentioned that he came to Canada on August 7th, 2013. He said that he could not forget the date because it is a really important day in his life. He said that he was from Rwanda but he grew up in Morahi. He mentioned that he did his high school in Malani, but that after he finished high school there were no opportunities for him to continue studying. From 250 students that graduate, only 20 students get a chance to keep studying. He was thankful for being one of those 20 students. He explained the process of coming to Canada and how the people from WUSC supported him not only academically but also socially and financially. He thanked WUSC’s SRP program, the University of Saskatchewan and all people present at the meeting for letting him present his story and what the SRP does.

Ms. Brown reported that there are three (3) reasons why the SRP is important to the University of Saskatchewan, the USSU, and to the students. The three reasons are empowerment, history, and global connectedness. First, empowerment: WUSC provides a wide set of skills through the SRP to help students. Second, history: Ms. Brown mentioned that the University of Saskatchewan was the second university in Canada to found a SRP program in 1978. In total, the program at the university has sponsored 75 students. She mentioned that this year they are sponsoring three (3) more students, therefore having a total of 78 students. Third, global connectedness: Ms. Brown pointed out that the SRP is a concrete example of how our university is becoming multicultural. It is undeniable beneficial to have students and people with the opportunity to interact with people from different backgrounds.

Ms. Brown invited councillors to ask any questions that they may have.

President FineDay thanked WUSC for the presentation and for sharing their stories with council. President FineDay said that he was curious about the level of funding that WUSC gets at the University of Saskatchewan in comparison with other universities.

Ms. Brown replied that other universities, such as the University of Toronto and the University of Victoria among others, get more funding because they have more students. However, she mentioned that most WUSC committees sponsor one (1) student in comparison to the University of Saskatchewan WUSC committee, which sponsors three (3) students per year. Moreover, in the last two (2) years, WUSC at the university has sponsored four (4) students per year, because they had a surplus in their contingency funding. She told President FineDay that she could access the exact information about funding but that funding depends on each campus. Also, she mentioned that there are different ways to increase the funding for the program. Finally, she added that some universities do not have a tuition credit but that the University of Saskatchewan is really lucky to have the tuition credit, which allows three (3) students to have 30 credits per year.

VP Steele thanked WUSC for coming to the meeting. She asked if Ms. Brown could explain about the increase in government fees and how do those fees work out.

Ms. Brown answered that there has been a doubling because of the current changes with the federal government and their unwillingness to fund; they did retract a significant amount of funding from the SRP. Therefore, WUSC headquarters had to make that decision as to how they were going to deal with this retraction. The WUSC headquarters had two (2) options, one of them being the reduction of funding and the second one being the request to increase the fee at local committees. They chose the second option, so they can provide more funding and continue with the quality of the program.

GM Cottrell gave a detailed background on this matter. She started by pointing out that she has been working with WUSC for a long time. Then she mentioned that around six (6) years ago, the Canadian International Development Agency axed all the funding for refugee programs, and started charging refugees \$2,500 to come to Canada.

Ms. Brown added that one of the items on WUSC budget is the travel payment fund. She explained that Citizen and Immigration Canada (CIC) pays for the flight of refugees to get to Canada, but once they arrive here, CIC requires that the refugees pay that back on a loan basis; therefore, WUSC pays for this fee.

President FineDay asked about other kinds of funding that WUSC might have.

Ms. Brown replied that WUSC receives the tuition credit that comes from the President's Fund, and then they have the levy. Ms. Brown pointed out that for their budget needs, the typical types of fundraising, such as steak nights, are not feasible to raise the money they need. However, she mentioned that WUSC does fundraising for their local committee to

pay for local activities. She said that the money use for these activities does not come from the student funds. Nevertheless, these activities are limited.

GM Cottrell pointed out that the USSU has a memorandum of understanding with WUSC where by the money funnels through the USSU. She acknowledged the work from Peggy Pfeil, Accounting Assistant from the USSU, who works really close with WUSC, making sure that the money is appropriately allocated and accounted for all of the refugees that come to the university.

Ms. Brown mentioned that she was thankful for Peggy Pfeil's work and the USSU contribution.

Councillor Kirsten Jones asked if there is a cafeteria credit for the SRP at the university.

Ms. Brown answered that she just transferred to the University of Saskatchewan in April of 2014; therefore she is still working with WUSC to get a credit for students to have a cafeteria credit. She said that it is a long-term commitment but that WUSC is working on it. Moreover, she said that the decision depends on the economic climate and that now it is not the best time to ask for this credit; therefore that may impact their decision.

President FineDay thanked WUSC for coming to the meeting and for their presentation. He asked councillors to help him thank WUSC for coming to the council meeting.

Ms. Brown thanked the council for their time.

Move to go back into formality.

USCMotion010: President FineDay/Councillor Arcand

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – September 18th, 2014

Councillor Rogowski asked about the criteria for clubs to received funding and for selecting the funding each club gets.

VP Nelson replied that first of all student groups need to be ratified. Then he said that there is a detailed criterion for what is funded and what is not. For example, travel, groups that only do events, and money that goes direct to charity are some of the things that the USSU does not fund. VP Nelson said that the USSU requires a detailed list for what the money is needed by presenting a detailed budget.

VP Steele noted a blank in the minutes, and as a result she asked if any councillor could provide the name of the councillor that asked the question related to the Transit lockout.

Councillor Senecal replied that it was him who asked that.

Councillor Labrecque made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that there was a statement made by her but that was credited to Councillor Arcand regarding the process of keeping the ratification information, and the answer of VP Nelson inviting her for a conversation afterwards, which is also credited to Councillor Arcand rather than Councillor Labrecque.

4.2 Executive Committee – September 23rd, 2014

VP Saddleback noted that on his roundtables under the Positive Space point, he wrote October 24th but it should say September 24th.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion011: President FineDay/Councillor Robertson

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Election to the USC Committee

6.1.1 Budget and Finance Committee

The Chair mentioned that for this committee there are four (4) councillors and two (2) SAL that need to be elected.

Councillor Iron nominated Councillor Robertson. Councillor Robertson accepted.

Councillor Robertson nominated Councillor Munro. Councillor Munro accepted.

Councillor Rogowski nominated Councillor Senecal. Councillor Senecal accepted.

President FineDay nominated Councillor Li, Councillor Barth, Councillor Arcand, Councillor Kirsten Jones and Councillor Chan. Councillor Li, Councillor Barth, Councillor Arcand and Councillor Kirsten Jones declined. Councillor Chan accepted.

Elected to the Budget and Finance Committee:

Councillor Chan
Councillor Munro
Councillor Robertson
Councillor Senecal

6.1.2 Academic Affairs Committee

Councillor Arcand nominated Councillor Li. Councillor Li accepted.

Councillor ____ nominated Councillor Haines. Councillor Haines accepted.

VP Steele nominated Councillor Labrecque, Councillor FineDay, Councillor Daniels, Councillor Nwabuniwe and Councillor Schwab. Councillor Labrecque and Councillor

FineDay declined. Councillor Daniels, Councillor Nwabuniwe and Councillor Schwab accepted.

Each Councillor that was nominated gave a short speech explaining why they should be chosen as a member of this committee.

Elected to the Academics Affairs Committee:

Councillor Li
Councillor Haines
Councillor Daniels

VP Steele congratulated the winners.

6.1.3 Students Affairs Committee

Councillor Kirsten Jones nominated herself.

VP Saddleback nominated Councillor Robertson and Councillor Iron. Councillor Robertson and Councillor Iron accepted.

Elected to the Students Affairs Committee:

Councillor Kirsten Jones
Councillor Robertson
Councillor Iron

6.1.4 External Affairs Committee

VP Nelson nominated Councillor Senecal. Councillor Senecal accepted.

Councillor Li nominated Councillor Arcand. Councillor Arcand accepted.

Councillor Robertson nominated Councillor Labrecque. Councillor Labrecque declined.

Councillor Daniels nominated Councillor Iron. Councillor Iron accepted.

Councillor Schwab nominated himself.

Each Councillor that was nominated gave a short speech explaining why they should be chosen as a member of this committee.

Elected to the External Affairs Committee:

Councillor Senecal
Councillor Arcand
Councillor Iron

6.1.5 Sustainability Committee

VP Saddleback nominated Councillor Prebble and Councillor Rogowski. Councillor Prebble and Councillor Rogowski accepted.

President FineDay nominated Councillor Daniels, Councillor Schwab and Councillor FineDay. Councillor Daniels accepted. Councillor Schwab and Councillor FineDay declined.

Elected to the Sustainability Committee:

- Councillor Prebble
- Councillor Rogowski
- Councillor Daniels

6.1.6 Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee

President FineDay nominated Councillor Radomske. Councillor Radomske accepted.

Councillor Iron nominated Councillor Daniels. Councillor Daniels accepted.

Councillor Rogowski nominated Councillor Labrecque. Councillor Labrecque accepted.

Councillor Kirsten Jones nominated Councillor Nwabuniwe. Councillor Nwabuniwe accepted.

Each Councillor that was nominated gave a short speech explaining why they should be chosen as a member of this committee.

Elected to the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Tribunal:

- Councillor Labrecque
- Councillor Radomske
- Councillor Nwabuniwe

6.1.7 Student Representatives on University Council

VP Steele mentioned that Councillors could not be elected by USC to be part of the University Council. However, if a student is the sole representative of their college or constituency, that student is automatically representative on the University Council. She added that each student should know if they represent their constituency on the University Council but if not to check with her.

University Council meets every third Thursday of the month at 2:30p.m. in the Neatby-Timlin Theatre in the College of Arts and Science.

6.2 WUSC

President FineDay mentioned that he had the opportunity to meet with the new arrivals a few days before the presentation. He told the students from WUSC that the University is here to support them. He also pointed out that the students from WUSC were thinking of volunteering for the USSU Centres.

President FineDay explained that the USSU does not administer the fee increase. However, they provide them with an endorsement that later WUSC has to take to a University Committee for approval.

President FineDay asked Councillors to add to the motion that the \$0.50 increase be tied to CPI.

President FineDay also required that WUSC come every year to present at Student Council.

Move to support WUSC receiving \$0.50 increase per semester, add the increase to CPI and make WUSC come every year to Student Council. Move to debate.

USCMotion012: President FineDay/VP Steele

Carried

VP Steele had a concern regarding if there would be flexibility for WUSC to ask for more money than CPI increases with respect to government regulatory changes.

President FineDay responded that WUSC would be flexible to ask for an increase given government regulatory changes.

Councillor Kirsten Jones asked when would the increase take into effect.

President FineDay replied that it would take into effect next September 2015.

Councillor Arcand asked what CPI was.

President FineDay replied that CPI is Consumer Price Index. It measures how much a basket of goods and services costs in a given year; in other words, it monitors the movement of the price of good and services in the basket.

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

President FineDay mentioned that on September 25, VP Saddleback and he met with Dot Clemens-Brown from the College of Arts& Science. She is conducting focus groups in the College of Arts & Science. She is looking for volunteers from outside of Arts & Science to participate in some focus groups. The focus group would involve talking about what is necessary in a room and provide feedback. Pizza would be provided.

President FineDay passed around a sign up sheet for Councillors who were interested in participating.

Councillor Rogowski asked a question regarding tuition increases. He asked if the senior administration provides any reports showing or measuring the University's performance and increase of quality education relative to the tuition increase.

President FineDay replied that he was not aware of these reports or measures were provided by the senior administration. He mentioned that he and the vice-presidents had lunch with the Provost and the Vice-provosts to talk about how tuition consultation is going to take place but it has not happened in the past.

Councillor Senecal asked a question related to Transit. He asked what are the options for the USSU to pay back students their money from the U-pass.

President FineDay mentioned that the USSU is currently exploring options for how to pay back students. He said that it all depends how long the lockout lasts. However, he said that the USSU is committed to get the money back in the hands of students.

Councillor Nwabuniwe asked if the money from the U-pass could just go back into student accounts.

President FineDay answered that that is an option. However, he mentioned that the University needs to agree on this method.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Rogowski – Engineering – reported that the undergraduate academic programs of the Engineering College would be getting through the accreditation program process once again this year. It would take place from October 19th to October 21st. The process will follow a new outcome base approach involving assessments of pre-identified graduate attributes. He mentioned that this is one of the first universities in the country doing this.

Councillor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that the SESS had its Council meeting the previous week, and it passed its budget for the school year. She mentioned that there is going to be a Pub-Crawl on Friday September 26, which is between the college of Engineering and Education. Another event coming up is the college slash on October 1 at noon.

Councillor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that the Bush Party gave the SPSNSS \$5,072. She said that the damage costs need to be taken out of the revenue. She also mentioned that the Pub-Crawl that took place on the first week of school made good profit, giving the SPSNSS \$1,950. There is an event coming up, the Pharmacy Career Fair on October 18. Also, the Medication Assessment Centre opened up, which is

located on the E-Wing of the Health Science Building. The Centre is opened to the public and it is one out of two centres in Canada that takes students (one junior and one senior) to sit on the assessments.

Councillor Iron – STM – reported that STMSU has elected a president, Jennifer Hildebrand.

Councillor Li – Education – reported that the ESS is hosting the West-Cas Conference in February during reading week. The conference is really student involve, which includes interns talking about their internships so they can prepare new students for their internships. She mentioned that UBC and University of Calgary are coming to the conference.

Councillor Arcand – Medicine – reported that the members of her college went to Manitoba for a hockey tournament between Medicine colleges. She mentioned that the University team won. Also, she reported that the first year Medicine students are having auction in October, which is to raise money for the Children’s Hospital.

President FineDay asked Councillors if they received an invitation to the President’s Reception. He noted that Councillor FineDay, Councillor Chan and Councillor Barth were not invited. He mentioned that all Councillors are invited to a reception with President Barnhart on Wednesday October 1. Food will be served.

Councillor Senecal asked what is the dress code for the President’s reception.

President FineDay replied that it is business casual.

Move to destroy the ballots.

USCMotion013: Councillor Robertson/Councillor Iron

Carried

10. Adjournment

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, October 2nd, 2014
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 President Barnhart**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – September 25th, 2014**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – September 30th, 2014**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
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 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
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 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Huywan, Zachary | R | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Marina | P | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | | | | | | | | | | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | | | | | | | | | | |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

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Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf

The meeting was called to order at 6:10p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion014: President FineDay/Councillor Li

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced Rainer Kocsis and Anna-Lilja Dawson from the Sheaf.

President FineDay introduced the Interim President of the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Gordon Barnhart.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality.

3. Council Address

3.1 President Barnhart

President Barnhart thanked President FineDay. He also mentioned that it was a pleasure to be in Council. He then began to talk about where he was from and where he had studied. He mentioned that he was going to talk about the University, in terms of where it is and where it is going.

President Barnhart stated that the events that occurred in the middle of May 2014 have been called "The Crisis" for him. It was a very dramatic time for the University where the students, alumni and donors felt its impact. Perhaps, the donors and the alumni felt it the most because they really care about the University. He stated that there are two (2) roles that a president focuses on, the internal and external. He mentioned that during this first four (4) months as the interim President, he dedicated himself to the internal affairs of the University in order to make sure that "we could heal wounds, get things back on track since The Crisis." He said that now he is moving his attention to the external role, which means relating to alumni and donors. He mentioned that on Friday October 3, he is flying to Calgary to meet with a donor and Engineers who graduated from the University of Saskatchewan. Then Monday October 6 he is going to LaRonge and then Calgary again. He mentioned that his schedule is packed with activities but that he has a good management team that helps him.

He then talked about what constituted The Crisis. He mentioned that TransformUs was the combination of two things that were happening at the same time. The University had decided to do an academic renewal by looking at all of the programs and colleges to see if the University was offering the best classes and degrees. The

other event that was happening around that time was the rate of expenditure of the University was going up around 4.7% per year, and the government grants were about that rate. However, in 2012 the government grant went down, to 2% while expenditures remained at over 4%. Then TransformUs showed a projected deficit of \$44.7 million by 2016. President Barnhart stressed that this was a projection.

President Barnhart then mentioned that in 2014 the University is in a \$3 million deficit out of \$1.1 billion budget.

He then referred to the events that occurred after the release of TransformUs, such as the resignation of the Provost, the Dr. Buckingham incident and President Ilene Bush-Vishniac's dismissal. Members of the University felt that their opinion was not heard. He mentioned that then he was called to be the President and he decided that the University should take a break from the drama during the summer.

He said that with TransformUs, Deans felt that they were left out. However, there has been a shift towards making sure that the Deans are more involved and that they are part of the changes being made to each program, and making sure the University is financially stable.

The other thing that he noted was that over the first two (2) years, that is 2012-2014, there were savings of \$32 million a year, \$25 million in terms of reduced expenditure and \$7 million in increase revenue. Therefore, there is no financial crisis looming. However, this does not mean that the University can start spending money again. He said that we should be very conscious about what we spend the money on and look at the expenses on a year-to-year basis. He remarked that this year the deficit is at \$3 million and that for next year it could be \$7 million but the University can handle this because of its size, by taking smaller steps and by lowering the anxiety on change.

He talked about the statement he and the Acting Provost realised. The statement refers to the different points that were included in TransformUs and that some of them are going to be set aside for now. For example some points that were set aside are changes in Kinesiology, Dentistry and putting the School of Public Health under Medicine. In the meantime, there are eight (8) points from TransformUs that have been kept. However, TransformUs as a term is gone, as is its methodology. Now, he mentioned that the new system involves more consultation, bringing in change on a slower basis, smaller pieces at a time.

He pointed out that changes on point six (6) related to senior and distance education were happening already. Another point that was also happening is the E-Map point. People from IT support were concerned that they going to loose their jobs, but they are not. President Barnhart said that he is confident that there would not be massive dismissals as happened in the past. He said that that is his goal but that he cannot promise anything because who knows what is going to happen in the coming years in economic matters.

He also mentioned that under these eight (8) general topics (see attachment) a specific date has not been set up, compared to TransformUs that had a date set up for each point. Therefore, he said that now he is going to take a more slow and gradual approach to make the changes but making sure that the University is physically secured or sustainable.

Finally, President Barnhart pointed out that by the time his term is over he wants to accomplish all the changes he has proposed without a great amount of fighting.

He then invited Councillors to ask him any questions that they had.

President FineDay thanked President Barnhart for the remarks he gave and the overview he gave about the University. Then he called the President's attention to the issue with Transit and the problems it has generated for students. He asked what is the University's plan to deal with this issue.

President Barnhart replied that the University started some planning before the lockout began. He pointed out how students, faculty and staff have been affected by this issue. The first thing the University has done is that it opened three (3) fields for students to be able to park. The second thing is UCommute, where people can find information about carpooling. Thirdly, the University added bike racks. He mentioned that he is not sure yet what the University is going to do for the future. However, they have looked at different options with student unions. One point was the idea to have charter buses; however he had a concern about it because it may interfere with the bargaining from Transit. He then pointed out that on Tuesday October 7, 2014, the Board of Governors is having dinner with the City Council at the President's residence. He said that they are going to talk about the Transit issue.

President FineDay pointed out that it is under discussion what the University is going to do and what are the logistic. He said that he is committed to find a solution.

Councillor Arcand asked if the President is planning on talking about other topics with the City Council at the dinner that he is hosting at his residence.

President Barnhart answered that he and his vice-presidents meet once a month for breakfast with the mayor and the City to discuss different topics. They explore new topics before they get to the Board of Governors. He mentioned that one of the topics was that they would like to open two new ice rinks.

Councillor Prebble discussed the point that President Barnhart made about the lack of transparency that occurred during TransformUs and that now it is going to be more inclusive and transparent. He asked if the University could keep a promise about keeping the process transparent. He then asked where is the University planning on going and if it is going to apply some pressure on government for more funding for the University.

President Barnhart replied that the government would balance the books, and therefore balance their expenses and revenues. However, if the revenue of the provincial government is affected, this affects the funding for the University. He said that this year the budget has a surplus around \$40 million, which is low for the province. As a result, it is hard to know how the money is going to be administered and that that is a difficult decision. On the other hand, the University does work closely with the province to make them see that investing in the University brings revenue to the province. He said that he and his management team are presenting to the Treasury Board of Government on October 14, 2014 to present an operations forecast for 2015-16. Here, the University asks for money from the government. He then said that the projection of the deficit of \$44.7 million was real, and it depends on different factors. Finally he said that as long as he is President he could promise that the process will be transparent.

VP Steele thanked President Barnhart for coming for coming to Council. She mentioned that she was content that the President is going to take the initiative to make everything more inclusive. She asked if the President could explain how consultations may take place and by whom, especially for points one (1), five (5), seven (7) and eight (8).

President Barnhart answered that a lot of this change is happening by and with the Deans; therefore neither the President nor the Executive Committee does impose it. He mentioned that he had met last August with Deans, heads of schools, presidents of unions, and vice-presidents, where they discussed the eight (8) points already mentioned. These eight (8) points came from consultations that took place in each college. Then he made a remark on point five (5) which talks about the transformation of the libraries, which involves the Law, WCVL, and Engineering libraries. All these libraries are functioning well according to President Barnhart. He then asked members of the College of Engineering, WCVL and Law to answer if the libraries were functioning well or not.

Councillor Labrecque replied that in the Engineering Library there was not enough space capacity for their books, therefore space was necessary, so the students have noticed the changes that have been applied to the library, and the changes have affected them.

President Barnhart mentioned that libraries could use external storage for their books. As a result, libraries might have more space for tables and chairs for their students.

VP Steele asked about consultation process specifically related to tuition. She mentioned that this process has not been happening in the last couple of years, therefore she wants to know whether and what kind of encouragement or direction deans would have to show for the consultation process to take place.

President Barnhart replied that tuition is not set based upon the financial need of the University. Also, students pay about 28% of the actual cost. Thirdly, tuition tends to be set on averages to find what is the norm across Canada, excluding Quebec. Statistics Canada provides a ranking of tuition rates for the country. President Barnhart also mentioned that the University of Saskatchewan average tuition is higher than other Universities in Canada because it has a large number of professional colleges, such as Medicine and Agriculture. He said that all the costs from each college are taken together to get an average then it is compared to the rest of universities around the country. As a result, student consultation, that is direct vote, on how the decision of increasing tuition would not work.

VP Steele raised her concern with the quality part about how students would be engaged in helping to determine the priorities that likely increase tuition for each college.

President Barnhart answered that each college has its own representatives on Council and only one representative on the Board of Governors but still students are represented in the decision making process. He remarked that in Saskatchewan there is a program of graduate retention tax, which implies that over a period of five (5) years, if a student stays in the province and works here, he or she can get their tuition rebate. He said that this is not taken into account by Statistics Canada.

VP Saddleback raised a question concerning accessibility to all people on top of tuition.

President Barnhart replied that scholarships and bursaries are the two (2) obvious answers for this question. He mentioned that annuities are also an important concept to increase accessibility. He said that we should put more money towards scholarships and bursaries to support people that need them. However, there is a concern in how to get the money for them. He would like to provide more access and support to Aboriginal students.

Councillor Kierra FineDay noted that Aboriginal People faced problems coming to a post-secondary institution; therefore she asked if there were any plans to implement a senior position on campus to address Aboriginal success at the institutional level. Moreover, she added that if President Barnhart could talk about other plans he has related to point number one (1) given the construction of the new Aboriginal centre, Gordon Oakes Red-Bear.

President Barnhart pointed out that new building should not be called a new Aboriginal centre. He hopes that the building would apply to all students, so it would be a cultural meeting ground between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. He also mentioned that there have been conversations about adding a senior position on campus to address Aboriginal success. However, he pointed that the money that could be used for one new position could be used for more student counselling and scholarships thereby devoting the money to the students rather than administration.

positions. He showed that he was not very convinced about adding more administration positions. Moreover, he presented the case that the University is good at recruiting Aboriginal students but not so good at maintaining. Last year only 10% of students who graduated were Aboriginal, so it is improving.

Moreover, he pointed out that he is going to LaRonge on October 6 to have conversation with Northland College to add more programs for Aboriginal students in the north of Saskatchewan and he pointed out to the success of the mining education as an example.

Councillor Iron thanked President Barnhart for his comments about considering the north for Aboriginal programs.

President Barnhart identified the problem of daycare. Further discussion will continue with the Board of Governors.

Anna-Lilja Dawson asked President Barnhart if he has any plans to apply to become the permanent President, given that he only talked about the plans he has as an interim President.

President Barnhart replied that he has not yet decided if he is going to apply to be permanent President of the University of Saskatchewan.

Councillor Haines asked how the process of transparency is going to work, and if this would involve more transparency, that is to say, the release of documents that would explain the process of change where there could be an opportunity for students to consult on these documents.

President Barnhart mentioned that within each college there is a whole structure for the process. He pointed out that the Dean of each college might bring students' concerns to the college, administration or any other University body. As a result, there is going to be consultation within each college. Then he said that there is student representation on the Board of Governors and at University Council. He pointed out that some members of Student Council are part of University Council, where academic decisions are discussed. Finally, he mentioned that he would like students' involvement in the process.

Councillor Arcand expressed a concern that the institutional priorities that President Barnhart presented are going to take place in any specific order, and asked if there is a timeline for them to be applied.

President Barnhart replied that they are not in any particular order or priority. He mentioned that the first one, accelerate the delivery on our commitment to aboriginal achievement, is going to be ongoing. Then he pointed out that number two (2), continue the reconstructing of the College of Medicine, is also a huge priority. He hopes than in a year and half the accreditation process of the College of

Medicine would be done. Additionally, he showed that point six (6), complete the re-organization and revitalization of centrally organized teaching and learning activities and functions, is virtually done now; and other points are going to take about a year but there is no timeline set because it sets unrealistic expectations.

President Barnhart thanked Council for its attention and its questions.

President FineDay thanked President Barnhart for coming to Council.

Move to go back into formality.

USCMotion015: Councillor Labrecque/Councillor Iron

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – September 25th, 2014

Councillor Kirsten Jones pointed out that she asked the question related to the cafeteria credit for the SRP at the university.

Councillor Labrecque made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that on point two (2), introductions and announcements, under President FineDay's announcement, the withhold payment should say \$0.60 and not \$.060.

4.2 Executive Committee – September 30th, 2014

President FineDay noted that the meeting was called to order at 3:09p.m. and not at 2:58p.m. Also, the date of the meeting was September 30th, 2014 and not September 16th, 2014.

Councillor Labrecque asked a question to VP Saddleback related to VP Saddleback's roundtables under Mental Health Awareness Week, where it mentions "Ball Pit".

VP Saddleback replied Mental Health Awareness Week is running from November 3rd to November 7th and one of the initiatives was brought from Queen's University, called "The Jack Project". As a result, the Ball Pit idea is self-explanatory; therefore, there are going to be some quotes of affirmation so people can go to the Ball Pit and chill out and read different statistics, articles, etc., to create a fun environment.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion016: President FineDay/Councillor Radomske

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

Councillor Arcand pointed out that the first year auction is coming up November 15th, from 7p.m. to 10p.m. at Louis'.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Kirsten Jones – Kinesiology – reported that for the first time in at least five (5) years, the Kinesiology Pub-Crawl sold out, bringing over \$1,200 on revenue.

Councillor Kierra FineDay – Indigenous Students – reported that her constituency had elections and that now they have elected a president, David Pratt.

Councillor Senecal – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU Annual General Meeting happened on Monday September 29th, where there were a couple of constitutional changes and mentions to upcoming events, such as free hot chocolate giveaway on October 7th.

Councillor Marina Jones – Dentistry – reported over an email that there were 140 participants who came out to the Mouthguard clinic (a few people wanted two Mouthguards, so ~150 Mouthguards were made). Each Mouthguard was \$50; so gross estimated total is \$7000.00. This money is put towards the graduating class of 2015. Uptown Orthodontics (owned by Dr. Devon Anholt and Dr. Brent Yaremko) was kind enough to sponsor a portion of the material costs. The Mouthguard clinic not only provides high quality Mouthguards for the public, but is also a great opportunity for all the students. It is completely run and organized by students, and each year has a specific task; taking and pouring up multiple alginate impressions, trimming and finishing Mouthguards for fabrication, and practicing infection control procedures. The College of Dentistry would like to send a warm thank you to the USSU for posting the event on the Facebook page and for all that participated in the event.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting September 30th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Campus Club meet and greet-

I attended the beautifully organized Campus club meet and greet hosted by VP Nelson. I was able to meet students from all over campus and talk with them about issues they find important. It was also a good opportunity for students who may not be connected enough to talk with their MSC's to ask me questions regarding transit and our plan. Many students who were following the situation seemed sympathetic to the drivers being locked out by the city, the students who hadn't followed the situation as closely just wanted the buses back on the road.

Provost & Vice-Provost-

The executive had another meeting with the Provost and Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning to discuss tuition. We agreed that college societies needed to be consulted by their deans when assessing how much tuition was going to increase and hold that against the three criteria used when determining tuition. VP Steele will be leading an outreach

pilot project with certain colleges to get increased input into the process.

VP Nelson:

Meet & Greet - I consider the Campus Clubs Meet & Greet to have been a success. My presentation focused on the big three: funding, insurance, and space use. James Haywood and Dan Smolinski presented on what Louis' has to offer to students and student groups. Attendance was 45 and I was told that my presentation was clear and well explained.

The Term 2 Meet & Greet will focus less on the resources that the USSU has to offer and more on the transition from 2014-15 to 2015-16 and the related considerations for student groups.

VP Steele:

Last week, President FineDay, VP Saddleback and I met with the Provost and Vice Provost, Ernie and Patti, to discuss how best students can be engaged by their college deans regarding setting tuition. This discussion resulted in my being tasked with assembling information for students who will be involved in these conversations, as well as meeting with the relevant deans and students to facilitate meaningful consultation.

I also met with Nancy Turner from the Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching Excellence (GMCTE) for a progress update on increasing experiential learning opportunities for U of S students. We will be meeting regularly, apart from the working groups in which we share membership, to discuss ideas and shared priorities.

Thursday and Friday I was out of the office for two Academic Days Off (ADOs) so I could study for the LSAT. I am eternally grateful to whichever executive it was who made ADOs a thing.

VP Saddleback:

Mental Health Awareness Week – Met with Jesse Windels to discuss Mental Health Awareness Week and we had brainstormed community partnerships and student engagement. We've decided that an awareness campaign, as opposed to specific events, would be best for the week. Ball Pit.

Childcare – Sat down with Sarah Purdy to discuss an awareness campaign for the need for childcare in the upcoming Board of Governors meeting. We decided that a social media campaign would be the best way. 1) Encourage the university to keep childcare a priority. 2) Make a clear statement on sustainable and forward looking childcare growth. 3) Invite fellow students to share their stories on why childcare is important to them.

4. Business

4.1 Childcare

VP Saddleback met with Sarah Purdy. They met to ensure that the University is keeping up with its promise with regard to childcare. A campaign on social media has been planned. This is going to take place next week, since the Board of Governors meets.

4.2 Student fees

GM Cottrell pointed out that requests for fee increases have to be submitted by mid-October; therefore they have to get passed by Council as soon as possible so they meet the deadline. CPI from August 2013-August 2014 is 2.7%. This new time frame represents a change from fee increase submission deadlines of February. The University has decided to set increases prior to the province setting budget so the grant request is an accurate reflection of need.

U-pass: \$76.33-\$78.39

Student Infrastructure Fee: \$115.64-\$118.76

Health and dental plan has not been calculated yet.

Student Union Fee: increase of 5%: \$75.30-\$79.07

The increase of these fees relates to the movement of CPI with the exception of the student fee and Health and Dental.

Move to recommend the student fee increases listed above.

EXECMotion027: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.3 Fair Trade

Fair Trade contacted VP Saddleback and requested a letter concerning the use of Fair Trade Coffee to be signed. This letter implies that Louis' Loft changes its coffee in 3 years fair trade coffee and this has yet to be determined. VP Saddleback mentioned that the Executive should sit down and discussed this.

VP Saddleback is going to keep in conversations with Fair Trade.

4.4 Weekly Food Sales, Chemical Engineering Society

The Chemical Engineering Society requested \$500.00 in funds and \$300.00 in XL credit. They require the money to buy the appliances and utensils to prepare their perogies for their weekly food sale. The XL credit is to promote their events during the year.

The group is required to come to an Executive meeting and present their budget because it exceeds \$500.00.

4.5 Microbiology and Immunology Students Association (MISA)

MISA requested \$500.00 in funds and \$50.00 in XL credit for their Dress Up to get Messed Up. The funds will be used to pay the rent of the hall and extra supplies.

The group is required to come to an Executive meeting and present their budget because it exceeds \$500.00.

4.6 University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team

The University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team requested \$500.00 in funds and \$500.00 in XL credit for the University Rover Challenge.

The group is required to come to an Executive meeting and present their budget because it exceeds \$500.00.

4.6 Campus Ratified Groups

VP Nelson explained the different kinds of groups that appeared on the list of Campus Groups. (See attachment)

Move ratified these groups.

EXECMotion028: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

VP Nelson presented three (3) other groups that requested ratification. These are: Sikh Student Association U of S, University of Saskatchewan Students Welcome U (USWU), and Women in Engineering.

Move to ratified these three groups.

EXECMotion029: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

4.7 Haunted House

Councillor Robertson and Councillor Iron approached VP Saddleback to plan some events. He will keep conversations with them to plan these events.

4.8 Saskatchewan Student's Coalition

President FineDay was contacted by Daniella (VP External Affairs from URSU) to talk about the Saskatchewan Students' Coalition. President FineDay will keep in touch with Daniella to see if it can be revived. VP Steele expressed her concern with what this group expects.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

Institutional Priorities

1. Accelerate the delivery on our commitment to aboriginal achievement.

Representative university workforce; student success; indigenous knowledge in curricular offerings; signature research area; strengthened university-community relationships; aligning institutional resources with our priorities; coordination and leadership.

2. Continue the restructuring of the College of Medicine

Rationalizing financial support and governance of teaching, research and clinical services; securing accreditation of the undergraduate medical program; achieving significant improvement in research productivity; supports for faculty success; becoming a national leader in health innovation.

3. Deliver on the promise of inter-professional health education and inter-disciplinary health research

Shared resources through the academic health sciences infrastructure; inter-professional health education; interdisciplinary health research; governance and operations of the Council of Health Science Deans.

4. Advance the reorganization and strengthening of graduate studies and support for graduate students.

Choose best alternative for university-level leadership and oversight of graduate studies; strategies for increased financial support for graduate students; integration of student services.

5. Continue the capital project for the transformation of our library collections, facilities, capital and services

Strategic development of campus library system; responding to changes in scholarly communications and publishing; capturing opportunities provided by new and emerging technologies; meeting growing demands for differently configured learning spaces; consolidating low-use print collections.

6. Complete the re-organization and revitalization of centrally organized teaching and learning activities and functions

Migration of functions and functional employee groups to better meet organizational goals for education and research (CCDE, eMAP, ULC).

7. Focus on the creation of inter-disciplinary and cross college academic programming.

Capture opportunities to make better use of faculty resources and to establish collaborations among academic units.

8. Align our administrative services culture to support and facilitate our academic mission.

Principles and values for the design and delivery of administrative services.

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, October 9th, 2014
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Callan Davey and Kristin Foster**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – October 2nd, 2014**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report – October 2nd, 2014**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Student Fees**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | P | R | | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Marina | P | R | R | P | | | | | | | | |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | | | | | | | | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday October 9th, 2014

Present

Max FineDay, President
Elias Nelson, VP Operations and Finance
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Jessie Munro, ESB
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Wendy Li, Education

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Michael Prebble, Education
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Callan Davey, Studentcare
Kristen Foster, Studentcare

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to amend the agenda to remove 7.2 impeachment.

USCMotion017: President FineDay/Councillor Robertson

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced Callan Davey and Kristen Foster from Studentcare; and Rainer Kocsis and Anna-Lilja Dawson from the Sheaf.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality.

3. Council Address

Callan Davey, program manager at the University of Saskatchewan, introduced Kristen Foster. Ms. Davey mentioned that they were going to talk about the Health and Dental Plan of the USSU.

Ms. Davey began by saying that the Health and Dental Plan has been established at the University for many years. Students are assessed the Health and Dental fee on their tuition and over the years the coverage of this plan has grown, and today it covers over 7,000 students. This year the plan covers around 8,000 students. It is a very well used service with \$1.4 million claims during last year.

There are three (3) main categories in the plan. Category number one (1) is Health, which includes prescription drugs, health practitioners, vaccinations, ambulance costs, and reimbursement from things that are not coverage by the province, such as vision care and glasses. Category number (2) is Dental, which includes cleaning, scaling and fillings. Category number three (3) is travel insurance, which covers up to 120 days per trip for an unlimited number of trips per year.

Ms. Davey then talked about enrolment. There is around 61% enrolment in the plan this year (based on statistics from September 2014). There were 13,000 students who were eligible for the plan, and up to 8,000 kept enrolment.

Ms. Davey mentioned that she does not only report to Council the increases on the Plan, she also gives reports to VP Saddleback, President FineDay and Council about new ideas, or changes on the plan; for example, reports on number of students who are using the plan.

Ms. Davey pointed out that the University made a change on their fee-setting deadline, so fees must be set by October 2014.

Ms. Davey showed the budget and plan for the year. She also said that the past couple of years, the USSU has been constant with the plan fee.

Ms. Davey took a step back to provide some definitions. First, she explained plan fee, which is the amount that is charged on each students' account. Then, the plan premium is the actual amount that the USSU owes the insurance company. The plan fee and the plan premium do not have to be the same amount. The USSU has been setting the plan fee higher than the plan premium to accumulate a reserve fund, which is use to subsidize the costs in case of an increase in the cost. In case that the reserve fund is kept for a few years, it can be used to increase the benefits for student. Ms. Foster added that last year's Council decided to use some of the reserve fund to slightly subsidize the plan for 2014-15 given the operational change.

Ms. Davey mentioned that student Health plan has had a 5% increase given prescription drugs and physicians' costs. On the other hand, Dental plan has had and tends to have bigger fluctuations. As a result, the implementation of an on campus dentist has resulted in an increase in dental usage and claim. For example, last year's dental claims increased by 14%.

This year, however, the fee has to be set up really early in the year, where there is no data on student usage of the plan. Ms. Davey said that they have had to use past data to make a projection of the costs. As a result, they have set up the costs high enough, so there are no problems in the future.

Ms. Davey said that to set the fee, they take the premium fee at what it is and take the cost of what they think the plan would be. Then they add insurance administration costs, premium tax, and buffer for the reserve fund. Consequently, she mentioned that the fee has been set with a 15% increase, therefore a total of \$286. Ms. Foster explained that the 15% increase has to do with two (2) factors. First is the impact of the on campus dental clinic. Second is the early date to set up and submit the fee.

Councillor Munro asked if both plans are driving the cost increase.

Ms. Davey replied that is mostly the dental plan and with 4% inflation on health.

Ms. Foster mentioned that the reserve fund is being used this year to reduce cost; so next year the reserve fund is not used.

Ms. Davey said that the plan is to advocate for the reserve fund due to having to plan ahead with the fees. As a result, they want to plan ahead to make sure that this fund is in a healthy state since they will have to plan the fee before data becomes available, and there could be anomalies that arise.

VP Steele asked if the 15% increase reflects the increase that is distributed across health and dental or is it applied to each of them.

Ms. Davey replied that the increase is across both fees. The 15% accounts for any fluctuation in any category.

VP Steele asked Ms. Davey if she could give the total amount that the reserve fund has right now.

Ms. Davey pointed out that GM Cottrell had the information. GM Cottrell replied that \$195,867.87.

Councillor Haines asked if there was a new deal made with Shoppers DrugMart with regards to prescribe drugs, and if this had an effect on the increase of the fees.

Ms. Foster replied that 80% is still covered by the Health plan and the deal will not affect the amount students pay.

VP Steele asked if because of the new date to set fees, this would make the calculation of fees take place during the spring.

Ms. Davey replied that the insurance company does care when the University requires the fees to be set; the insurance company will set premiums based on available data. As a result, the fees are going to be set early but the process of the insurance company will continue to be the same.

Ms. Davey thanked Council for their attention.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would go back into formality.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 2nd, 2014

4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report – October 2nd, 2014-10-10

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion018: President FineDay/Councillor Iron

Carried

6. Business

Councillor Senecal asked if any concerns regarding the Appointments Committee could be brought up under Business.

President replied that informally Councillor Senecal can talk to senior management or bring it under Questions and Comments.

Councillor Senecal then asked on the applications for Students-At-Large and could it be possible for applicants to rank the committees they are applying for in order of preference.

7. New Business

7.1 Student Fees

VP Saddleback pointed out that with the opening of the new campus dental clinic, there has been an increase on claims; therefore, they have been advised to increase student fees. Without increasing these fees, the reserve fund could be depleted. He invited Councillors to think about the increase and the effects it would have for the future.

VP Nelson talked about the increase on other fees. He asked Council to review the Executive Committee Minutes from September 30th, 2014, where the fee changes are explained. The increase of these fees relates to the movement of CPI August 2013-August 2014, which is 2.7%, with the exception of the Health and Dental Plan.

U-pass: \$76.33-\$78.39 (increase fixed by contract)

Student Infrastructure Fee: \$115.64-\$118.76

Student Union Fee: increase of 5%: \$75.30-\$79.07

8. Questions and Comments

Anna-Lilja Dawson mentioned that The Sheaf is hosting a journalism conference on the weekend of October 18th-19th. She invited Councillors to assist and noted that registration is open until October 10th.

Councillor Marina Jones spoke about the Mouthguard program from the College of Dentistry, which raised \$7000.00 and has significant participation.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Chan – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU would be hosting a beer-pong tournament on October 23th at the Capitol Music Club. Tickets will be \$10. She also reported that the ASSU is still looking for students to bring ideas to renovate the Arts & Science Building. The workshop for 2nd year students would be on October 22nd from 6p.m. to 9p.m., and for upper years October 23rd 6p.m. to 9p.m, and food will be provided.

Councillor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that on Sunday October 5th, the College participated on the Run for the Cure. They raised over \$5,000 for breast cancer research. The College is also planning “Octoberfest” which will take place on October 24th. Tickets will be \$10.

Councillor Rogowski – Engineering – reported that during the week of October 13th, he and Councillor Labrecque are going to meet with the Dean of Engineering.

Councillor Schwab – STM – reported that on Wednesday October 15th, STMSU and the USSU are hosting Games with Friends at the Louis' Loft at 5:30p.m. Pizza will be provided.

Councillor Munro – Edwards School of Business – reported that the EBSS Clothing Sale wrapped up this week. She also mentioned that tickets for the Business Formal are going on sale on the week of October 13th. There is also going to be a Lunch and Learn on October 29th in the Reading Room. Free lunch will be provided. There is also going to be a bake sale on October 30th and 31st by the Finance Students' Society in the Arts Tunnel.

Councillor Arcand – Medicine – reported that the Colleges of Medicine and Nursing are hosting a conference on November 5th.

VP Saddleback mentioned that Trick or Eat is taking place on October 31st, and that more information can be found at the USSU webpage or at the Food Centre.

VP Nelson mentioned that there is going to be a Council Social event after Council on October 23rd at Louis'.

Councillor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that Toga Small-Town Drive is happening on October 25th, and Ag-Bag-Drag is happening right now.

President FineDay mentioned that there is going to be a temporary shuttle service provided by the University. It is meant for students and faculty who have no other way to getting to campus. Members are required to bring their Student ID or Staff ID.

10. Adjournment

Appointments Committee

Minutes for Thursday October 2nd, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, Councillor Iron, Councillor Chan, Councillor Schwab and Councillor Senecal.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:43p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Appoint the Chief Returning Officer:

Motion to appoint Adam Hnatyschyn as CRO.

APTCMotion001: Councillor Senecal/Councillor Chan **Carried**

3.2 Appoint the Assistant Chief Retuning Officer:

Motion to appoint Scott Hitchings as ACRO.

APTCMotion002: Councillor Iron/Councillor Schwab **Carried**

3.3 A motion to appoint the following Student-At-Large to the following committees:

Elections:

-Katerina Iron

-Ross Gadzella

APTCMotion003: Councillor Senecal/Councillor Iron **Carried**

Academic Affairs:

-Noelle Bouvier

-Geneva Houlden

-Peggy Anderson

APTCMotion004: Councillor Iron/Councillor Chan **Carried**

External Affairs:

-Brayden Fox

-Meghan Johnson

-Kathryn Darling

APTCMotion005: Councillor Schwab/Councillor Senecal **Carried**

Student Affairs:

- Katerina Iron
- Richard Rothenburger
- Erik Carey

APTCMotion006: Councillor Chan/Councillor Schwab

Carried

Operations & Finance:

- Janith D. Rajapaksa
- Preston Thomson

APTCMotion007: Councillor Senecal/Councillor Chan

Carried

Sustainability:

- Kale Halter
- Megan Vandendriessche
- Sahar Khelifa

APTCMotion008: Councillor Iron/Councillor Chan

Carried

Undergraduate Forum:

- David Pratt
- Richard Rothenburger
- Sultan Sadat
- Chibeza Philomena Ojukwu

ATCPMotion009: Councillor Schwab/Councillor Iron

Carried

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Carried

4. Adjournment

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, October 16th, 2014
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

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- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
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- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | P | R | P | | | | | | | |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Marina | P | R | R | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | | | | | | | |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | | | | | | | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday October 16th, 2014

Present

Max FineDay, President
Elias Nelson, VP Operations and Finance
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Jessie Munro, ESB
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Wendy Li, Education
Marina Jones, Dentistry

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Michael Prebble, Education
Wendy Li, Education

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Dylan Lambi-Raine, Women's Centre
Craig Friesen, Pride Centre
Taletha Bennett, Food Centre
Ata Merat, SafeWalk & Student Crew
Jesse Windels, Help Centre

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to amend the agenda to add Dylan Lambi-Raine, Women's Centre, under 3.1.

USCMotion019: President FineDay/VP Saddleback

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Saddleback introduced the USSU Centres Coordinators: Ata Merat, SafeWalk & Student Crew; Craig Friesen, Pride Centre; Dylan Lambi-Raine, Women's Centre; Taletha Bennett, Food Centre; Jesse Windels, Help Centre.

President FineDay introduced Rainer Kocsis and Anna-Lilja Dawson from the Sheaf.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality.

3. Council Address

3.1 Centre Coordinators

Taletha Bennett, Food Centre Coordinator, began by mentioning where the Food Centre was located. She pointed out that there has been a big increase in the use of the centre, which mostly has to do with the Transit lockout. Basic needs of food are not being met because money is going elsewhere; as a result, the Food Centre, in association with the Saskatoon Food Bank and the Learning Centre, offers food hampers for students. She also mentioned that the Food Centre offers a Fresh Market on Wednesdays and Fridays in Upper Place Riel. Chep Good Food Inc. supplies products for the Fresh Market. They also run good food boxes through the Food Centre.

She then talked about Trick or Eat, which is taking place on October 31st, where people form a group, register, and go out on Halloween asking for non-perishable items. All of the donations go to the Saskatoon Food Bank and the **Learning Centre** to provide food for those in need for the rest of the year.

Jesse Windels, Help Centre Coordinator, began by mentioning that the Help Centre is located in the Arts Tunnel. The main resource that the Help Centre provides is the exam file. The centre also does referrals, and peer support, which is one of the biggest aspects of the centre.

He then talked about ASIST, which is taking place on November 15th to November 16th. ASIST is the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training and it is \$175 to participate, and extra information is available at the Help Centre.

Craig Friesen, Pride Centre Coordinator, began by explaining that the Pride Centre serves the LGBTQ community, and it provides peer mentoring for students. The centre also has a Queer Library, a kitchen and a “hang-out” area for students.

For the month of September, the centre had over 100 students coming to use the centre. He also mentioned that Queerpalooza took place a few weeks ago, which was a successful event. He then mentioned that Ally Week is coming on October 27th to October 31st. Finally, he said that the centre provides Positive Space Workshops on campus.

Ata Merat, SafeWalk & Student Crew, began by saying that SafeWalk is a service from the USSU in partnership with Campus Safety. SafeWalk runs from Sunday to Thursday by volunteers. It starts at 8:30p.m. until 11:30p.m. and it covers all campus and off-campus locations, which goes to College Bridge to 14th street. Student Crew offers security, putting up posters, and safe study.

Dylan Lambi-Raine, Women’s Centre Coordinator, explained that the Women’s Centre offers peer support, and it runs campaigns and events throughout the year. She mentioned that the centre just finished Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which was a huge success. The Women’s Centre appeared on the news every single day during the campaign, talking about consent and sexual assault. The centre also ran the Take Back the Night, which is done with the Saskatoon Women’s Coalition. At the end of Sexual Assault Awareness Week, the centre hosted the Concert for Consent.

She then talked about Who Needs Feminism, which is taking place on October 27th to October 31st. Then, in November, the event Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds is taking place, which is a brand new initiative to raise awareness around body image, disorder eating, and association with greeting spaces.

GM Cottrell asked what are the centres are doing to promote safe sexual practices among university students.

Ms. Lambi-Raine replied that all centres offer free condoms to promote safe sex. Moreover, she mentioned that the centres are raising awareness around consent on campus. Mr. Friesen added that the centres promote getting tested at the sexual clinic on campus.

VP Saddleback asked Mr. Windels if he could explain what is going to take place during Mental Health Awareness Week, specifically with the Jack Project.

Mr. Windels replied that the event is taking place in November. The event includes events from last year, such as elephant in the room. One of the new events this year is the Jack Project, which includes a ball pit, a listening station and more.

Councillor Senecal asked what were the requirements for selecting which exams can be given to students under the exam file.

Mr. Windels answered that all the exams in the file are given by donation. The only way for an exam to be given as a donation is if a professor gave it back to a student. If an exam has been smuggled out of class, it is taken out from the exam file under a request from a professor.

Councillor Munro asked if there was a way to encourage people on campus to donate exams to the exam file.

Mr. Windels replied that students just drop-off exams at the Help Centre. He mentioned that when the centre has events, one of the things they promote is the exam file donation.

Councillor Marina Jones made a comment related to the exam file and the College. She said that within the College, it is largely fraud upon to not be distributing exams, and therefore, not just memorizing the exam answers rather than studying the material for an exam. She then asked if there was another alternative to increase the number of practice questions that professor give out, or if there is another way to promote that.

Mr. Windels replied that most exams on the exam file are mostly uncompleted exams, that is to say, exams with most of the answers not written on them. As a result, students would have to do some work to be able to find the answer for the questions.

VP Steele asked how people can sign up for Trick or Eat.

Ms. Bennett replied that people can sign up at www.trickoreat.ca. Then, they have to create a group in affiliation with the University of Saskatchewan.

Chairperson Hitchings thanked the Centre Coordinators for coming to Council.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was no objection, Council would go back into formality.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 9nd, 2014

4.2 Executive Committee – October 14th, 2014

4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Reports – October 8th, 2014

VP Nelson pointed that the Budget & Finance Committee Minutes have the wrong date on them. It should say October 8th rather than October 9th.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion020: President FineDay/Councillor Iron

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Student Fees

VP Nelson mentioned at the last meeting of Council he spoke about student fees. He repeated that the increase on the U-Pass and Student Infrastructure Fee relate to the movement of CPI August 2013- August 2014, which is 2.7%. The Student Union Fee has an increase of 5%.

VP Saddleback talked about the Health and Dental Plan. He mentioned that the USSU was advised to increase the plan by 15% due to the increasing claims that the plan has had during this past year.

Councillor Marina Jones asked if the increase on the U-Pass would still occur given the Transit lockout, and if there is a plan in case that this happens again.

VP Nelson replied that that the increase on price is tied to a contract with Transit. He also pointed out that the USSU is withholding payments to Transit until the lockout is over. He said that the USSU anticipates having the service from Transit in the future.

Move to approve the increase on Student Fees. Move to debate.

USCMotion021: VP Nelson/Councillor Radomske

Carried

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

Councillor Marina Jones asked if the campus dentist is covered under the Dental Plan.

VP Saddleback replied that it is covered under the Dental Plan.

VP Steele mentined that she spoke to individuals from Student Planning Assesment about how Deans and Colleges can speak with students in their colleges about tuiton setting and increases. She pointed out that the increases are realted to academic priotities and increasing quality. She said that Councillors should be aware of this and should communicate it to their constituency.

Councillor Daniels pointed out that a member of the college of Arts & Science has brought up a concern about student fees as to a way to opt-out from the fee students pay to The Sheaf.

President FineDay replied that this concern has been around for a long time. He said that no matter what college students are in, The Sheaf is accessible to all students and it is part of the student fees. Students have an option to write to The Sheaf. President FineDay said that he would be happy to talk to the student that raised the concern about the fee to see what the concern is about.

Councillor Radomske mentioned that he has also been approached by several students asking the same question about The Sheaf fee. He said that students showed concern with the content of the articles. For example, the article from last year realted to “Sugar Daddies” and how people interpreted as an insult for women and women’s rights.

Councillor Munro added that some students from ESB have also raised concerns about The Sheaf, not realetd to the content but that most of the services are more directed to Arts & Science students.

Anna-Lilja Dawson replied that The Sheaf tries to keep its coverage Arts & Science and beyond. She pointed out that most students that write to The Sheaf are from Arts & Science.

Councillor Labrecque asked if any student can write to The Sheaf.

Anna-Lilja Dawson replied that the fee paid to The Sheaf is used to pay The Sheaf Publishing Society, therefore only memebrs can publish on The Sheaf. As a result, only undergraduate students can write for The Sheaf.

Councillor Kierra FineDay mentioned that she has written for The Sheaf before. However, she said that she felt that the quality of her article was changed.

Anna-Lilja Dawson said that she was sorry that the quality of the arcticle was changed. She said that if someone wants to be part of the editing process, they need to let The Sheaf know.

Councillor Iron pointed out that on the Executive Committee Minutes from July 22nd, 2014, there was a point about water bottles for each Councillor at the beginning of their term. However, she said that the point was never spoken again.

VP Saddleback answered that the water bottle point refers to the water cooler in the Council Chamber, where Councillors can bring their water bottles to fill them up.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Radomske – Nursing – reported that the SNAS has been participating on debates, such as RNLPN practice debate. The SNAS is planning other events, such as Beer Nights.

VP Steele asked Councillor Radomske if he could summarize the RNLPN debate.

Councillor Radomske explained that the scope of practice for practical nurses debate proposes that the increase scope of practice of profession, making the difference between two (2) years of schooling and the physiology and pharmacology knowledge necessary.

Councillor Kierra FineDay – Indigenous Students – reported that her constituency had its first Student Council meeting on Monday October 6th. They discussed this year’s Aboriginal Achievement Week, and they decided to move the date to the first week of February because last year most volunteers were overwhelmed given midterms. The Indigenous Students Council (ISC) also talked about continuing the Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards this year. Other issues that the ISC would like to address this year are the student housing policy on campus, Aboriginal representation in the work force on campus. Councillor Kierra FineDay also pointed out that there are vacancies in ISC, therefore they are planning on having a by-election but dates are still TBA.

Councillor Kirsten Jones – Kinesiology – reported that the College of Kinesiology is preparing a Steak Night on October 29th, at the Twisted Kilt and tickets will be \$15.

Councillor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that on October 23rd the Flu Clinic will be on campus from 11 a.m. to 6p.m. at the D-Wing Atrium of the Health Science Building. She also pointed out that tickets for “Oktoberfest” go on sale the week of October 20th and they will be \$10.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting October 14th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

September 29-October 3

President Reception – President Barnhart hosted a reception for student leadership from the USSU and other colleges. I hope that this occurs again in second semester. It was a good opportunity to meet with other student leadership, administration and support staff. There was a lot of positive feedback from President Barnhart and the administration who attended, as well as student leadership.

Appointments Committee – Met with the Appointments committee, the members of the committee selected the Students at Large to sit on all the USSU committees.

October 6-10 October

Board of Governors – Much of what the Board discusses is confidential. My entire week was spent preparing and attending these meetings. We also had our annual strategic planning session that is also confidential. The Board also had dinner with some members of City Council to discuss planning, land zoning and growth. I brought up transit and

it was not uncomfortable or awkward at all (just kidding, it was super awkward).

VP Nelson:

September 29-October 3

Event Insurance - Caroline Cottrell and I met with representatives of Room Scheduling, SESD, Risk Management and Aon (the USSU's insurance broker). The outcome was that several signatures previously required by the Memorandum of Insurance form were removed. Whereas the previous process was time-consuming and seemingly redundant to students and student groups, this new process will be less so.

Student Fee Committee - I sat in the first meeting of the Student Fee Committee. To meet the deadline of 07 November 2014, the increases to the U-PASS, Health and Dental Plan, Students' Union, and Infrastructure fees will be presented to Council on 09 October and voted on 16 October.

October 6-10 October

Alternate Bus Service - The University of Saskatchewan has been so kind as to finance and operate - in coordination with Hertz Northern Bus - an alternative bus service for students, staff, and faculty. Coupled with the USSU's refusal to pay Saskatoon Transit for each day of lost service, this has been an excellent show of commitment to students.

Budget & Finance Committee - The BFC met for the first time and on short notice to meet the time-sensitivities of several applications. That the members of the BFC made the time to do so is greatly appreciated!

VP Steele:

September 29-October 3

Last week I spent much of my time working on academic advocacy and in meetings. The meetings included Student Forum Executive, PPC, RSAW, USC Appointments

Committee, and a meeting with the University Secretary regarding student membership on the General Academic Assembly. I spent some time hosting my counterpart from UBC, Anne Kessler, who traveled here for an Academic Freedom event on Wednesday. I also enjoyed the chance to get to know fellow student leaders at the President's reception!

October 6-10 October

VP Nelson and I took a trip to Yorkton to visit the students at Parkland Regional College. We had some good conversations and didn't crash the USSU van, so I'd call it a success.

Other things I focussed on included talking to University stakeholders about this year's Undergraduate Research Symposium; working with Institutional Planning and Assessment on how to facilitate deans' consultation of students regarding setting tuition; and academic advocacy (the details of which are confidential).

VP Saddleback:

September 29-October 3

Student Society of UBC Vancouver – I met with Anne Kessler, VP Academic & University Affairs, as she was in Saskatoon for the Academic Freedom's event on October 1st. We discuss mental health initiatives and Aboriginal engagement at UBC. UBC has a mental health strategy and I will be contacting her to get more information as we move forward with our own U of S mental health strategy.

Mental Health Strategy – I had a planning meeting with Terrie Fitz-Patrick, Student Counselling Manager, to discuss the University of Manitoba's mental health strategy and how we are going to engage the U of S community on mental health needs. So far, we are looking at keeping a 3-part system in place [1 is awareness, 2 is mental health summit, and 3 is a mental health strategy] and on top of the system; a working group will be made.

October 6-10 October

Faces of Mental Illness Campaign – I had the opportunity to meet with MP's in Ottawa on October 7th to discuss mental illness issues across Canada. I stressed the need for a life-continuum model to be adopted at a national level, strongly considering the ease for young people transitioning from youth services to young adult services to adult services. Most MP's were understanding of the stress that many post-secondary students face and many felt that extending the Mental Health Commission of Canada's mandate (which is to end in 2017) would be beneficial for Canada.

Student Care – Met with Callan Davey from Student Care to discuss fee increases. Considering the university has asked that fees be set in October, much earlier than previous years, and that dental claims have increased due to a dental clinic on campus the executive have been advised to increase fees. The fee increase was brought up in new business at October 9th USC and will be debated at October 16th USC.

4. Business

4.1 Campus Club and Financial Accountability

Some campus clubs have some difficulty in keeping their financial records clear. VP Nelson will work on the problem with the intent of providing clear information for campus groups. In the meantime Amanda Mitchell and Peggy Pfeil would be happy to help.

4.2 GAA

VP Steele met with Elizabeth Williamson and Isabelle re. GAA. The USSU has the authority to run elections for all students for GAA, including graduate students. VP Steele would like use the MSCs and then see if the GSA can provide the other representatives for this year. This will need to significant work in the next year to find a fair and equitable solution to ensure proper representation.

4.3 Buzzboards

Some campus groups have asked for space. VP Nelson recommends that we do not do this because of lack of space and has instead suggested that they use the rotating graphics in the Buzzboard.

4.4 Late Night Against Procrastination

This is being put on by the ULC and is part of a national campaign on November 6th. They would like the USSU to sponsor Student Crew – 2 positions – all night. The total cost will be \$156.00.

EXEC Motion030: VP Saddleback/VP Steele **Carried**

4.5 Games with Friends with STMSU

VP Saddleback proposes paying for prizes and pop, 2X20\$ gift certificates and 60\$ for pitchers of pop.

EXEC Motion031: VP Saddleback/VP Nelson **Carried**

4.6 University of Saskatchewan Students for Life

In 2009 this group made a formal agreement with the USSU to provide notification to the Women's Centre when they were intending to book space in the Tunnel. This agreement came as a result of some inappropriate behavior and a variety of complaints. They have now asked that the restrictions be lifted. The Executive has chosen to leave the agreement as it stands.

5. Adjournment

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
08 October 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Emilie Chan, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Danusha Rajapaksa, and Preston Thomson

Also present: Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Jessie Munro

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34pm.

Move to adopt the agenda.

BFC Motion 001 – Councilor Robertson/Councilor Senecal Carried

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 Microbiology and Immunology Students' Association (MISA) – “Dressed Up to Get Messed Up”

3.2 University of Saskatchewan Biology Club – “Owl Banding with Martin Stoffel”

3.3 University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team – “University Rover Challenge (as well as others)”

3.4 India Students' Association – “Parichay 2014”

4. Review of Minutes

There were no minutes from the last meeting because this was the first of 2014-15.

5. Business

5.1 Funding Applications

5.1.1 Microbiology and Immunology Students' Association (MISA) – “Dressed Up to Get Messed Up”

Ask: \$500.00 cash, \$50.00 XL credit

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 002 – Councilor Robertson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.1.2 University of Saskatchewan Biology Club – “Owl Banding with Martin Stoffel”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

No motion was made. “Travel and travel expenses” (CGP AIII S2.4) are ineligible for campus group funding.

5.1.3 University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team – “University Rover Challenge (as well as others)”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$500.00 XL credit
Move to grant.

BFC Motion 003 – Councilor Chan / Member Thomson **Carried**

5.1.4 India Students' Association – “Parichay 2014”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$300.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi
Move to grant.

BFC Motion 004 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan **Carried**

6. Questions & Comments

There were not questions or comments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32pm.

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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
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| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | | | | | |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | P | R | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Jones, Marina | P | R | R | P | P | R | NM | | | | | |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | | | | | |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | | | | | |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | | | | | |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | | | | | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | | | | | |
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Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
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Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Jessie Munro, ESB
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Wendy Li, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair

Regrets

Elias Nelson, VP Operations and Finance
Marina Jones, Dentistry
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Saddleback introduced Rainer Kocsis and Anna-Lilja Dawson from the Sheaf.

VP Steele welcomed a new member of Council, Councillor Nash.

VP Saddleback mentioned that Trick or Eat is happening on Friday October 31, Ally Week and Who Needs Feminism on the week from October 27.

Chairperson Hitchings gave the results of the by-elections for Student Council: Joshua Nash, Taylor Andres, Jennifer Barrett and Katrina Barth, all won their respective position in their respective colleges.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 16th, 2014

Councillor Haines made a friendly amendment to the minutes by mentioning that the Flu Clinic was not 11a.m. to 4p.m. but rather 11a.m. to 6p.m.

Councillor Radomske made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that on his report there was a mistake. It should say pharmacology and not farmacology.

Councillor Kierra FineDay made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that on her report it should say Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards.

Councillor Kirsten Jones pointed out that she did not ask the question related to the U-Pass increase, but rather Councillor Marina Jones.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion022: President FineDay/Councillor Rogowski

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

President FineDay pointed out that after the Council meeting is over, there is going to be an event for Councillors. He also invited Councillors to talk to the Executive about the

reasons they run for Council, any suggestions, any questions they might have about being an Executive member or the job the Executive does.

Councillor Iron asked if Chairperson Hitchings said the time the meeting start.

Chairperson Hitchings replied that the meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

Councillor Labrecque mentioned that at the University Council meeting there was a list of USC Members that she thinks it is out of date because there were members on the list that have not been elected. She also said that in the College of Engineering a new administration position was created related to Indigenous Students Initiatives, and they are also creating an Indigenous Students Association. She raised a concern by asking if these two new positions do interfere with the Aboriginal Students Centre within the University.

Councillor Arcand replied that in her college, there is a very active Indigenous Council. She pointed out that the College of Nursing also has one.

VP Steele pointed out that there is an Aboriginal Students' Association in the College of Law.

Councillor Kierra FineDay mentioned that Alexandra Thomson represents the College of Engineering on the Indigenous Students' Council.

VP Steele talked about tuition consultation. This process goes until the first week of November when tuition recommendations have to be sent from each college. She said that it is really important that deans are talking to students about this. She asked Councillors to help her make this process possible.

Councillor Haines asked if the process of tuition consultation is official or not because she has not heard about it in her college.

VP Steele replied that because the process is led by college deans within their colleges, and ideally students should be aware of this process of consultation.

Councillor Labrecque asked if because the Transit lockout is over there have been conversations about how the Transit fees are going to be refunded to students.

President FineDay answered that it is an ongoing conversation with the University. The plan is to apply around \$16 directly to students' accounts for students that are coming back for term 2. For people that are finishing their degrees this term, they are going to get a check over mail from the University.

President FineDay said that there is an Association of Constituency Presidents (AOCP), which is composed of all the presidents from each college society. The Executive has been trying to schedule a meeting with them but it has been complicated to communicate

with each president. As a result, he asked Councillors to talk to their constituency's president to see if they have received an email from the USSU regarding the meeting.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Rogowski – Engineering – reported that on Saturday October 25, Toga Small Town Dry is taking place and tickets are \$20. Also, on Friday October 24, Kitten Day is taking place at the ACSS lounge.

Councillor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that for Kitten Day people can bring donations, such as cat food and money. She also said that her college is planning a bowling event. There is also going to be a conference called National Conference of Women in Engineering, which will take place in November 16. The conference is going to be hosted at the Sheraton Hotel in Saskatoon and the University can send 15 delegates. In case people want more information, they can check www.ncwie.cfes.ca.

Councillor Prebble – Education – reported that the College of Education had some charity events happening. They held a charity to raise enough money for their graduation and the rest goes to a charity. This year they are supporting the White Buffalo Youth Lodge.

Councillor Iron – STM – reported that on Thursday October 23, there is going to be a Keenan lecture in the Father O'Donnell Auditorium and the topic is "The Crisis of Modern Times, The Legacy of John Paul II". On Monday October 27, Philosophy on Tap is taking place at Louis' from 7p.m. to 9p.m. Finally, on October 31 the Halloween Pub is taking place from 1:30p.m. to 5p.m.

Councillor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition had their Pharmacy & Nutrition Affair on Saturday October 18. The event had a great turnout and there were a lot of people from different Pharmacy Companies. She reminded Councillors that "Oktoberfest" is taking place on October 24.

Councillor Munro – Edwards School of Business – reported that the MNAC Gala is taking place in November 2 and tickets are \$25, which includes a meal. Also, there are going to be a number of conferences and competitions, such as an Ed-Business Competition in Edmonton, Rocky Mountains Seminar in Jasper and Railroad in Victory. There is also going to be a bake sale on October 30 to 31 in the Arts Tunnel from the Finance Student Society.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32p.m.

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| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | | | |
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| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | | | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | | | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | | | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | | | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | | | |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | | | |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | | | |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | | | |
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Wendy Li, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Taylor Andres, Law
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Katrina Barth, WCVM

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Jason Ventnor, Communications &
Marketing Manager

Regrets

Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Marian Nwabuniwe, International
Students

Absent

Jessie Munro, ESB

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion023: President FineDay/Councillor Li

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay welcomed the new elected Councillors. Then he introduced member LeBlanc, Anna-Lilja Dawson and Rainer Kocsis.

VP Saddleback introduced Terrie Fitzpatrick, Student Counselling Manager.

President FineDay reminded Councillors that on November 27, 2014 the Annual General Meeting is taking place, therefore there will not be a USC meeting. The AGM is taking place at the Neatby-Timlin Theatre at 6:00p.m. If someone wants to suggest an amendment, they are due November 18, 2014 at 2:00p.m.

VP Saddleback mentioned that the week of November 3 to November 7 was Mental Health Awareness Week. He said that there was a great turnout.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality.

3. Council Address

3.1 Terrie Fitzpatrick – Counselling Services Manager

Ms. Fitzpatrick thanked Council for inviting her to present.

She began by showing a graph of mental health on campus. She noted that mental health gets more important every year, however it has become very fragmented among colleges. As a result, she hopes that it gets connected on campus.

She then explained the National College Health Assessment (NCHA) data. It is run every three (3) years and it is a snapshot of sexual health, mental health, and drug use. The last NCHA is from 2013 and it is a reflection of what students are saying about mental health on campus. The data shows that 46% of students felt hopeless; 89% felt overwhelmed with all that they have to do; 87% felt exhausted; over 61% felt very lonely; 65% felt very sad; and over 32% felt depressed that they found it difficult to function. The data shows that more than half of the students are overwhelmed by anxiety; 6.5% were considering suicide, which is a large number for this University; 10.7% noted their stress level as tremendous; over half of students found academics to be dramatic; 34% found finances to be dramatic.

Ms. Fitzpatrick mentioned that the University has done this test three (3) times already, and it is one of the first Universities to engage with NCHA.

Ms. Fitzpatrick hopes that mental health awareness increases on campus. As a result, she is working on a strategy to help mental health as core value on campus. Some of the initiatives that have been taking place around campus are: Mental Health Awareness Week, NCHA data, the Scroll on the Wall. She then explained that the Scroll on the Wall is going to be a large mural, where students can write how they feel about on campus services. This is going to be presented in the Mental Health Summit on March 2, 2015. The President of the University, VP Saddleback, and provincial entities will be at this meeting where faculty and students can bring their mental health concerns. In this meeting, the Green Folder will be unveiled.

Another tool on campus is the Healthy Campus Committee. This committee works to see the different projects that colleges are working on with respects to mental health. The committee meets three (3) to four (4) times a year. One of the outcomes from this committee has been the new website, where students can find information about mental health, drinking and different variety of sources.

The final tool that Ms. Fitzpatrick talked about was the Mental Health Framework. This relates to the Scroll on the Wall and the Green Folder Campaign. The Green Folder started at the University of Queens and it relates to a lot of mental health projects, such as the Jack Project. Ms. Fitzpatrick mentioned that more than 60% of students want to be able to help fellow students deal with stress. As a result, the Green Folder provides the information for faculty and students to help others with mental health.

Ms. Fitzpatrick noted that the University of Saskatchewan is one of the only universities in Canada that has not developed a mental health strategy. Therefore, she and VP Saddleback are working together to develop the initiatives already mentioned. She pointed out that the framework development is the most important. To be able to develop this strategy, it should be applied at the different levels on campus.

Ms. Fitzpatrick mentioned that she hopes to have by 2015 a Mental Health Strategy Committee. This committee will focus on how to develop the mental health strategies. The major outcome is to develop a mental health strategy for this campus.

VP Steele thanks Ms. Fitzpatrick for coming to Council. She then asked if there is a place where one can find a comparison of the indicators mentioned before with other communities, such as faculty or employees at the University.

Ms. Fitzpatrick replied that the NCHA data is the most comprehensive data she knows of and it is only student base. She pointed out that Human Resources is looking at measuring similar points with faculty and staff but it will not be the same as the NCHA data.

VP Steele then asked if members of USC could get a copy of the power point presentation from Ms. Fitzpatrick.

Ms. Fitzpatrick answered that she will provide a copy.

Councillor Senecal asked how the NCHA data from 2013 changes from the previous NCHA 2010.

Ms. Fitzpatrick replied that they have not benchmarked that. They have collected the data but they do not have the money to pay someone to analyze the data. However, they are looking at hiring someone to start analyzing this data.

President FineDay asked if she knew how constituency associations could help others with their mental health.

Ms. Fitzpatrick answered that there is information at the Student Counselling website. She also said that she has power point presentations that she uses to present faculty and staff about distress students and how to support them. She suggested that she could send the presentations to Councillors so they can look at them.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would go back into formality.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – October 23rd, 2014

Councillor Kierra FineDay made a friendly amendment to the minutes by mentioning that on her statement, Alexandra Thomson does not have a “P”.

Councillor Labrecque made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that under introductions and announcements, Trick or Eat was on October 31 and not October 3. Under Councillor reports, Kitten Day took place at the SESS Lounge and not SESS office. Finally, under her report she explained that the University does not decide whom to send to the Conference, but rather it is an application process through the SESS.

4.2 Executive Committee – October 28th, 2014; November 4th, 2014

Councillor Robertson made a friendly amendment to the minutes from November 4 by mentioning that he stated that the BFC and USSU policy were correlated with the process of approval rather than only the BFC policy. The idea was to clarify all policies because the process of approval policy contradicted every policy.

4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – October 21st, 2014

4.4 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – October 24th, 2014

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion024: President FineDay/VP Saddleback

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

VP Steele noted that on Monday November 10, applications for the Undergraduate Project Symposium would be opened.

Councillor Marina Jones asked if there have been talks about extending the U-Pass for professional colleges.

VP Nelson replied that there have been ongoing discussions with Transit. The issue is in the agenda of the USSU but the process is still ongoing.

Councillor Haines asked when is the deadline to apply for the Undergraduate Project Symposium.

VP Steele replied that the deadline is December 5, 2014.

Councillor Radomske mentioned that for the next Council meeting he will be present.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that “Stacherogy”, annual event presented by the Pharmacy Grad class, is happening on November 21. For this event, there is not going to be Sumo suits but rather “Pharmaly Feud”. Tickets are \$25. She then mentioned that Antibiotic Awareness Week is taking place on the week of November 3. Then she talked about Diabetes Awareness Week, which is taking place on November 17 to November 21. There are going to be “info-session” in the Arts Tunnel. Finally, Medicalmania is taking place on November 27 to November 28, which is organized by the HSSA.

Councillor Barth – WCVN – reported that GlobalVet is hosting a fundraiser at Maguire’s on November 13, and tickets are \$10. There is also going to be a Karaoke night on November 14.

Councillor Schwab – STM – reported that on October 31 STM hosted a Halloween Pub.

Councillor Chan – Arts & Science – reported that the college of Arts & Science participated in Trick or Eat. Also, first years Arts & Science hosted their movie night on Thursday October 30, and they showed “the shining”. They are planning on having another movie night on December. Then she reported that the ASSU will be holding a “movember” contest.

Councillor Robertson – ESB – reported that ESB is also having a “movember” contest organized by EBSS. There is also going to be a “12 Days of Charity” event, where there are dodge ball tournaments and ginger bread competitions. On November 7, “Chilling for Charity.” Also, the Hockey Trip will be on November 17 and there are 100 tickets. Moreover, EBSS and Charity have paired with SkiptheDishes. Finally, in the National Mining Competition, ESB got 3rd place.

Councillor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that on November 4, the SESS had its AGM. In addition, SESS is also having a “movember” team/contest and they are collaborating with ESB and Arts & Science. The contest is in association with the Brett Wilson Centre.

Councillor Senecal – Arts & Science – reported that there is a small community of students working to put on a leadership committee on campus next term.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting October 28th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Breakfast Meeting w President & Executive

Talked with the President & his Executive about the progress on childcare, faculty incentives to produce Open Textbooks, government relations, and topics proposed by the administration.

We'll be having follow up meetings with the appropriate uSask Executive member in the near future to continue these discussions.

EBSS Formal

VP Nelson & I were happy to attend the EBSS formal. We were able to meet with a number of EBSS students, faculty, and the Minister of Advanced Ed. We had the opportunity to briefly talk

with a number of the executive members of the EBSS.

VP Nelson:

October 13-17

Event Insurance - The revised process has been finalized, documented, and is ready for implementation this coming week.

Alternate Bus Service - I maintain that the alternate bus service is an excellent show of commitment to students, despite uptake being less than expected. Additionally, this is an investment in technical expertise for the future, in which a strike or lockout situation may occur during the winter months.

Campus Group Funding - The online form for campus group funding continues to fail my expectations of usability. While I work with USSU IT Support to fix this, groups have been submitting via email.

October 20-24

Budget & Finance Committee - The Committee met for the second time this week to approve re-ratifications and to consider ratification and funding applications. The first project of the Committee will be to clarify the nature of insurance and liability relating to campus groups and their activities.

Hiring for Consumer Services - Since I took office, Consumer Services (Director: Quintin Zook) has been great at seeking student representation and I have sat with them on a number of planning and hiring committees. At present, we are in the process of hiring the Retail Services Operations Manager, which has oversight over the relationship between the bookstore and professors / instructors.

VP Steele:

October 20-24

This week I met with Laura Zink and Kara Loy about the Undergraduate Research Initiative and getting underway with the Undergraduate Research Symposium next January.

The Academic Affairs Committee also had its first meeting, which I personally found thrilling.

I spent parts of two days tabling for around campus to gather Teaching Excellence Award nominations, assisted by my trusty AAC members, including Felipe. I also presented on tuition consultation at the first Student Forum meeting of the year, and on a variety of USSU activities at University Council. Other activities included academic advocacy issues and the scavenger hunt after Thursday's USC meeting! I took an EDO on Friday. (Not related to the scavenger hunt, I promise.)

VP Saddleback:

October 13-17

Regional Colleges – Travelled with President FineDay and VP Steele to visit the regional colleges in Prince Albert and La Ronge. During the visit we talked with students about any issues they had. The students in La Ronge at the NORTEP/NORPAC campus shared concerns over their own student engagement and how they could become more organized.

Women's Rights campaign – Met with Oxfam to discuss an upcoming women's rights campaign to have women's rights debated at a federal level. The discussion was to see how a micro and macro approach could be taken to garner awareness and support for the cause.

October 20-24

Senate – Presented alongside USSU Pride Centre Coordinator, Craig Friesen, on the recent amendment to the discrimination and harassment policy to include gender identity, gender expression, and two-spirit identities. We spoke on what the policy means for the university and gave a list of recommendations from the Provost Advisory Committee on Gender and Sexual Diversity. The presentation was well received.

Mental Health Strategy – I met with Patti McDougall, Lisa Kalynchuk, and Terrie Fitz-Patrick to go over establishing a working group to begin writing a mental health strategy for the University of Saskatchewan. The group will look at data collected over the past 3 years regarding mental health on campus and to assess the current services available to students, staff, and faculty. I have been able to reserve 3 spots for undergrad students on this working group.

4. Business

4.1 Adopt a Family

GM Cottrell mentioned that the USSU has been contacted by the Adopt a Family charity. She explained to the Executive that the USSU does participate in this event each year. She also explained what Adopt a Family is and how it works.

4.2 Tables for students

The Facilities Manager, Stephanie Ewen, explained that tables have been set up in the main colleges in the past, but now FMD has stopped providing this service. Now campus clubs have to come to the USSU to request a table and the Facilities Manager has to prepay and then send an invoice to the club. The process takes around two (2) months for the invoice to get processed on both ends.

She proposed that the Executive could buy a couple of tables and chairs for USSU use. The table costs on average \$100/each plus chairs.

GM Cottrell mentioned that a member of the Executive has to propose this purchase as a project. VP Nelson replied that he will take care of it and the Facilities Manager will take care of the purchase.

4.3 U-Pass

The USSU has been contacted by GSA and the University's Administration to administer the U-Pass for GSA.

Move to accept the administration of the GSA U-Pass.

EXECMotion032: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.4 January 2nd

GM Cottrell mentioned that the Executive can vote to provide an extra day off to the staff members of the USSU.

Move to open the USSU January 5th rather than January 2nd.

EXECMotion033: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.5 Feeding our Committees

VP Steele raised the concern that it would be important to provide nourishment for the committee members.

GM Cottrell reported that there is budget to provide food to committee members.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29.

Executive Meeting
November 4th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and Jason Ventnor

Also Present: Councillor Robertson

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Attended & spoke at the COHERE conference in Regina on innovation in online higher education. I was apart of a student panel responding to the keynote, I brought up the need for faculty to invest in alternatives to the current textbook system we have. I urged them to engage their institutions in a conversation around Open Textbooks. A number of faculty from Ontario and Newfoundland were interested in furthering this conversation.

Hosted an AOCPP meeting - talked about fundraising opportunities, relationship building w the USSU, and offering support in opening doors to administration.

VP Nelson:

Meeting with City Manager - Jason Kovitch (Business & Services Manager) and I met with Jeff Jorgenson (City Manager), who indicated a renewed interest in engaging the USSU as a major stakeholder in public transit and city

planning. This is a positive development, given the current state of the relationship between the USSU and Saskatoon Transit.

Table Package for Campus Groups - At the initiative of the Stefanie Ewen (Facilities Manager), I submitted a proposal for the USSU to acquire a table, two chairs, and a truck for transport. This *table package* will be made available to campus groups for booking free of charge and to avoid the excessive costs of booking furniture under the jurisdiction of Facilities Management Division. See future Executive Committee minutes for the status of this proposal.

VP Steele:

This week began with an Academic Day Off (ADO) to work on a major assignment for class. Tuesday morning came early with the first Association of Constituency Presidents (AOCP) meeting at 7:30. I attended various committee meetings throughout the week, such as the Scholarship and Awards Committee, PPC, and RSAW. I tabled for TEA nominations for parts of three days and met about an unusual number of requests for help with academic grievances.

VP Saddleback:

Long Night Against Procrastination - I attended a planning meeting for the event Long Night Against Procrastination with the University Writing Help. The event is a national event that aims to get students to be productive when doing overnight paper writing (because we all do it at some point in our university careers!). The event will offer drop-in writing help, math and stats help, individual and group study areas, exam prep help, study techniques, yoga and meditation room, midnight group walk, therapy dogs, free snacks and bevies, and hourly prizes!

EcoQuest - I presented to EcoQuest, a mobile grade 8 program, on gender diversity in the media. The program was on campus to hear from various presenters on a

number of topics so the youth could start to formulate ideas on what to do for their video projects. They were all epic and curious on how to create gender diversity in their media projects!

4. Business

4.1 AGM

Jason Ventnor talked about the AGM that is coming up on November 27. He said that the Executive should look at the by-laws to see if they want to propose a change to the by-laws. Changes have to be submitted to the lawyers 8 days before the AGM, so the lawyers can review them.

4.2 Healthy U

Healthy U is an app from Campus Rec. The USSU is providing \$500 and a scholarship. With the app you can apply to different aspects of mental health, and if you get the most check marks, people enter the draw for the scholarship. Jason Ventnor mentioned that his department could match the \$250 that the USSU is giving if the Executive approves it.

Motion to match \$250.

EXECMotion034: VP Saddleback/VP Nelson

Carried

4.3 Project Proposal

Proposal to buy tables and chairs. VP Nelson sent the budget to executive.

Chairs (x2): \$19.96 (\$9.98 each)

Table: \$59.95

Harper Truck: \$42.99

Total: \$122.90

Move to approve the purchase of table, chairs and harper truck.

EXECMotion035: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

4.4 Transit Meeting

VP Nelson reported that he met with the City Manager about Transit. The City Manager would like to engage the USSU as a stakeholder. VP

Nelson explained that it would be interesting to see how this will evolve during time.

4.5 Process of Approval

VP Saddleback mentioned that he was approached by Councillor Robertson about a proposal. Jason Ventnor mentioned that the proposal has a lot of redundancy and that it would be good to meet so it can be analyzed.

Councillor Robertson explained that this proposal started last year. He noted that this policy correlated with the BFC and USSU policy, creating contradiction. It was noted that there should be definitions added to the policy. The idea is to clarify all policies because the process of approval policy contradicts every USSU policy.

VP Nelson raised a concern related to the point related to campaigns.

Councillor Robertson explained that proposal can be approved up to \$3000 by the executive committee and over that amount they have to be analyzed and approved by BFC.

VP Nelson thanked Councillor Robertson for his proposal. VP Nelson proposed to set up a meeting to discuss the proposal.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37.

Academic Affairs Committee

Minutes for Tuesday October 21st, 2014

Present: Desirée Steele, Chair; Councillor Haines, MSC for Pharmacy and Nutrition; Councillor Daniels, MSC for Arts and Science; Councillor Li, MSC for Education; Member Noelle Bouvier, SAL; Member Peggy Anderson, SAL.

Regrets: Member Geneva Houlden, SAL; Felipe Del Campo-Donoso, USSU Confidential Student Support Officer.

Absent: VP Saddleback, Vice-Chair

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business

3.1 Introductions

Each member of the Committee introduced themselves.

3.2 Discussion

After introductions, the members discussed the running of Teaching Excellence Awards, nominations for which begin this week. Members worked out when they would be available to table around campus gather nominations for this semester's excellent teachers and teaching assistants.

There was a discussion of possible topics for the committee to consider this year, including the Academic Courses Policy under revision at the Academic Programs Committee; the policies surrounding internships in different colleges; and what resources are available to students who wish to study abroad.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes 24 October 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Danusha Rajapaksa, Preston Thomson

Also present: Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:04pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 National Conference on Women in Engineering – “National Conference on Women in Engineering 2014”

3.2 Ahmadiyya Muslim Students’ Association – “Astonishing Story of the Prophet”

4. Review of Minutes

The Committee agreed that minutes will be reviewed in advance of each meeting and will be accepted if no objection is made.

5. Business

The Chair noted the addition of 5.2.2, 5.3.8, and 5.3.9 as well as the removal of 6.1 from the agenda.

5.1 Approval of Re-ratifications (see Appendix to 5.1)

5.1.1 Amnesty International U of S

5.1.2 Arts & Science Students’ Union

5.1.3 Best Buddies U of S

5.1.4 Biochemistry Students’ Association

5.1.5 Chemistry Students’ Society

5.1.6 Enactus University of Saskatchewan

5.1.7 English Undergraduate Society

5.1.8 Golden Key International Honour Society

5.1.9 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Student Branch

5.1.10 ITEP Student Executive Council

5.1.11 Just Rights

5.1.12 Law Students’ Association

5.1.13 Management Students’ Association

5.1.14 National Conference on Women in Engineering 2014

5.1.15 One Health Club

5.1.16 Physiology and Pharmacology Students’ Society

- 5.1.17 Red Cross Student Association
 - 5.1.18 Saskatoon Nursing Student Association
 - 5.1.19 Society of Petroleum Engineers U of S Chapter
 - 5.1.20 SUNTEP Student Representative Council
 - 5.1.21 Undergraduate Chinese Cultural Club
 - 5.1.22 University of Saskatchewan Horticulture Club
 - 5.1.23 University of Saskatchewan Pre-Medical Club
 - 5.1.24 University of Saskatchewan Students Welcome U
- Move to approve re-ratifications 5.1.1-5.1.24.

BFC Motion 005 – Member Thomson / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2 Ratification Applications (see Appendix to 5.2)

The Committee agreed that ratification application information and documentation will be reviewed in advance of each meeting for the sake of efficiency.

- 5.2.1 Athletes in Action, U of S Chapter
- Move to ratify on condition (provide bank account statement).

BFC Motion 006 – Member Thomson / Councilor Senecal Carried

- 5.2.2 Canadian Lawyers Abroad U of S Chapter
- Move to ratify.

BFC Motion 007 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

- 5.2.3 Environmental Engineering Students' Society
- Move to ratify on condition (provide higher resolution bank account statement, restrict executive eligibility to undergraduate students, either restrict voting to undergraduate students or maintain minimum 75% undergraduate student membership).

BFC Motion 008 – Member Thomson / Councilor Senecal Carried

- 5.2.4 Saskatchewan 4-H Alumni
- Move to ratify on condition (restrict executive eligibility to undergraduate students, either restrict voting to undergraduate students or maintain minimum 75% undergraduate student membership).

BFC Motion 009 – Member Thomson / Councilor Senecal Carried

- 5.2.5 Students for Free Palestine
 - 5.2.6 U of S Rugby Club
 - 5.2.7 University of Saskatchewan Women in Law
- Move to ratify the above three groups (5.2.5, 5.2.6, 5.2.7).

BFC Motion 010 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

5.3 Funding Applications (see Appendix to 5.3)

The Committee agreed that funding application information and documentation will be reviewed in advance of each meeting for the sake of efficiency.

5.3.1 National Conference on Women in Engineering – “National Conference on Women in Engineering 2014” (presented)

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$300.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 011 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

5.3.2 International Studies Students’ Association – “Meet the Profs Night”

Ask: \$200.00 cash (cheque)

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 012 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.3.3 Saskatoon Psychology Students’ Society – “In-the-Loop”

Ask: \$150.00 cash (cheque)

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 013 – Member Thomson / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.3.4 University of Saskatchewan Students Welcome U – “Various Events”

Ask: \$450.00 cash (cheque)

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 014 – Member Thomson / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.3.5 University of Saskatchewan Gamers’ Club – “Extra Life”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 015 – Member Thomson / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.3.6 Chemical Engineering Students’ Society – “Weekly Food Sales”

Ask: \$330.00 cash (cheque), \$70.00 XL credit, \$100.00 Pepsi product

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 016 – Member Thomson / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.3.7 One Health Club – “One Health Club Meet & Greet”

Ask: \$431.86 cash (cheque)

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 017 – Member Thomson / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.3.8 Association of Korean Canadian Scientists and Engineers U of S – “Networking Night”

Ask: \$200.00 cash (cheque), \$50.00 Pepsi product

Move to grant \$170.00 cash (cheque) and \$50.00 Pepsi product because travel and travel expenses are ineligible for campus group funding.

BFC Motion 018 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.3.9 Bangladesh Undergraduate Student Federation U of S – “BUSF Presents: Fire & Ice”

Ask: \$510.00 cash (cheque), \$150.00 XL credit

The ask is in excess of \$500.00 and therefore a presentation is required. The group will be notified and scheduled for the next meeting.

6. Other Business

6.1 Insurance for Campus Groups

General Manager Cottrell noted that there is still ambiguity relating to the nature of insurance for and liability relating to campus groups. The Committee agreed that Merv Dahl (Risk Management, University of Saskatchewan) and Cheryl Berndt (AON Canada) will be scheduled for next meeting or some time thereafter as the Committee pursues clarification of this matter.

7. Questions & Comments

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56pm.

Appendix to 5.1: Approval of Re-ratifications

In accordance with the Campus Groups Policy, the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) may re-ratify groups that were ratified the previous year, subject to the approval of the Budget & Finance Committee (BFC) (art. I sec. 4.2).

List of groups ratified by the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) (from 16 September – 24 October 2014), to be approved by the Budget & Finance Committee:

- 5.1.1 Amnesty International U of S
- 5.1.2 Arts & Science Students' Union
- 5.1.3 Best Buddies U of S
- 5.1.4 Biochemistry Students' Association
- 5.1.5 Chemistry Students' Society
- 5.1.6 Enactus University of Saskatchewan
- 5.1.7 English Undergraduate Society
- 5.1.8 Golden Key International Honour Society
- 5.1.9 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Student Branch
- 5.1.10 ITEP Student Executive Council
- 5.1.11 Just Rights
- 5.1.12 Law Students' Association
- 5.1.13 Management Students' Association
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- 5.1.23 University of Saskatchewan Pre-Medical Club
- 5.1.24 University of Saskatchewan Students Welcome U

When the BFC is not yet formed, by convention its powers are exercised by the Executive Committee. Hence, the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) re-ratified groups that were ratified the previous year, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The following is for your information.

List of groups approved or ratified by the Executive Committee (from 01 May – 16 September 2014):

- Aboriginal Law Students Association
- Agricultural Students' Association
- Ahmadiyya Muslim Students' Association

AIESEC Saskatoon
Ambassadors
Anatomy and Cell Biology Club
Arab Nation Students' Association
Association of Korean Canadian Scientists and Engineers U of S
Association of Student Musicians
Bangladesh Undergraduate Student Federation - U of S
Canadian Mining Games
Catholic Christian Outreach Saskatoon
Chemical Engineering Students' Society
Chinese Students' & Scholars' Association
CIM Saskatoon Student Chapter
Comitatus: Classical, Medieval, and Renaissance Study Student Group
Corporate Law Club
CSCE Saskatoon Student Chapter - U of S Civil Club
Cycling Club, U of S
Do Something – U of S
Education Students' Society
Edwards Business Students' Society
Engineers Without Borders U of S Chapter
Environmental and Bioresources Student Association
Environmental Studies Students Association
Geological Engineering Student Society
Grace Fellowship Campus Group
Greystone Scholars Society
Health Sciences Students' Association
Hillel Saskatoon
Huskie Motorsports
India Students' Association
Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship U of S
International Studies Students' Association
International Women's Movement
Linguistics Students' Association
Malaysian Students' Association
Mechanical Engineering Students' Association
Microbiology and Immunology Students Association
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness and Fundraising Club
Muslim Students' Association
National Mining Competition Organizing Committee
Northern Administration Students' Association
Ore Gange
Oxfam Campus Club
Pandora Women
Peer Health Mentors
Planning Students' Association
Power to Change

Saskatchewan Party Campus Club
Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society
Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society
Saskatoon Historical Fencing
Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society
Saskatoon Student Wellness Initiative Towards Community Health
SaskInvent
Socialist Students Association
Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan
Sundogs Aero Design Team U of S
U of S AniManga
U of S Cheer Team
U of S Kin Club
U of S Men's Ultimate
U of S Pre-Vet Club
U of S Stockman's Club
Ukrainian Students' Association, U of S
University of Saskatchewan Biology Club
University of Saskatchewan Debate Society
University of Saskatchewan Gamers' Club
University of Saskatchewan Innovative Energy Team
University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team
University of Saskatchewan Students for Life
uSask Filipino Students' Association
uSask Model United Nations
Visual Arts Student Union
WCVN Equine Club: Student Chapter of the AAEP
Western Canadian Veterinary Students' Association
What's Your Cap?
Women in the Legislature
WUSC: U of S

Appendix to 5.2: Ratification Applications

While the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) may re-ratify groups that were ratified the previous year, the Budget & Finance Committee has the authority to ratify groups that were not ratified the previous year (art. I sec. 4.1, 4.2).

List of groups not ratified last year that applied (from 16 September – 24 October 2014), to be considered by the Budget & Finance Committee:

- 5.1.1 Athletes in Action, U of S Chapter
- 5.1.2 Environmental Engineering Students' Society
- 5.1.3 Saskatchewan 4-H Alumni
- 5.1.4 Students for Free Palestine - in order
- 5.1.5 U of S Rugby Club
- 5.1.6 University of Saskatchewan Women in Law

When the BFC is not yet formed, by convention its powers are exercised by the Executive Committee. Hence, the Executive Committee ratified groups that were not ratified the previous year, as well as groups for which the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) sought the explicit approval of the Executive Committee. The following is for your information.

List of groups not ratified last year that were ratified by the Executive Committee (from 01 May – 16 September 2014):

- Ambassadors
- Peer Health Mentors
- SaskInvent
- India Students' Association
- International Studies Students' Association
- Undergraduate Chinese Cultural Club
- University of Saskatchewan Innovative Energy Team
- Sikh Student Association U of S
- National Conference on Women in Engineering 2014

Appendix to 5.3: Funding Applications

In accordance with the Campus Groups Policy, ratified campus groups qualify for campus group funding (art. III sec. 3.1). The Budget & Finance Committee has the authority to review (art. III sec. 2.1 – 3.2) and decide on (art. III sec. 4.2) campus group funding applications. The following is for your information in fulfilling this responsibility.

Excerpt: Campus Groups Policy Article III

III. Campus Group Funding

This policy has been developed in order to standardize the manner in which the USSU grants funding to Campus Groups. A Campus Group should not rely solely on the USSU for funding. Groups are encouraged to charge a membership fee and solicit funding from alternate sources in order to gain financial independence.

1. Types of Funding

1.1 In total, the maximum amount of combined sponsorship from all sources is one thousand dollars (\$1000) per academic year. This combined sponsorship may be split up between three sources with the following constraints:

- i. A cash grant of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) of USSU monies to be used towards offsetting an event's budget.
- ii. A credit of up to one thousand dollars (\$1000) of USSU credit to be used at any of the USSU's businesses and operations.
- iii. Up to two hundred dollars (\$200) of PepsiCo product and merchandise sponsorship.

2. Criteria for Evaluating Funding Requests

2.1 The funding requested must fall into the category of: [2 points]

a special event or project undertaken by a Group;

hosting a conference.

2.2 Campus Group applications for funding shall be evaluated by the following criteria: [4 points]

does the intent of the funding request fit within the mandate of the club;

how the funds contribute to the success of the Group's event, project, or conference;

how the Group, the Students' Union, and the general student body benefit from the event, project, or conference;

how much external fundraising the Group has done.

2.3 The funds must not be for the private use of a few individuals but must be used towards serving the membership of the organization and the student community in general.

2.4 The USSU will not disperse funds to Campus Groups for: [6 points]

direct donation to charity, either for the organization or for other causes;

the cost of alcohol served at any event;

the day-to-day administrative costs of the organization;

year-end banquets;

graduation banquets;

travel or travel expenses

3. Eligibility for Funding

3.1 All USSU Ratified Campus Groups in good standing, with no outstanding debts to the Union, are eligible to apply for funding.

3.2 If a funding request is submitted prior to the end of the Academic Year for an event to be held within the first fourteen (14) days of the next Academic Year, Campus Groups are eligible to receive funding on the basis of their previous year's ratification status.

4. Procedure for Funding Requests

4.1 Fully completed "Campus Group Funding Request Forms" must be submitted to the Vice-President Operations and Finance. Campus groups are encouraged to apply as early as possible to ensure funding and all requests must be in prior to the event.

4.2 Approval or rejection of the funding request is at the discretion of the Budget and Finance Committee, subject to approval of University Students' Council.

4.3 For funding requests in excess of five hundred (\$500), groups are required to make a brief presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee in addition to submitting a funding request form.

4.4 Groups may appeal the decision by the Budget and Finance Committee as outlined in Section V, Appeals.

5. Terms and Conditions for Receiving Funding

5.1 The funds must be used for the intention stated on the “Campus Group Funding Request Form”.

5.2 Failure to comply with the original intent of the funding constitutes fraud and will justify action under Section IV, Disciplinary Measures.

5.3 Any Campus Group receiving funds from the USSU must list the Union as a co-sponsor in all advertising for the event.

5.4 If Pepsi product or USSU credit are not claimed by a campus group after the event has taken place, the product is forfeited unless applied for again.

5.5 The Budget and Finance Committee, at its discretion, can ask for receipts as a condition for receiving sponsorship.

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, November 20th, 2014
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Greg Fowler and Wade Epp**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – November 6th, 2014**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – November 18th, 2014**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – October 31st, 2014**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – October 30th, 2014**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report – October 28th, 2014**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | P | R | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | |
| Jones, Marina | P | R | R | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday November 20th, 2014

Present

Max FineDay, President
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Jessie Munro, ESB
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Marina Jones, Dentistry
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Taylor Andres, Law
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Jason Ventnor, Communications &
Marketing Manager

Regrets

Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Katrina Barth, WCVM
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students
Wendy Li, Education
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine

Absent

Marian Nwabuniwe, International
Students

Guest List

Greg Fowler
Wade Epp

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion025: President FineDay/Councillor Senecal

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay welcomed Greg Fowler, Vice President of Finance and Resources, and Wade Epp from Human Resources.

3. Council Address

3.1 Greg Fowler and Wade Epp

Mr. Fowler began by saying that he was going to talk about different services on campus and the vision his has on projects for the future.

Mr. Fowler mentioned that in 2007 the University brought in Water House Cooper to look at the services across campus. They concluded that the University needed to work on Colleges, administration, and how the University serves its students and faculty. They made some recommendations of what to do.

This summer (2014), Mr. Fowler worked with Deans and senior leaders at the University and decided to not put financial targets on these projects but rather work for the next year, trying to understand what the University has and then try to propose something with a lot of consultation that may look better for students and faculty on campus. The vision Mr. Fowler has is to improve services on campus. After looking at the needs of this campus, Mr. Fowler mentioned that a process of consultation will follow, which will work with Deans, students and faculty.

Mr. Fowler then introduced Wade Epp to present the vision for the improvement of services.

Mr. Epp made a comparison of how the different services on campus work, depending of each college. He pointed out that among the 17 colleges on campus there might be redundant but there are also areas where there is no service. Therefore, this project is designed to look at these areas and design something different.

Mr. Epp then explained the project steps. The first part is the project's preparation, which includes a methodology and an approach. After this, they conducted a two (2) week inventory on all non-academic staff. This inventory was done to see what each non-faculty member is doing on campus with respect to certain functions. The third step is a general design model to better enhance services on campus. Step four (4) is to develop a valuable proposition to each college and Deans to show what they propose to improve and implement. Finally, step five (5) is how to implement the project.

Mr. Epp indicated that they want to take a conscientious approach to make sure that they are getting the right feedback, therefore taking a slow approach to get to step five (5).

Mr. Epp then presented the results of the inventory to Council. He mentioned that there are seven (7) functional areas that can be identified. These are: IT, Human Resources, Facilities, Finances, Advancement (and Communications), Research and Student Services. For these functional areas they developed this survey to ask each employee if they do an activity in any of those seven (7) areas. Then, if the answer is yes, the question is what do you do within that area. The survey narrows down to more specific questions. This survey expects to see where on campus are the areas that are lacking services, have more activity or are in balance.

There is an executive committee, which is formed by executive sponsors, to analyze this project. Among the members there are four (4) Deans from the Colleges of Arts & Science, Agriculture, Medicine and ESB, Greg Fowler, Ernie Barber (Provost). The Deans are responsible to communicate the decision to the other Deans. Ultimately, while the committee develops a proposal, it needs to get approved by all the Deans. Besides this committee, there is also a reality check group. The goal of this group is to create dialogue and get feedback.

For the design of the project Mr. Epp pointed out that one has to make sure that the services are aligned and integrated with each other vertically and horizontally. As a result, the different functional areas have to look at each other to see how they might affect or correlate with each other.

Mr. Epp indicated that if Council wanted to make any suggestions or if they had any questions to please ask them.

VP Steele thanked Mr. Fowler and Mr. Epp for presenting to Council. She then asked how this project might interact with faculty and students that are doing research on campus.

Mr. Fowler replied that once all the information is collected, they can look at where the research services are being provided. He then added that they are considering doing a customer satisfaction survey to ask researchers what services they have and what are they missing. They also have to look at the reality check to see what students and researchers need. He pointed out that 40% of the researchers' time is spent on administrative activity, therefore mentioning that it is not appropriate for them to be spending all this time on administrative work. He wants to work with researchers on campus to find a solution for this.

VP Steele then asked if Mr. Fowler could explain what TABS is and how TABS relates to the resource allocation on campus.

Mr. Fowler replied that this topic was not on his area because it relates to the provost and resource allocation. He then said that the TABS stand for Transparency Based Budgeting System. The current system does not allow Deans to get involve in the budgeting system, therefore the University is moving to TABS so the Deans of each college can get the resources from tuition and also some portion of the government grants. As a result, Deans get more control over the budget of their college.

Mr. Fowler then added that the University's current budgeting system makes the Provost responsible for the allocation of resources rather than the Vice-President of Budget and Finance. He explained the Provost is the one that allocates the resources because it is an academic position, and therefore the allocation of resources can be placed on academic matters.

Councillor Labrecque asked if this new process of resource allocation is looking at each college individually, allowing them to remain self-sustained, or it would assimilate all colleges.

Mr. Fowler replied that there is no predetermined structure for this. Therefore, it is a project to identify for a Dean what is the best return on money allocation. He noted that some colleges have unique resources, such as Student Centre in the Engineering College or the Career Centre in ESB. He is unsure how this process will affect the college of Engineering. He made a remark that here is where the TABS system enters to play a key role to determine the resources for each college.

VP Nelson asked to what extent making services, such as Facilities Management, more user-oriented a priority is related to the project presented by Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Fowler replied that this project does relate to user-oriented programs. This project is to reorganize the operations and maintenance part of facilities management. There are a lot of pieces that need to be changed. There is no transparency on what each bureau can charge, therefore the project has to work through transparency and that the provision of services is agreed to with the Deans. They also have to work to change the culture on campus and of the people that do the work, that is to say, make it more user-oriented and service focused.

President FineDay thanked Mr. Fowler and Mr. Epp for coming to Council and for presenting.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – November 6th, 2014

Councillor Haines made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that on her councillor report the word should be "Medicalmania" rather than Medico Mania; and the event is organized by the HSSA, not the AHSA.

Councillor Iron noted that on the minutes' attendance Councillor Barth is not listed but she was present.

Councillor Labrecque made a friendly amendment to the minutes by noting that the group she refers to on her report is not the ACSS but rather SESS.

4.2 Executive Committee –November 18th, 2014

4.3 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – October 31st, 2014

VP Nelson made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that under point number four, Review of Minutes, it should read that the committee accepted the minutes from October 24, 2014.

4.4 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – October 30th, 2014

4.5 Association of College President Minutes and Report – October 28th, 2014

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes.

USCMotion026: President FineDay/Councillor Rogowski

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

President FineDay pointed out that on November 27 the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is taking place. He invited Councillors to attend and to bring their friends in order to reach quorum.

Councillor Senecal asked how many students are required for the AGM to have quorum.

President FineDay replied 50 students.

Chairperson Hitchings added that among the 50 students, 15 have to be members of Student Council.

VP Steele asked if there is going to be food at the AGM.

President FineDay noted that there is going to be pizza and pop.

Councillor Munro asked if the Executive would like each Councillor to advertise the AGM in each particular college.

Councillor Barrett asked when the AGM is taking place.

Chairperson Hitchings repeated that it is taking place on November 27.

Councillor Nash asked if the AGM is at 6:30p.m.

President FineDay replied that the AGM is at 6:00p.m. in ARTS 241.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Munro – ESB – reported that ESB is running the event 12 days for charity. There is a new event everyday and it runs from Monday to Thursday. Then she added that on Monday November 24 there is going to be hot chocolate, Tuesday November 25 it is going to be Sustainability Day, Wednesday November 26 is write Christmas card to overseas soldiers, and Thursday November 27 there is a Ginger Bread House Competition. Also, the case competition is taking place on November 21 and it is open to the general public.

Councillor Marina Jones – Dentistry – reported that the DSS has been having meetings every week to see how they manage their finance. Also, they are organizing Ugly Sweater Bowling.

Councillor Radomske – Nursing – reported that SNSS had its first meeting during the week. They are organizing their Christmas Party for the end of the year. The SNSS is also going to the Light House to volunteer.

VP Steele asked Chairperson Hitchings if he could specify which Councillor he refers to when he said Councillor Jones.

Councillor Rogowski – Engineering – reported that the Dean of the College of Engineering has organized a student Town Hall to discuss tuition rates and space allocation and financial support for student groups. It is taking place on November 21.

Councillor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that she will attend the Town Hall. She mentioned that the Husky Motor Sport is organizing a Wii Mario Kart Beer Night on November 21 in the Engineering Building, tickets are \$15. There is also a Trivia Night taking place on November 22 at the Sutherland Bar. Finally, SESS is organizing the Christmas Formal at the Sheraton.

Councillor Radomske asked Councillor Labrecque what topics are covered at Trivia Night.

Councillor Labrecque replied that there are different topics, for example pop culture and music.

Councillor Senecal – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU is organizing a “Movember” charity event. On November 26 there is going to be an event for this at the Capitol. There is also a moustache contest with a \$100 prize for the first place. He added that Arts & Science won Trick or Eat for this year.

Councillor Prebble – Education – reported that the College of Education is hosting the West-Case Conference. It will be hosted in February during reading week.

Councillor Munro – ESB – added to her report that ESB will be hosting the JBC West 2016. She invited Councillors to volunteer for this event if they were interested. She also added that for their event 12 days of Charity, they are collecting winter clothes for Egadz.

VP Steele invited Councillors to let her know if tuition consultations have been happening in each college during the last two (2) weeks.

Councillor Robertson – ESB – reported that tuition consultations have taken place at ESB.

VP Nelson noted that the event mentioned by Councillor Senecal is not only organized by the ASSU but in partnership with SESS, EBSS, STMSU and DoSomething.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting November 18th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and Jason Ventnor

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Attended an Aboriginal Student Leadership Group Meeting - this is an advisory body for the USSU & ISC to hear about ideas and issues from Aboriginal college group presidents. It mirrors the AOCP. The conversation was largely focused on Aboriginal Achievement Week and how Aboriginal students, and student leadership, are supported (or not) by the Administration and Aboriginal support services.

Judged the Student Iron Chef Competition - I got to eat food! Most of it was good. Some of it was really bad. There wasn't as much Kraft Dinner as I initially expected, although the winner did have KD as apart of their dish. We saw students from many colleges and constituencies participate. It was a really well done event by Culinary Services.

VP Nelson:

College of Nursing in Prince Albert - The Executive visited the nursing students in Prince Albert, among whom there was expressed interest in forming a student association,

becoming a ratified campus group, and applying for campus group funding. However, the Prince Albert nursing students noted that this would be a challenge: their members are preoccupied with balancing their career goals with ongoing responsibilities, and do not have time to spare; and their members at varying stages in life and in the nursing program, and do not have commonality. This is an illustrative case of how the resources offered by the USSU are less accessible to off-campus students.

Student Fee Committee - The increases to the U-PASS, Health and Dental Plan, Students' Union, and Infrastructure fees were submitted in time for the 07 November deadline. The increases were well-received and the Committee asked for a more specific budgetary breakdown as a mere formality.

The same cannot be said with respect to the GSA, for which the Vice-President Finance portfolio remains vacant. This is concerning: while the USSU and GSA are separate institutions, many of the undergraduate students that the USSU represents will move on to graduate studies at the U of S.

VP Saddleback:

Nov. 3-7

Trip to Regional College – The executive made a trip up to the Nursing Program in Prince Albert to hear any concerns that students have. Some concerns that were brought to our attention were the lack of accessible student physical activities space (e.g. a gym and a student lounge), lack of childcare, and mental health resources for regional colleges. Over the next while, I will be approaching the administration to see what sort of gym member partnership could be established in Prince Albert for USask students.

Mental Health Awareness Week – The Mental Health Awareness Week was a huge success; we had roughly twenty volunteers' help out and over 175 students, staff,

and faculty approach the table to engage in conversation or take a look.

Nov. 10-14

Aboriginal Achievement Symposium - President FineDay and I attended a symposium with other U of S members and community members to discuss Aboriginal achievement. We identified problems and brainstormed solutions for future planning.

National Conference on Women in Engineering - I presented at NCWiE 2014 on Visible VS Invisible Minorities and Diversity Scholarships.

VP Steele:

Nov. 3-7

On Monday, the Executive traveled to Prince Albert to visit the USask nursing students there. It was good to be able hear from them in person about their concerns regarding academic and non-academic issues and to learn about their efforts to form a representative body for students at their campus. The rest of my meetings this week dealt with various academic grievances, the ongoing quest for meaningful student consultation regarding tuition, and University Council committee business.

Nov. 10-14

I was away for the first two days of the week but came back bright and early (it was actually pretty dark, though) for our monthly breakfast meeting with the interim president and his executive. The rest of the week was spent in University Council committee or related meetings, working on getting the word out about the Undergraduate Project Symposium, and reviewing proposed amendments to the USSU Bylaw.

4. Business

4.1 Stress Less

From December 9 to December 11 Stress Less is taking place. VP Saddleback mentioned that Stress Less was asking the USSU if they

could use the North Concourse for this event. VP Saddleback said that the event is associated with Mental Health.

Move to provide the North Concourse for this event.

EXECMotion036: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

4.2 Term 2 events

Jason Ventnor asked the executive to think about the events for term 2 and present them to him as soon as possible to organize the events.

4.3 Term 2 Orientation with ISSAC

VP Nelson showed an email that he received from ISSAC. VP Saddleback added that ISSAC's orientation for Term will be a "conversation cafe" where new students get to talk to people from the University. The USSU gets 10 minutes to present what the USSU is. VP Saddleback and VP Nelson will meet to organize a presentation.

4.4 Safe Study advertisement.

VP Saddleback said that the USSU has to advertise safe study for Term 1. Jason Ventnor explained that student crew works safe study. VP Saddleback added that it starts on November 24.

Move to accept advertisement for Safe Study (\$50 credit for ads).

EXECMotion037: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.5 AGM

VP Nelson mentioned the amendments he proposed. Jason Ventnor added that as soon as the lawyer gets back to him, the Executive would meet to see what the amendments are and how to present them at the AGM.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
31 October 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal,
Danusha Rajapaksa, Preston Thomson

Also present: Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:44am

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 Bangladesh Undergraduate Student Federation U of S – “BUSF Presents:
Fire & Ice”

4. Review of Minutes

4.1 Minutes from 24 October, 2014 were approved.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There was no ratification application submitted by group that was not ratified for
2013-14.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Bangladesh Undergraduate Student Federation U of S – “BUSF Presents:
Fire & Ice”

Ask: \$210.00 cash (cheque), \$150.00 XL credit, \$300.00 Louis’ credit

Move to grant \$210.00 cash (cheque), \$70.00 XL credit, and \$300.00 Louis’
credit.

BFC Motion 019 – Councilor Munro / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.2 Pandora Women – “Pandora Windup”

Ask: \$15.00 XL credit, \$400.00 Louis’ credit

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 020 – Councilor Munro / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.3 Ahmadiyya Muslim Students’ Association – “Astonishing Story of the
Prophet”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), XL credit \$500.00

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 021 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.4 National Mining Competition Organizing Committee – “National Mining

Competition 2014”

Ask: \$500.00 XL credit

Move to grant \$500.00 cash (cheque) because the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) arranged for the National Mining Competition Organizing Committee to pay XL Print & Design in money rather than wait for the Budget & Finance Committee to meet. This was done so that XL could accurately account for the month’s income.

BFC Motion 022 – Councilor Robertson / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.5 Canadian Lawyers Abroad U of S Chapter + Just Rights – “Documentary Movie Night”

Ask: \$75.00 cash (cheque)

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 023 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Munro Carried

5.2.6 Do Something – U of S “Movember / OneMATCH Stem Cell Network”

Ask: \$300.00 XL credit

BFC Motion 024 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Munro Carried

5.2.7 Just Rights – “Art Auction/Documentary/RPC Visit”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

No motion was made and it was decided that Just Rights will be required to clarify the values of their request for each of cash (cheque), XL credit, and Louis’ credit.

5.2.8 Socialist Students’ Association – “Revolutionary Frontlines: Perspectives on the Global Struggles”

Ask: \$200.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit

BFC Motion 025 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

6. Other Business

6.1 Meeting with Saskatoon City Manager 29 October 2014

The Vice-President (Operations & Finance) and the Business & Services Manager (Jason Kovitch) met with the City Manager (Jeff Jorgenson), who indicated a renewed interest in engaging the USSU as a major stakeholder in public transit and city planning.

6.2 Tabling Package for Campus Groups

At the initiative of the Facilities Manager (Stefanie Ewen), the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) will be tabling, at the next Executive Committee meeting, a project proposal that will have the USSU acquire a table, two chairs, and a truck for transport. This *tabling package* will be made available to campus groups for booking free of charge and to avoid the excessive costs of booking furniture under the jurisdiction of Facilities Management Division.

6.3 Weekly Meeting Time

Since the Appointments Committee meeting of 02 October 2014, the Budget & Finance Committee has attempted to find a weekly meeting time that, at very least, works for the voting members. Scheduling meetings on a weekly basis has been inconvenient for all stakeholders.

Consensus was reached on a weekly meeting time for Term 1. Councilor Munro made this work at considerable inconvenience to her, which the Committee appreciates.

7. **Questions & Comments**

Referring to agenda item 5.2.2, Member Thomson noted that the term “year-end banquet” in art. III sec. 2.4 of the Campus Groups Policy should be disambiguated.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24am.

Minutes of the Association of Constituency Presidents
October 28th, 2014

President FineDay noted that this was intended to be an informal meeting that would be more like a roundtable conversation. He also noted that last year this body worked together on issues such as tuition and TransformUS and achieved results for our members, he hopes that work can continue this year. He wanted Presidents to know that if they would like support on initiatives, the USSU would be happy to lend their time.

Vice-President Steele talked about tuition consultation and how she's been meeting with administration to ensure that this is happening in all colleges. She asked the Presidents to let her know if their Dean has not reached out to them to talk about tuition.

Ken Hartshorne from Advancement and Community Engagement was invited to talk about student initiatives. He talked about the Day of Giving that raises money for student scholarships, raised over \$500,000 last year. He asked that College and Constituency Societies keep student support initiatives in mind when doing fundraising work for charities (for an example, the student emergency fund).

President FineDay committed to having further meetings with the Presidents to talk about issues of mutual interest and asked the Presidents not to hesitate in contacting him or other executive members when needed.

Student Affairs Committee

Minutes for Thursday October 30th, 2014

Present: VP Saddleback, VP Steele, Jason Kovitch, Councillor Iron, Councillor Robertson, Councillor Kirsten Jones, Member Carey, Member Iron, Felipe Del Campo-Donoso.

Regrets: President FineDay, Member Rothenburger.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:39p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business

3.1 Approval of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

SACMotion001: Councillor Iron/Councillor Kirsten Jones

Carried

3.2 Mental Health Awareness Week 2014

VP Saddleback pointed out that Mental Health Awareness Week 2014 is happening from Monday Nov. 3 until Friday Nov.7. VP Saddleback has been working with Jesse Windels to set up this event. There is going to be a table in the Arts Tunnel, right in front of the Help Centre. They are also working with the Learning Centre. Displays are going to be set up to describe what mental health.

VP Saddleback mentioned that on Thursday Nov.6 “Long Night Against Procrastination” is taking place.

Moreover, there is going to be Ball Pit set up where students can sit down and read different balls that explain different facts. People can enter the draw to win prizes provided by thejackproject.org.

VP Saddleback asked SAC members to volunteer to be present at the tables. There are going to be tables at the North Concourse too to reach different demographics.

Councillor Iron asked if to volunteer for the North Concourse table VP Saddleback needed people for the whole week or only specific days.

VP Saddleback replied that the tables in the North Concourse are only Thursday and Friday.

VP Saddleback added that there is also going to be a Chill Area, besides the Ball Pit.

In addition, there is going to be a photo contest from Nov 1st to Nov 21. with the topic "What does mental health means to you?" For more information students can consult go.usask.ca/mentalhealth.

Finally, Elephant in the Room campaign goes with Mental Health Awareness Week because they are related.

3.3 Mental Health Initiatives Update

VP Saddleback has been meeting with Patti McDougall, Lisa Kalynchuk, and Terrie Fitz-Patrick to go over establishing a working group to begin writing a mental health strategy for the University of Saskatchewan. The group will look at data collected over the past 3 years regarding mental health on campus and to assess the current services available to students, staff, and faculty. The interim Provost has also helped. This is going to be run by a group with students, staff and administration. VP Saddleback pointed out that he has saved 3 sports for students. The first meeting will take place next month.

3.4 Mental Health Summit

VP Saddleback pointed out that at end of February, beginning of March the Mental Health Summit is taking place. He mentioned that USC, Patty McDougall's office, and the vice-provost office are involved in this event.

Councillor Kirsten Jones asked who is sending the requests to students to participate in the working group.

VP Saddleback replied that he has the contact information of students that have shown interest. He will be sending the information to USC so Councillors can contact their constituencies to see if other students are interested.

3.5 Student Care

Callan Davey from student care gave VP Saddleback some changes that are happening in the Province of Saskatchewan. There are no longer discounts at Shoppers Drug Mart; therefore they cannot offer the discount on prescription drug purchase.

Councillor Kirsten Jones asked if students still can get discounts at the Pharmacy on campus.

Jason Kovitch replied that it might not apply to the Pharmacy on campus.

3.6 Recreation Fees Update

VP Saddleback explained that there is going to be an increase for 2015-16 on recreation fees. The increase will be of approximately \$3.90.

Member Carey asked if students working at Campus Rec were unionized.

Councillor Kirsten Jones replied that employees at the PAC are unionized.

3.7 Mouth Guards for Rec

VP Saddleback got an email with regards to mouth guards and that they are mandatory. He will keep conversations about the requirement of mouth guards. He said that if members wanted more info they could contact him.

Member Carey asked for who were the mouth guards.

Councillor Kirsten Jones replied that for all hockey teams. They are given for free to hockey players but their fee for campus rec is higher than any other team.

4. Any other business

VP Saddleback asked members if they had any concerns that they would like to bring up to discuss with the committee.

Member Carey asked what was the main goal of the SAC.

VP Saddleback replied that everything non-academic issues and problems that affect students.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18p.m.

University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, December 4th, 2014
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
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- 3. Council Address**
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 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – November 4th, 2014**
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 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
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- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
 - 9.2 AGM follow up**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | P | R | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P |
| Jones, Marina | P | R | R | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | A |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council

Minutes for Thursday December 4th, 2014

Present

Max FineDay, President
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Taylor Andres, Law
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Katrina Barth, WCV

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Jason Ventnor, Communications &
Marketing Manager

Regrets

Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Jessie Munro, ESB

Absent

Marian Nwabuniwe, International
Students
Marina Jones, Dentistry

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion027: Councillor Li/Councillor Haines

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay welcomed Rainer Kocsis.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – November 20th, 2014

Councillor Arcand pointed out that she did not attend the meeting from November 20th, 2014.

Councillor Labrecque pointed out that Councillor Li was listed three (3) times on the attendance.

4.2 Executive Committee –November 25th, 2014

Councillor Rogowski asked VP Nelson how the “Click & Go App” development costs are avoided by making data openly available.

VP Nelson replied that there are two (2) types of data. One is the data collected by Saskatoon Transit by putting GPS on the buses. He mentioned that other constituencies, such as Toronto, have made this data available so other companies can develop these apps and avoid using taxpayers’ money to develop them.

4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – November 4th, 2014

VP Steele pointed out that the minutes for AAC have not yet been approved by the committee, therefore do not have to be approved by Council until the committee approves them.

4.4 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – November 5th, 2014; November 6th, 2014

4.5 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report – October 29th, 2014

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the minutes with the exception of the Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report.

USCMotion028: President FineDay/Councillor Kirsten Jones

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

President FineDay mentioned that he is planning on whom to invite to Council next semester. He invited Councillors to let him know if they wanted to invite someone in particular or discuss a specific topic.

Councillor Labrecque asked if President FineDay could get the Auditor's Report presented to Council.

President FineDay replied yes.

Councillor Haines mentioned that a student from her constituency pointed out to her an article published in The Sheaf related to nutrition. She suggested that The Sheaf should do more research about the topic. She pointed out that the main source for this article was a food history Professor.

Councillor Kirsten Jones pointed out that on the minutes from November 6 and November 20, the event from the HSSA was Medico-Mania and not Medical Mania.

VP Steele said that the VP Finance and VP Facilities from the University will meet with deans to discuss and consult about capital and space needs in the colleges, specifically capital projects. She mentioned to Mr. Greg Fowler that he should ask deans if they have heard from students about space and capital needs. She invited Councillors to talk to their deans if they have ideas for their colleges about space and capital needs.

Councillor Senecal noted that the College of Arts & Science had a consultation on facilities and spaces with the Dean on October 22, 2014.

Councillor Labrecque noted that in the Engineering Town Hall, space issues were brought up from students.

Councillor Labrecque asked if Councillors were emailed on November 26 regarding amendments for the AGM.

President FineDay replied yes.

Councillor Labrecque asked if all the Councillors were emailed or some were left out of the email. And if this happened, what were the reasons to leave Councillors out of the email.

President FineDay pointed out that he did not email all the Councillors because he was not following an email list and he did it in between meetings, therefore forgetting whom he messaged.

Councillor Labrecque pointed out that there is an email list that sends an email to all Councillors. She added that the Academic & Governance Assistant uses this email list to send the Council Package each week.

President FineDay answered that he intended to have a more informal communication, i.e. bouncing of ideas. He apologized to Councillors if he did not message someone.

Councillor Robertson asked if President FineDay did amend the agenda in the AGM to move to Auditor's Report; and what was the intent of moving that.

President FineDay replied that not everyone is interested in university student politics, therefore he believes that the Auditor's Report should not be presented before the amendments. He said that students who argued that they might not have time to speak about different issues at the AGM brought up this concern.

Councillor Labrecque noted that the decision to move to Auditor's Report to the end of the meeting was disrespectful because the Auditor had to sit through the whole AGM.

President FineDay said that he puts more emphasis on membership, therefore if there are members that want to get involve and engage, he prioritizes that. Consequently, the Auditor provides a service to the USSU and she gets paid to present the Report. President FineDay added that the Auditor was happy to listen to the meeting and that it was not an inconvenience for her to sit through the meeting.

Councillor Robertson asked if there was the case that the International and Indigenous students' committee were grouped together and what was the intention of this.

President FineDay replied that he had a conversation with the USSU Managers. They needed to amend the list of committees in order to include the two (2) new ones, therefore, management suggested that it would make more sense to include both committees amendments into one (1) amendment.

Councillor Robertson asked if there was a consultation process to plan the proposal of the committees.

President FineDay answered that there was a consultation process. They consulted with students individually, students' groups, MSCs who hold positions on Council and Facebook groups that are linked between the two (2) communities. Councillor Labrecque pointed out that not all students should be consulted on Facebook groups in relation to the agenda.

President FineDay mentioned that the amendments and agenda for the AGM were up on the website a week before the AGM. He added that consultation is necessary, and therefore he found that consulting with past-MSCs and different communities was needed. He recognized that not everyone was consulted but there could be more consultation.

Councillor Rogowski asked if there is a special procedure to introduce new committees or amendments, who decides on this and who gets consulted.

VP Steele answered that any member can bring forward an amendment to the Bylaw. The USSU consults with their lawyers in regards to the legality and consistency of the amendments proposed. She added that they would get involve in consultation with members that would see themselves more affected by the amendments than others.

VP Nelson asked what would be the timeline for the implementation of the new committees and when the committees will be stricken and operating.

President FineDay replied that they will be implemented at the beginning of the next school year, 2015-2016, with the SAL applications.

Councillor Labrecque asked why the implementation of these committees is going to take so long to be implemented given that the Executive felt so strongly about putting them in place.

President FineDay replied that there have been conversations with Councillor Nwabuniwe, who asked the same question as Councillor Labrecque. He added that he needs to talk with Jason Ventnor about it, but that for now it could be an informal instance.

VP Steele added that the amendments that passed have to follow a process in order to be recognized. For the case of the committee amendments, the Appointments Committee and the SAL applications take place at the beginning of each school year.

Councillor Robertson mentioned that he believes that on the SAL applications there is an option for new committees that may appear during the school year.

Councillor Senecal replied that what Councillor Robertson stated is correct.

VP Steele thanked both Councillors for noting this.

Councillor Labrecque asked if on the SAL applications there is an option for students to self-declare themselves as Indigenous or International students.

Councillor Senecal answered that the forms have an option for students to self-declare themselves as Indigenous students but not as international students.

Councillor Iron noted that Councillor Senecal response was correct.

Councillor Labrecque proposed a motion to change the SAL forms.

Chairperson Hitchings replied that the process for that is a simple thing, therefore it does not need a motion.

Councillor Senecal asked if there is a reason why the Appointments Committee could strike again on January to decide on members to fill these two (2) new committees.

President FineDay replied that the Appointments Committee does not need to be stricken again given that it already exists. Therefore, it could meet again on January.

Councillor Senecal asked if then there would be an option to meet again in January.

President FineDay answered yes.

VP Steele pointed out that applicants for these two (2) new committees would have to provide their student number and explain which committee they would like to be part of. Moreover, the USSU would provide a clear explanation of each committee, detailing that these two (2) new committees require a student to self-declare as an international or indigenous student.

Councillor Kirsten Jones asked if students that are not considered international students but are part of a visible minority could be considered to be part of the International Affairs Committee.

VP Steele answered that the International Affairs Committee focuses on dealing with specific issues faced by International students. Therefore, visible minorities may not see the same problems as an International student. However, she does not see a problem in expanding the membership of this committee.

Councillor Senecal asked if the Executive considered the question brought up by Councillor Kirsten Jones when they were discussing the creation of the International Affairs Committee.

President FineDay replied that it was not considered because International students face unique challenges within the institution that domestic minorities would not.

Councillor Senecal asked if the Executive does present the amendments to the Bylaw always as the Executive, or each individual of the Executive by their position could present them.

President FineDay replied that the Executive presents the amendments as the Executive, i.e. as a group.

Councillor Labrecque asked what kind of agreement does the Executive do when they propose amendments to the Bylaw.

President FineDay explained that the amendments to the Bylaw are done by all the members of the Executive.

Councillor Robertson asked if there is any record or minutes from the meeting the Executive has to propose and discuss the amendments to the Bylaw.

VP Steele replied that the meeting was not recorded because it was not an Executive meeting but rather a meeting to discuss the AGM.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councillor Kirsten Jones – Kinesiology – reported that on December 5, the College of Kinesiology will be hosting the event “Kin Classic”, which is a Hockey Tournament where undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty compete. The entrance to the tournament is a donation of non-perishable food.

Councillor Arcand – Medicine – reported that the College of Medicine had its day auction and it raised more than \$11,000 for SWITCH. She added that in September they raised more than \$17,000 with their event Miles for Smiles.

Councillor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition has its Winter Formal on Friday November 28. They raised \$1,709 for the Ronald McDonald House. They also had their Christmas Party on Tuesday November 2 at Louis’ Loft. They are hosting an Ice Party at Tequilas on January 23, 2015; on January 30 they are hosting their event “Birthday Cake Booty Shake”.

Councillor Chan – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU Movember Contest came to an end. She congratulated Councillor Senecal and his team for winning first place. The ASSU is also having a Movie Night on December 4 and they are showing “Love Actually.”

Councillor Radomske – Nursing – reported that the NSSA is having its last meeting on the Week of December 8 and they are meeting with the Vice-Dean, Hope Bilinski.

9.2 AGM follow up

VP Steele invited Councillors to express any questions or concerns regarding the AGM.

Move into informality.

USCMotion029: VP Steele/ Councillor Li

Carried

President FineDay pointed out that the AGM was great and it showed engagement from students. Consequently, the turnout this year was great compared to last year.

Councillor Iron mentioned that after the AGM she received a Facebook message that was semi-threatening.

President FineDay said that that situation was concerning. The outcome of the AGM is to promote healthy debate and discussion, and there should not be threats to the members that attend the meeting for expressing their opinions. He expressed that he felt disappointing for what happened. He encouraged Councillor Iron to talk to Jason Ventnor about it and he can help her find a solution.

VP Steele thanked Councillor Iron for bringing this to the Executive's attention because it is important to be aware of this. The USSU has a role to keep a high quality debate and high standard of conduct within students. She encouraged members that have been victims of any discriminatory or threatening behaviour to make use of the procedures that are in place to deal with this sort of things.

Councillor Labrecque noted that the AGM was a very hostile environment while giving her opinion and expressing her thoughts.

President FineDay told Councillor Labrecque that they could have a conversation about that situation. He was unsure of how to keep members in place and to keep a respectful environment.

VP Steele noted that the people that spoke at the AGM did struggle to express their opinions given the disagreement that could occur in the room. She invited Councillors to express their ideas to better the environment of the AGM, facilitating a high quality debate.

Councillor Robertson asked if the post of the AGM could be easier to find on the website. He added if there could be reminder to Councillors and students.

President FineDay replied that he would work on it for next year.

Councillor Senecal asked if the USSU could send a mass email to the whole student body about the AGM.

President FineDay replied that the USSU does not have the capability to send mass emails; the University is the only one that has access to students' emails and can send mass emails.

Councillor Radomske asked if the amendments could be brought forward to the Council meeting before the AGM so Councillors are more familiarize with the amendments.

Councillor Robertson added that by having the amendments before, Councillors could be able to bring them to their constituencies.

VP Nelson explained that the mass email policy requires a quota, which is very restrictive and limited.

Councillor _____ asked if the USSU could post an announcement on PAWS with regards to the AGM.

Councillor Robertson noted that EBSS has access to an email list connected to all ESB students and they can send weekly updates to all the students.

Councillor Labrecque added that if there is a quota, there should not be an issue for the University to send a mass email regarding the AGM.

Jason Ventnor explained that there is no quota for mass email but they must meet certain criteria to be sent, therefore something like the AGM might not meet the criteria. The USSU has been denied the mass email for the AGM in the past. Moreover, on PAWS, the USSU posts on blog about the AGM, therefore students can see the announcement on PAWS.

Councillor Haines noted that it would be good to have a briefing of the AGM before the meeting takes place so Councillors can talk to their constituencies.

President FineDay thanked Councillors for bringing up their concerns. He mentioned that Mr. Ventnor will take note of it to implement it next year.

VP Steele made an observation of how Councillors have dealt with the agenda during this term. She encouraged Councillors to voice any ideas they have about what Council should discuss or do.

VP Nelson pointed out that the University Cheer Team won the national title.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting
November 25th, 2014

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and Jason Ventnor

Also Present: Jason Kovitch

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

**President FineDay:
Presidential Search Committee**

The Presidential Search Committee met for the first time. The meeting is entirely confidential. If you want to write a submission for the committee to review on what qualifications, vision, etc. or what issues you think the university will be going through in the next 5-10 years, email: presidential.search@usask.ca. The student voice is important and it's important that the search committee hear from students on what we're expecting from our leadership.

First planning meeting of Aboriginal Achievement Week:

The dates for our annual Aboriginal Achievement Week have been set for Feb 2-6th. We discussed the logistics and began to brainstorm ideas for who the USSU can bring in for our annual keynote. If you have ideas send them to president@ussu.ca - uSask has become a recognized

leader because of this week and I look forward to helping student societies again plan for a successful week.

VP Nelson:

Click & Go - I participated in preliminary testing of Saskatoon Transit's Click & Go app. The desktop version is scheduled for release in December, and the mobile version in January. Like the other participants, I cannot help but note that other jurisdictions have avoided development costs by making data openly available.

Campus group events - I attended a number of events including the vigil at Lesya Ukrainka, the Enactus luncheon, the ISSA / Model UN beer night, and the drafting of the constitution for a group mandated to provide undergraduate entrepreneurs with technical expertise and skilled labour on a project basis.

Insurance - It has become apparent to me that we need to undertake a review of the conditions under which the USSU will insure events put on by student group and the related processes. This will be done to better serve the needs of stakeholders such as students and student groups, the USSU, Facilities Management Division, Risk Management, and AON Canada. Jason Kovitch (Business & Services Manager) and I will begin this work in the week of 01 December 2014.

VP Saddleback:

Parking and Transportation – I attended the Parking and Transportation committee, during the meeting we had a presentation from the U of S Campus Cycling Club, which included Councilor Rogowski and Inger Bonli, for a proposed co-op bike shop on campus. Earlier in the year, I had some discussions with the Cycling Club and the Office of Sustainability about this project but due to an upcoming change in Office of Sustainability the project fell off of my radar until now. I'm super happy to see where it ended up

and that the parking and transportation committee are excited about this project as much as I am!

Saskatoon Open Door Society – I met with Shannon Mason, a community-programming worker, to discuss what programming they have at the Open Door Society and where students currently get involved. A few U of S students currently volunteer in their community mentoring program, where volunteers are paired with a newcomer to introduce Canadian culture and practice English. The mentors take the newcomers out on weekly outings to various places, which may include: grocery shopping, taking the bus, sightseeing, etc. In term 2, I've asked the Open Door Society to join the USSU in its annual participation in the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

VP Steele:

Monday started with a sick day as I didn't quite kick my cold during the weekend. Meetings during the week comprised academic advocacy, Student Forum, University Council, the Engineering tuition Town-Hall, and prep for the Undergraduate Project Symposium. I also surveyed a few classes for TEAs and prepped for the AGM with the rest of the Exec committee.

4. Business

4.1 XL Staff Proposal

Jason Kovitch noted that the part-time employee at XL has quit while the operation has been growing at a dramatic rate. He was going to wait until budget time to make a formal proposal but because of this development he is bringing a proposal to hire another full time employee for XL Print and Design (attached).

VP Steele asked about the part-time employee schedule.

Jason Kovitch noted that she had worked 40% time usually – and was the best part-time staff XL has ever had. Jason Kovitch said that hiring a full time staff would cost us \$37,000 + benefits, around \$12,000 more

than we are spending now.

Jason Kovitch noted that our only full time employee is accumulating a lot of overtime now, and the schedule with only one other part-time person is enabling that. It's not sustainable. There needs to be more bodies in the shop to assist a more flexible schedule for our full-time employee.

Jason Kovitch noted that XL is also the most profitable operation we run. He's been in contact with Caroline about this and she has approved the proposal.

Move to hire another full-time employee for XL.

EXECMotion038: VP Saddleback/VP Nelson

Carried

4.2 Mid-year Retreat

Jason Ventnor says Felipe is going to book a space for the executives to talk about upcoming events, reviewing the year so far, and issues to come in the second semester.

4.3 Tabling Proposal

VP Nelson noted that the tables bought went over the approved budget by \$20.00. The executive agreed that it was fine.

4.4 Student Care Case

VP Saddleback noted that a student could give a possible claim of \$18,600 due to a prescription, they're under the special support program from SaskHealth. VP Saddleback is asking the executive to vote for as is, or ask for a different option.

President FineDay asked for our Student Care Rep., Callan Davies, to be brought into this conversation.

The Executive agreed that it would be appropriate.

4.5 Christmas Social

VP Nelson is planning a social for Council. It will be on December 4th.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
05 November 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Jordan Robertson,
Gabe Senecal,

Also present: Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Max FineDay, Danusha Rajapaksa, Preston Thomson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 Sundogs Aero Design Team U of S – “SAE Aero Design West 2015”

4. Review of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meeting of 31 October 2014.

BFC Motion 027 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Munro Carried

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

No group that was not ratified for 2013-14 had submitted a ratification application since the previous meeting of the Committee.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Sundogs Aero Design Team U of S – “SAE Aero Design West 2015”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$500.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 028 – Councilor Munro / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.2 Planning Students’ Association – “Regional and Urban Planning Silent Auction”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant \$200.00 Louis’ credit and \$300.00 cash (cheque) on the condition that if the \$200.00 portion of the \$300.00 cash (cheque) dedicated to “silent auction items” is spent on gift cards, then the gift cards are to be Louis’ gift cards.

BFC Motion 029 – VP Saddleback / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2.3 Health Sciences Students’ Association – “Medicomania”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 030 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2.4 Enactus University of Saskatchewan – “Movember Challenge”

Ask: \$70.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 031 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Munro

Carried

6. Other Business

6.1 Vice-President (Operations & Finance) – “Tracking Expenditures”

It was decided that the Budget & Finance Committee will not be meeting next week due to the Term 1 reading week. Instead, the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) will send out an information package relating to campus group funding for the Committee to review in anticipation of its meeting on 19 November.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
06 November 2014

- 1. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 11:48am.
- 2. Call for Quorum**
A quorum was present for a single vote (item 5.1 below) by means of email correspondence.
- 3. Board Presentations**
- 4. Review of Minutes**
There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meeting of 05 November 2014.
- 5. Business**
5.1 Funding Applications
5.2.1 University of Saskatchewan Debate Society – “Diefenbaker Cup”
Ask: \$300.00 cash (cheque)
Move to grant.
BFC Motion 032 – Councilor Chan / Member Rajapaksa Carried
- 6. Other Business**
There was no other business.
- 7. Questions & Comments**
There were no questions nor were there comments.
- 8. Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Sustainability Committee

Minutes from Wednesday October 29th, 2014

Present: VP Saddleback, VP Nelson, Stefanie Ewen, Councillor Daniels, Councillor Rogowski, Kale Halter, Sahar Khelifa, Megan Vandendriessche

Regrets: Councillor Prebble

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 pm

2. Call to Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business

3.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved to adopt the agenda

SCMotion001: SAL Vandendriessche/Councillor Rogowski

3.2 Sustainability Week move

VP Saddleback informed the committee of the need to move Sustainability Week. Proposed dates are November 17th – 21st or December 1st – 5th. VP Saddleback will check in with student groups on campus for their availability. Committee members showed interest in participating.

3.3 Composting Requests

VP Saddleback informed the committee that students regarding possible composting initiatives on campus have approached him. VP Saddleback informed the group that he had approached the Office of Sustainability to determine why composting is not happening on a larger scale. The Office of Sustainability had stated they had a pilot project with grounds and facilities that collected small amounts of food waste but was shut down due to the pile attracting wild animals.

Councillor Rogowski suggested looking into a solar powered composting bin, reflective of the current solar powered compacting trashcans on campus.

Stefanie Ewen informed the committee that the USSU composts Louis' and Louis' Loft coffee grounds.

3.4 Dentistry Requests

VP Saddleback updated the committee on a request from a student on possible sustainability initiatives at the college of dentistry. The student asked about recycling receptacles and VP Saddleback passed on information of facilities management to get the needed supplies.

3.5 Other Business

Water Bottles

VP Saddleback brought a letter from a 15-year-old high school student regarding bottled water on campus to the committee. The student was inquiring about a possible plastic water bottle ban. The committee agreed that the water bottle ban was not possible.

SAL Khelifa stated an incentive for people to bring their own water bottles to campus is possible.

SAL Halter stated that filtered water station might be an avenue for organizations/stores on campus to take.

Councillor Rogowski stated that we have more control over university services; therefore, we can look at a water bottle ban for culinary services.

Campus Cycling Club

Councillor Rogowski stated that the campus cycling club has a meeting on November 18th, 2014.

Councillor Rogowski also stated that a cycling workshop for Sustainability Week is a strong possibility.

Transit

VP Nelson informed the committee about a meeting he had with the City Manager regarding transit, VP Nelson will update the committee whenever possible.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm

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Thursday, January 8th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

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| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday January 8th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Jessie Munro, ESB
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Wendy Li, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Taylor Andres, Law
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition

Absent

Katrina Barth, WCVM
Michael Prebble, Education

Guest List

The Honourable Kevin Doherty, Minister
of Advance Education
Tammy Bloor-Caverns, Ministry of
Advance Education Staff
Kris Jones, Ministry of Advance Education
Staff
Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
HenryTye Glazebrook, The Sheaf

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion030: President FineDay/Councillor Labrecque

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced the honourable Kevin Doherty, Minister of Advanced Education; Kris Jones and Tammy Bloor-Caverns.

President FineDay explained that Place Riel experienced flooding so the Council Chamber cannot be used, that is why the meeting is taking place at Louis' Loft.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality.

3. Council Address

3.1 The Honourable Kevin Doherty – Minister of Advanced Education

Minister Doherty thanked President FineDay for inviting him to Council. He pointed out that he was involved with the Students' Union when he was an undergrad, first as a Vice-President and then as President.

When he was President of the USSU, he experienced the faculty strike towards the end of the academic year. For that time there were concerns about exams and what would happen to students while negotiations would take place. He pointed out that this was interesting for the time he was President. He then explained how the labour relations and negotiations took place. He was called as a witness and explained how he participated in the negotiations.

He then said that Councilors have the opportunity to impact people's lives depending on the constituency they represent. He said that Councilors should take advantage of their role as Councilors to achieve what they want to get done as students. The impact that student government has allows for respect the work and to understand the magnitudes of the entities needed to management.

He invited councilors to express their concerns and to tell him what is happening in their constituencies or any other comments they may have.

President FineDay said that he met Minister Doherty at Louis' Loft and he has had a good work relationship with him. He pointed out to Minister Doherty that other provinces, such as Newfoundland, have offered significant money reliefs; hence, he asked if the government of SK has the same idea or plan to do the same.

Minister Doherty replied that for now the answer is no but for him it could be considered. One of the biggest problems was the big absence of students after graduating. The government in power has talked about the Graduate Retention Program (GRP). SK is more restricted for students with student loans. From 73,000 students that SK has right now, only 13,000 will access student loans, and it is important that they do not get a huge debt after they graduate. There is a correlation between the student loan payment and the repayment and interest to the student loan. Hence, 56% of the money is not repayable. SK

has the lowest lending rate compared to other provinces. The repayment rates of SK are one of the best in the country.

Tammy Bloor-Caverns added that in 2010-2011 the government introduced changes to student loans. She explained the programs that Newfoundland and Labrador have. She then said that while students are in school the interest clock does not move. Another change was the vehicle criteria and the federal government just introduced this policy last month (December). For students that work during school, their income is not subtracted from their student loan application (added in the 2010-11 change). They are pushing the student loan agency to implement the same policy for other provinces. She then pointed out that Newfoundland does not have a graduate retention program as SK does.

VP Steele mentioned in March of 2013 the Ministry of Advanced Education signed an agreement between Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia on Open Education Resources (OER). Then she asked what role does the Ministry of Advanced Education see it could play in this effort.

Minister Doherty said that there is a group of officials between the three (3) provinces working together on this topic. One should focus on the copyright cost and the government will play a role on this.

VP Steele then asked that if with the inclusion of AB and SK in the call for reviewers, the Ministry intends to encourage faculty and graduate students to participate in this cooperation by contributing to the \$250 honorarium for reviewing texts.

Doherty said that he is supported of this system.

Councilor Labrecque asked about the graduate retention program. She mentioned that there are students that are from SK and are having problems finding jobs because of the people that come out of province to work in SK.

Minister Doherty said that this is a big problem. However, as long as students stay in SK they can apply for the graduate retention program, there is no need to have a job in SK. Students need to live in SK. The government is doing an analysis to see how many people are moving to SK and see why, if it is for the GRP or because of other reasons.

Councilor Rogowski asked if there is a decline in government funding in the last couple of years.

Minister Doherty replied that U of S funding in 7 years has increased 65% following the rate of inflation (the CPI being 14%). In the last 10 years, the University has experienced a 9% increase in enrolment. 75% of the university money goes to salaries, that could affected the vision of people of the management of money but it is actually related to operation costs. The U of S is one of the lowest in operation costs, and the U of S is one of the highest average increases in funding. This perception is that there have been cuts while there have actually been increases although they are lower.

VP Steele asked how is the government planning to do tuition forecasting for the university.

Minister Doherty replied that the USSU should be involved in this and government is not involved in tuition setting; universities are autonomous to set tuition rates. The University does not look at the grants they received from government to set tuition but rather look at their operations.

VP Steele pointed out that the University is interested in doing tuition forecast.

Minister Doherty mentioned that he assumes that students have been consulted about tuition increases and if they have not, they should make their thoughts known to government.

VP Saddleback thanked Minister Doherty for coming to council. He asked about what actions plans does the government have about childcare expansion and spaces, relating to the new USSU Childcare expansion.

Doherty replied that Childcare is not part of his portfolio but rather under Minister Don Morgan's portfolio. He added that there they try to put about 500 new spaces per year. Moreover, they are also working on many social services and justice initiatives. There are numerous issues to take care for children and families but all he could do would be to provide capital, but not operating for childcare. He will help as they can with capital

President FineDay thanked Minister Doherty for coming to Council and for answering the questions from Councilors.

Minister Doherty thanked Councilors for their questions and for having him in council. He invited Councilors to contact him in case they have any concerns or questions.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – November 20th, 2014

Councilor Kirsten-Jones mentioned that she was the one that asked if the USSU could post an announcement on PAWS with regards to the AGM.

4.2 Executive Committee –November 25th, 2014

Councilor Rogowski asked what is USSL.

Nelson replied that USL stands for University of Saskatchewan Students for Life.

Councilor Labrecque asked about the research on food security.

VP Steele replied that it has to do with an email that the Executive received about research that is going on campus about food security research and reliable access to food. The researchers asked for incentives and promotion and the help of the USSU. She said that VP Saddleback made some questions to clarify what the researchers wanted.

VP Nelson said that he did not submit his roundtables for the last two (2) Executive Committee meetings but he will submit them as soon as possible.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports.

USCMotion031: President FineDay/Councillor Radomske

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Impeachment

President FineDay said that Councilor Prebble has missed enough meetings, therefore according to the bylaws he should be impeached. He contacted Councilor Prebble about it and he has to present a motion to impeach them. He encouraged Councilors to not pass the motion until Councilor Prebble can speak for himself. He contacted the President of the Education Students' Association and he agrees with the decision.

Motion to impeach Councilor Prebble.

USCMotion032: President FineDay/No Secunder

8. Questions and Comments

President FineDay said that he received a call from Councilor Marina Jones. She mentioned that she has resigned her position as the Councilor for the College of Dentistry. The reason for this has to do with an academic conflict in her schedule. She thanked everyone in Council for their collegiality.

Councilor Rogowski asked if on the minutes of the Executive Committee from January 6 under VP Saddleback roundtables there was a mistake on dotmocracy.

VP Saddleback said that there was no mistake. He explained that dotmocracy is a form of voting.

Councillor Li said that some students doing internships were opt out of the health and dental plan and to whom they have to talk to opt in or to see what happens with this.

VP Saddleback said that students could opt in to the health and dental plan by going to the Health and Dental Plan office in Place Riel.

VP Saddleback said that on January 8, the University opened a comfort room for parents to breast feed babies in the University. THORV 127 is where it is located.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17p.m.

Executive Meeting
December 11th, 2014

Present: VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and Jason Ventnor.

Regrets: President FineDay

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:36a.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Nov.24- Nov.28

Attended the opening ceremonies for the Trish Monture Centre for Student Success located in the college of Arts & Science. It provides support services and much needed space for student studying and socializing.

Met with representatives from Institutional Planning & Assessment to discuss affordability in the post-secondary landscape for students at the UofS. VP Steele has been engaged in conversations around ensuring students are involved in discussions around tuition. My efforts were largely to stress that affordability & accessibility needs to be emphasized when discussing tuition rates setting for 2015-16. Many colleges have seen rates above inflation that are not sustainable for our members. That needs to end.

Dec.1- Dec.5

Spoke with representatives from Academica, an organization that works to provide news, events & writings in post secondary education for the PSE community across the country. They requested that I become involved in their new series of articles published by recognized leaders in the academic field. This would mean publishing articles (1/2 per month) on issues regarding prairie/student interests.

I also took 1/2 EDO related to travel delays & two sick days.

Dec.8-Dec.12

Took 5 holiday days. Phone meetings with senior admin regarding decisions coming to the Board of Governors in December (confidential).

VP Nelson:**Nov. 24 – Nov. 28**

Annual General Meeting - The USSU membership met for a presentation of the audited financial statements and to vote on amendments to the Bylaw. It was good to see such constructive opposition to the amendment to Section 24. In future, however, the USSU can do a better job of ordering and packaging amendments based on their contingency.

Campus group events - I attended a number of events, including a lecture hosted by the Finance Students' Society and the SWITCH charity breakfast.

College of Nursing in Prince Albert, Regina - Previously, I noted that the nursing students in Prince Albert are an illustrative example of how the resources offered by the USSU are less accessible to off-campus students. This is also the case for the resources offered by the University, an example of which is PAC membership. In lieu of PAC membership, the Saskatoon Nursing Students' Association Regina Chapter (SNSA(R)) has attempted to contract a private fitness company and establish a student fee so that each of its members may have access to fitness facilities and equipment. However, the fee proposal was rejected by the Fee Review Committee on the grounds that such an arrangement is unprecedented. *In cases such as this, should the University fail to provide a service and disallow a student organization from doing so? Under what circumstance should a student organization provide a service rather than pressure the University to do so?* I would be happy to hear your thoughts.

Dec. 1 – Dec. 5

Insurance - Previously, I noted that I am undertaking a review of the Union's insurance policy as it related to campus groups. To this effect, I met with the Business & Services Manager, Jason Kovitch, as well as our contact at Aon Risk Solutions, Cheryl Berndt. Cheryl offered to give an Insurance 101 session with a focus on how the Union's policy relates to campus groups. I have scheduled it for the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of January 20 2015 at 4:00pm in the Romanow Council Chamber. All councillors are invited.

Budget & Finance Committee - In late November, I notified all campus groups that the Budget & Finance Committee would be meeting for the last time in Term 1 and no issues resulted. The Committee business consisted of a review of the applications that it received in Term 1.

Dec. 8 – Dec. 12

International Students - I met with Michelle Thompson to discuss how the USSU can work with ISAAC to better fulfill its mandate. Two quick wins were identified: 1) adding the ISAAC Lounge and Training Room to the list of available spaces on the USSU website and 2) making the group email address a required field for ratification applications. Other problem areas that were identified include: the difficulty of the ratification process for international students, which includes legalistic documents and banking; the ratification fee, which may be a barrier to entry for some organizers; the text-heaviness of the website and how information is spread across various locations.

VP Saddleback:

Nov. 24-Nov. 28

On - Campus Day Presentation – I gave a rousing presentation to international and newcomer students about USSU services and volunteer opportunities. The main questions that many of them had had been around health and dental and our UPass.

Annual General Meeting – The AGM went amazing; we had a number of students come out to discuss the proposed amendments. I am more than pleased to see that we have a ton of active and engaged constituencies!

Dec. 1 – Dec. 5

Healthy Campuses Meeting – Attended the healthy campuses meeting where a few presentations took place. The presentations included sleep initiatives, bystander and sexual assault intervention training, sustainability initiatives, mental health symposium, and employee initiatives.

University of Ottawa – Met with the Human Rights Office at the University of Ottawa to discuss and explore their sexual harassment policies and procedures in preparation for a sexual harassment policy at the U of S.

Dec. 8 – Dec. 12

Sexual Assault Policy – Met with Patti McDougall (VP teaching and learning) and Dylan Lambi-Raine (Women's Centre) to brainstorm ideas and update one another on research regarding a sexual assault policy. Lakehead, Western, Queens, and the University of Ottawa were looked at for their policies.

Coalition Against Sexual Assault – Met with CASA to discuss the creation of a sexual assault policy (same as above); myself, Dylan (Women's Centre), Patti (VP student affairs), and representatives from CASA were all in attendance. We were given a little bit of history on CASA and the University interactions so we could have a well rounded look on how to move forward. The consensus was that Patti's office will write the policy while the people who attended the meeting will give advice and direction.

VP Steele:**Nov. 24-Nov. 28**

Meetings for the week included APC, PPC, RSAW, and the USSU Annual General Meeting. I also took an ADO for my midterm on Tuesday.

I felt privileged to attend the naming ceremony for the Trish Monture Centre for Student Success on Monday (though it was open to the whole University). It was truly inspiring to hear how one woman's vision strengthened so many people. I enjoyed participating in EBSS's 12 Days of Charity gingerbread house contest on Thursday with VP Saddleback, Councillors Iron and Robertson, and member Iron. On Friday, Elias and I attended the Charity Breakfast for SWITCH, where I was happy to hear from some of the students who volunteer at or coordinate the clinic.

Dec. 1 – Dec. 5

I took some ADOs to allow me to finish my final assignment for my class. At work, I prepared and attended meetings for PPC and TLARC, as well as a working group for revising the Academic Courses Policy. As well, there were many student advocacy cases that demanded attention.

The most fun part of the week was undoubtedly the Council Social. I was glad to see those MSCs who could make it and I look forward to getting together for the next one!

Dec. 8 – Dec. 12

This week, I continued to work on a variety of student advocacy issues. Tis the season for such concerns, it seems! I met with Laura Zink and Kara Loy about the Undergraduate Research Initiative and also attended RSAW. I also submitted the USSU's December report to University Council (they want to include it in the package now) and drafted the Exec's response to the Presidential Search Committee.

4. Business

4.1 Food Security

VP Saddleback mentioned that the Executive received an invitation to collaborate on survey about Food Security. The USSU was requested to help by posting posters for the surveys and to provide money, specifically \$1000.00 worth of gift certificates for the bookstore, the computer store, etc. on campus, as an incentive for students to participate in this research.

VP Nelson asked who is conducting the research.

VP Saddleback replied that Rachel Engler-Stringer is conducting the research.

VP Steele asked if they are contacting the University and the USSU, or only the USSU.

VP Saddleback replied that they specifically contacted the USSU and other student groups.

VP Steele pointed out that they could send they logos and posters so the USSU can review them. She added that they should contact other University stakeholders.

VP Saddleback will email them back to bring up the concerns that the Executive has and let them know what they have decided.

VP Steele said that the Executive needs more details about this research in order to make a decision regarding this research.

4.2 USSL Moving Forward

VP Nelson explained that the USSL approached the Executive about an agreement that dealt with a conflict between the Women's Centre and USSL. Primary point of contention is that USSL will notify the Women's Centre when they are in the Arts Tunnel. The USSL needs to have the posters a week before and they have to notify the Women's Centre.

VP Nelson met with USSL on December 10 to explain the standards that were agreed by the Executive. This matter has a symbolic meaning for USSL.

VP Nelson pointed out that USSL argues that their questions have not been answered and they would like to have a meeting with the Executive and the Women's Centre. They argue that the response time has been too long. They would like to have a structured discussion. They argued that the minutes from the Executive Committee where the USSL was discussed do not show the reason why they achieve the agreement.

VP Saddleback asked if VP Nelson has talked with the Women's Centre.

VP Nelson replied that he has talked with the Women's Centre Coordinator.

Jason Ventnor suggested that the Executive should meet with USSL and discuss the agreement.

The Executive agreed to meet with the USSL. VP Nelson noted that in order to include the three parties of this agreement into a meeting, there should be a structure and a neutral chair.

VP Saddleback mentioned that the Executive should meet with President FineDay to let him know about the agreement and how the meeting will take place.

4.3 President's Reception

VP Steele pointed out that the President invited the Executive to a reception on December 11 at the President's Residence.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37a.m.

Executive Meeting January 6th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Dec 15 – Dec. 19

Board of Governors

Met with the Board for two days. Much of what is discussed in these meetings is confidential.

Santa

I was invited to be Santa at the USSU Daycare centre. It is an annual tradition for the USSU president and I was really good at making up answers to questions about where I parked my reindeer.

Dec 22 – Dec. 24

Adopt a family

Delivered the hamper for the family the USSU was assigned by the adopt a family program. The staff had raised funds and bought presents so these folks could have a little nicer of holidays. Special thanks to Barb for taking the lead on organizing it.

VP Nelson:

Dec. 15 – Dec. 19

Closing shop - In preparation for the Christmas break, and with the Budget & Finance Committee having concluded its business for Term 1, I worked to conclude outstanding correspondence and business. Additionally, meeting requests for Term 2 were sent.

Holidays - I was on holiday from the 17th onward.

Dec. 22 – Dec. 24

Holidays - I was on holiday this week.

VP Saddleback:

Dec. 15 – Dec. 19

Mental Health Strategy – I have begun preliminary work on writing a Mental Health Strategy and am working on ways to engage students regarding their needs. Whether these are in focus groups, dotmocracy, surveys, or events.

USSU Staff Party – Helped to brainstorm, plan, and execute the USSU Staff Party. A lot of student employees from Louis' and Louis' Loft attended, it was pretty jazzy.

Dec. 22 – Dec. 24

Vacation – I ate a lot and slept a lot

VP Steele:

Dec. 15 – Dec. 19

This week was full of meetings. There was a University level hearing, several University Council committee and working group meetings, University Council itself, and a meeting with Clint Lalonde from BC-campus about making progress on open texts. I also enjoyed celebrating the season at the Vice Presidents' reception and at the USSU Christmas gala!

Dec. 22 – Dec. 24

On Monday morning, I went grocery shopping with Max and Taletha (Food Centre Coordinator) for a family in Saskatoon. It was great to be able to deliver the hamper from the USSU and see how pumped the family was to celebrate with gifts and food.

Monday afternoon saw the adjudication of Undergraduate Project Symposium submissions. There is some very cool research being conducted at the U of S and I'm looking forward to seeing some of it at the event on January 29th!

On Tuesday, I met with Provost and Vice President Academic Ernie Barber. We discussed tuition, expanding leadership opportunities for students, and potential for collaboration in the coming term.

4. Business

4.1 Disasters in Place Riel

GM Cottrell explained that on Monday January 5 the power in the main level of the USSU was down for a couple minutes; and on Monday afternoon a pipeline from the entrance of Place Riel broke. The most affected areas are the women's bathroom in Lower Place Riel and campus dentist. The USSU has to pay the bills for this to Saskatoon Disasters and FMD. The USSU will sort this out with the University at a certain point in the future for a possible reimbursement by the University of the insurance company.

4.2 Executive Meeting

The Executive agreed that they would like more detailed minutes from their meetings. They requested the Academic & Governance Assistance to take more detailed minutes.

4.3 Food Security

VP Saddleback mentioned that the questions they made about the Food Security research were answered. He said that the money incentives are voluntary and the recruitment of students could be done through posters, Twitter and Facebook.

GM Cottrell asked if Taletha Bennett, Food Centre Coordinator, was involved.

VP Saddleback replied that she was not.

GM Cottrell suggested that she should get involved.

VP Saddleback replied that he will contact her to ask her opinion of joining the research.

President FineDay said that he is in favour of supporting this initiative and proposed to provide a table in the tunnel for the group to promote this research project.

Move to sponsor tables, posters on the buzz boards, and five (5) \$20 gift certificates for Louis' as an incentive for students to participate in this research.

EXECMotion039: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31p.m.

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| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | P | R | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

Executive Meeting January 13th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:33p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Meeting of the Presidential Search Committee - much of this is confidential.

Speaking with executives at Mount Allison student association and Mount Royal students association about the process we went through to get a reading week & how they could achieve the same result as we have.

VP Nelson:

Tabling Package for Campus Groups - Previously, I noted that a tabling package will be made available for campus groups to avoid the excessive costs of booking with the Facilities Management Division. In conjunction with the General Manager, Caroline Cottrell, and the Facilities Manager, Stefanie Ewen, I revised the Space Rental Policy to provide for the tabling package.

Campus group events - I attended a number of events including the ISSA/USWU Welcome Back and the Psychedelic Circus.

Charlie's Transit - I met with Charlie Clark, Ward 6 City Councilor as well as representatives of Better Transit YXE and Bus Riders of Saskatoon to discuss the "Ten Days for Transit" campaign and how the USSU might be involved as a stakeholder. The campaign will counter misconceptions of

"who transit is for" as well as the culture of car-driving in Saskatoon as part of a broader effort to lay the winning conditions a better transit system.

VP Saddleback:

Comfort Room: I attended the grand opening of the Comfort Room with Food Centre Coordinator, Taletha Bennett, and VP Nelson. The Comfort Room is a student lead initiative (nutrition students) that was able to secure a room for new and breastfeeding parents, so they may have a comfortable and private space to attend to their children.

Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Centre: I attended a student tour of the new Gordon Oakes - Red Bear Centre. Over the months, we have listened to students concerns about the lack of student consultation on the new centre and was pleased to see that this student initiated tour had taken place. The new centre offers student space on the second floor that will feature a number of amenities, including a kitchen, computer lab, bookable meeting room, and gender neutral washrooms throughout.

VP Steele:

This week was mainly spent contacting and answering questions for applicants to the Undergraduate Project Symposium and attending my first University Council committees of 2015 (APC and RSAW. PS points for anyone who can tell me what those abbreviations mean!). I also went to an unusual number of classes because I hope to participate in two this term.

4. Business

4.1 USSL

GM Cottrell noted that the USSL sent an email to VP Nelson. USSL supposed to have informed the Women's Centre before putting a table in the Arts Tunnel. However, before the Christmas Break, they did not contact the Women's Centre about their table, therefore breaking the agreement they have with the USSU.

VP Nelson contacted the USSL and they expressed discomfort from the USSU response because they did not address their questions properly. They feel that the records and reports are not clear and they may not be actually available to them at this point. They requested accurate responses to their questions and a discourse, that is a structured discussion with the USSU and the Women's Centre, and a neutral facilitator.

GM Cottrell explained that the USSU is a Pro-Choice organization and this decision on the agreement is based on past behaviour from the USSL in the Arts Tunnel.

VP Steele noted that it is necessary to have a conversation with the USSL to find an articulation to the agreement.

President FineDay agreed with VP Steele to have a conversation with the USSL. He noted that the Women's Centre is willing to let the USSL know when they have a table in the Tunnel, as the USSL has to do when they have a table in the Tunnel.

President FineDay noted that the USSL should meet with GM Cottrell first to get the institutional memory, and after that the Executive will meet with them.

4.2 Charlie's Transit

VP Nelson met with Charlie Clark to get the USSU involve in a project to counter the "car-culture" in the city in order to build a better transit system. The USSU is talking to Transit to become a stakeholder in this project.

4.3 MSA's Rally

MSA met with President FineDay because they would like the USSU's involvement in a rally that they are planning. They have also asked other organizations on campus to help them with this. The Executive will meet with them to discuss about this.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56p.m.

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday January 15th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Taylor Andres, Law
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students
Katrina Barth, WCVM

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Jessie Munro, ESB

Absent

Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students

Guest List

Josie Steeves

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion033: President FineDay/Councillor Senecal

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced former Vice-President and also former President of the USSU, Josie Steeves. She is present in Council because she is conducting research on Students' Unions.

VP Saddleback pointed out that the week of January 19, Positive Space Week is taking place; on Wednesday January 21 Everybody Eats is taking place. More information about these events can be found online.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – January 8th, 2015

Councillor _____ pointed out that the name on the guest list should be Kris Jones and not Chris Jones.

4.2 Executive Committee – January 13th, 2015

4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – November 4th, 2014

VP Steele noted that Councilor Li was not present at the AAC meeting.

4.4 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – November 19th, 2015; November 26th, 2014; November 28th, 2014; December 3rd, 2014; December 10th, 2014; January 7th, 2015

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports.

USCMotion034: *Members' names are inaudible from the recording*

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Tuition

VP Steele pointed out that she is going to talk about tuition based on the tuition increase announcement that happened on January 14. She asked Councilors if they heard about the tuition increase and the vast majority of Councilors replied that they had.

VP Steele said that the USSU spoke about the tuition increase, which was on a press release. She began by saying that she is going to explain how tuition was set this year and how consultation took place.

The University set tuition earlier this year. The reasons behind this are that the University wanted to distinguish its tuition increase from the provincial budget and now students have two (2) more months to see how to find the money to pay for education. The

University uses tuition money to pay for and offer programs; specific funding for colleges and departments; and it helps to pay for student scholarships and bursaries. VP Steele noted that most colleges will experience an increase in tuition.

VP Steele then pointed out that on the 2015-16 tuition facts sheet (attached), the green bar represents the U of S in comparison to other universities' tuition. The University sets itself below the median.

Councilor Labrecque noted that the graph on the 2015-16 tuition facts sheet says that the graph is for the 2014/15 academic year.

VP Steele mentioned that the graph is a comparison against 2015-16 institutions. She says that some people would rather compare the tuition fees for the 2014-15 year to look for affordability.

VP Steele then noted that Veterinary Medicine went up 5% because the college has initiatives planned that the students agreed to. This is a good example to where consultation took place with students. VP Steele explained that tuition consultation is not based on asking if tuition should be higher or lower but rather on asking students how the money should be spent. She noted that this is the first year that the University has had fairly manageable average increases around campus. The increase reflects the position of the University to something it can support. Consultation took place in most colleges around campus. She then asked Councilors to point out if consultation did not take place in their college.

Councilor Haines noted that consultation took place in the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition but it was only with the student leaders rather than with individual students. The college had a town hall but it was after the tuition release.

VP Steele said that consultation took place in different ways. One of them was a general process of asking students through a town hall or email but often deans appeal to student leaders in each college. She asked Councilors to let her know how consultation took place in their colleges.

The main subject of consultation was mostly about the quality and accessibility principles. There are three (3) principles on which the University sets tuition: comparability, affordability and accessibility, and quality. She noted that based on this, students brought up concerns mostly related to faculty. She said that last year and the year before the University presented the Faculty Incentive Retirement Program, which meant that senior faculty were given generous retirement packages so they retire and not have to cost the University extra money by paying them payroll anymore. This initiative saved the University a lot of money but now there are less faculty teaching students. This leads to lack of faculty teaching classes and it is a direct consideration of quality. The other concern brought up by students was spaces on campus. Engineering students were very conscious about space. This is related with the increase in enrollment that the College of Engineering is planning.

Councilor Haines suggested that it would be beneficial to have a deadline for formal consultation for students.

Councilor Prebble noted that there is a growing concern that tuition is going up related to inflation. However, he pointed out that he does not agree with the conception that tuition has to increase. He added that there should be more money put by the government in order to stretch education to serve the population.

Councilor Labrecque stated that the tuition talks went really well because it opened up the feedback between students and deans. She added that there should be pressure from the student body to the government in order to see change. Then she noted that the facilities that the University offers are based on how tuition increases. Therefore, she suggested that when the University sets tuition, students should look at the facilities that the University offers to students and ensure that they are the proper quality for what the University charges students.

Councilor Senecal asked about the structural differences that cause tuition to be very different across Canada.

VP Steele replied that one should consider what a university offers. The other thing to consider is the classification of the University, which is a medical-doctoral one. This changes the budgeting and the layout of the University. When one looks at statistics and sees that the U of S charges one of the highest average tuition it is because of the different professional colleges that the University has. This skews the average rates of the University.

She added that the need for a deadline is important for tuition consultation and she hopes that consultation begins as soon as possible in September of the next academic year, so there can be actual consultations with students.

Councilor Senecal thanked VP Steele for answering his question.

VP Steele then talked about how the University budgets. She began by asking Councilors if they have heard of TABS. She said that the University used to fund initiatives, colleges, etc. through something called historical budget. She noted that this system was not very transparent or inclusive as a budgeting process. As a result, the University has experienced a change on this, which now will include different levels of budgeting rather than just administration. The University will now give colleges some money to be able to do with it what they choose to do it, such as paying their faculty or pay for different programs among other. This leads colleges to be more flexible and to adjust to the needs of their students. This is tied with enrollment in each college and increases in tuition. She invited students to take part of consultation process and to influence their college to see how the money is going to be spent.

8. Questions and Comments

Councilor Haines noted that there have been issues regarding funding for SWITCH. She asked if the USSU has looked at proving extra funding for it.

President FineDay said that the USSU supports SWITCH. He noted that he is very disappointed about SWITCH reducing its hours, especially on weekends. The USSU has met with the students' leaders from SWITCH and with the dean of the College of Medicine. He left an open invitation to the student leaders to come back to have a conversation but there have not been more conversation about the USSU stepping in.

Councilor Labrecque mentioned that she went to a conference during the Christmas Break and she met with different students from Canada, where they talked about tuition and fees. She noted that one really interesting thing was related to Engineers Without Borders (EWB) and the funding process, where students could be charged a certain amount of money to fund different groups and if they want to opt out of it they could have the chance. This provides guaranteed funding for student groups.

President FineDay said that last year the Executive had a discussion about this. He pointed out that there is a process for establishing fees, which is very different at every university. At this University, there needs to be a motion brought forward by the Executive or approved by two thirds of Council. The whole process is stipulated in the USSU bylaw.

Councilor Haines suggested to put a motion forward to assessed a new fee.

Councilor ____ asked if each Councilor could take the proposed motion to their constituency to see if they are interested in it.

Councilor Arcand suggested to bring the students that are currently running SWITCH to talk to Council about SWITCH and to take their opinion of this.

Councilor Haines agreed with Councilor Arcands's idea. Therefore, she said that it would be a good initiative to have a levy for these initiatives.

President FineDay asked if there was an appetite among Councilors to strike an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss this issue further.

Move to strike an Ad Hoc Committee to look at implementing a new student fee. Move to debate.

USCMotion035: President FineDay/Councilor Arcand

Carried

VP Nelson pointed out that the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee is a good idea because it provides stakeholder consultation.

Councilor Labrecque asked if the Ad Hoc Committee is only for discussion SWITCH or also to discuss about other student groups that would benefit from the student fee.

President FineDay replied that they do not have to restrict to just SWITCH but that it could be an essential piece of the discussion for this committee. He then added that Councilors that would like to volunteer for this committee should participate.

Councilor Arcand agreed with President FineDay's idea. She then pointed out that SWITCH is a group not only with Health Science students but rather students from all over campus.

Councilor Senecal asked what was the actual fall of SWITCH's budget for the year.

Councilor Nash noted that SWITCH depends on a lot of grants, and for a sustainable budget annually they are only at 13%. Therefore, the reason they fell short this year is because the grants have not come through.

VP Nelson added that one of the issues for SWITCH's funding has to do with the core funding (13%) and the application for grants is based on competition of project based funding.

VP Steele noted that she met with SWITCH last term and they discussed what kind of funding they were looking for. She made a remark to the future members of the Ad Hoc Committee that if the USSU is putting money towards a student group, the USSU should make sure that the money is being put for a good use.

President FineDay repeated that anyone who wants to volunteer for the committee should be able to be on it.

Councilor Haines asked if the Ad Hoc Committee is only composed of Councilors or is it open to any member of the USSU.

President FineDay noted that it is up to Council but the implementation of the fee is a Council decision.

VP Steele noted that it is necessary to get enough people to participate in this committee in order to get an accurate consultation process.

Councilor Labrecque said that if the Ad Hoc Committee only has Council members on it, it should also look at resources outside Council, such as contacting SWITCH or other student groups.

President FineDay noted that the University would not apply this until next October so there is no rush in striking this committee. He proposed a friendly amendment that the committee has the struck report by the end of February, USC Meeting on February 26, 2015.

President FineDay pointed out all the Councilors that would like to volunteer to be part of this committee. He made a friendly amendment that Councilor Joshua Nash, Councilor Jamie Labrecque, Councilor Jordan Robertson, Councilor Aleina Haines, Councilor Michael Prebble, Councilor Jennifer Barrett, Councilor Jaylynn Arcand, Councilor Kristen Daniels and Councilor Gabe Senecal be part of this committee without limiting the membership of it; add GM Cottrell to the committee as a non-voting member and VP Saddleback as vice-Chair. The committee will elect the chair.

Councilor Jones asked if this should be brought back to each constituency or Councilors should wait until they have more information from the Ad Hoc Committee.

President FineDay replied that he encourages conversations with each constituency to facilitate the consultation process.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition had a Town Hall on tuition on January 14. They also talked about Pharm-D transition in the College. She then reported that 40 students from the College came back from Professional Development Week (PDW) hosted in Quebec City. Also, the U of S received 3rd place in the National Compounding Competition. A student from the College also received 3rd place in the National Student Literary Competition. Nutrition PED took place on the week of January 5 where Stephanie Clairmont offered a talk. She then said that Ice Party is taking place on January 23; Birthday Cake Booty Shake is on January 31.

Councilor Schwab – STM – reported that on January 13 the STMSU had a meeting where they planned their semester. They also appointed someone as director of events to help them plan events. They also had their mid-year reviews.

Councilor Iron – STM – reported that Councilor Robertson is the honorary VP Operations for STM.

Councilor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that on January 16 the event New Year's Eve 2.0 is taking place and it is organized between Engineering and Education. On January 23 to January 24, IEEE is organizing Congress 2015; on January 23 they will have a wine and cheese night at Louis' Loft. The tickets for the wine and cheese night are \$25 and tickets for the whole event including the conference are \$35.

Councilor Robertson – ESB – reported that applications for Chair and Vice-Chair recruitments for the National Mining Competition are open until January 22. LB5Q White Out is taking place on January 6 and tickets go on sale on January 26 in the Arts Tunnel. The presidential election is taking place on the week of January 19.

Councilor Barth – WCVM – reported that from January 8 to January 10 WCVM held the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Students Symposium; over 150 students from all around Veterinary Schools in Canada participated.

VP Nelson noted that on the last meeting he said that he had not submitted his roundtables for a few meetings. VP Nelson submitted the roundtables to Council and they were also added to the minutes they were missing. He also noted that he set up his goals for the rest of his term and they can be found in The Sheaf along with the other Executive members' goals.

VP Steele reported that the attachments to the Council package were related to tuition and that one of them had to do with tuition consultation, the other one has specific tuition fees explanations.

Councilor Daniels – Arts & Science – talked about Take for a Cause, a new initiative at the University that will start on January 26 and it ends on April 30. People go to the PAC and they have to do any kind of physical activity in teams. The team with the greatest average days will have about \$500 donation to donate to any charity of their choice. The ASSU has a time that will support the Saskatoon Light House.

Councilor Iron said that on January 16 STM and ASSU are having an event, Beer-pong Tournament, at the Capitol. Also, on the same day, STM is having the Intercodia fundraiser event.

Councilor Radomske asked if the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Centre is ready to tour.

VP Saddleback replied that it is not. The Executive was invited to visit it but it is still not open to students. The date of the opening is not clear.

VP Steele asked if Councilors like the way classes are scheduled at the University. She noted that the Registrar would like to improve the schedule system at the University, so she invited Councilors to contact her if they have any suggestions.

Councilor Radomske noted that classes should not be longer than 50 minutes because the concentration of students goes down.

10. Adjournment

Academic Affairs Committee

Minutes for Tuesday November 4th, 2014

Present: Desirée Steele, Chair; Councillor Haines, MSC for Pharmacy and Nutrition; Councillor Daniels, MSC for Arts and Science; Member Noelle Bouvier, SAL; Member Peggy Anderson, SAL; Member Geneva Houlden, SAL; Felipe Del Campo-Donoso, Confidential Student Support Officer; USSU VP Saddleback, Vice-Chair

Regrets: Councillor Li, MSC for Education

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

4. Business

4.1 Introductions

Each member of the Committee introduced themselves.

4.2 Discussion

After introductions, the members discussed the running of Teaching Excellence Awards, and addressed the question of whether a committee member whose professor had been nominated could survey their own class. VP Steele will follow up by checking for anything on this topic in the Experience in Excellence Policy.

A member suggested that it would be worth investigating how to put TEA surveys online. The committee thought this was a good idea but will consider this question more fully at a later meeting.

5. Discussion

VP Steele brought a number of issues to the committee's attention that had been raised at Student Forum. These included questions over why students pay tuition during off-campus internships or clinical placements, and how classes and exams might be better scheduled. The committee also discussed the new fall Reading Week and how it will affect the final exam schedule. More discussion will follow once the event has passed and students share their experiences.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
19 November 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Emilie Chan, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Preston Thomson, Gabe Senecal

Also present: Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Max FineDay, Jessie Munro

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society – "Psychedelic Circus"

4. Review of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meetings of 05 and 06 November 2014.

BFC Motion 033 – Member Thomson / Councilor Robertson Carried

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

5.1.1 Saskatchewan Nursing Students' Association Regina Chapter
Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 034 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.1.1 Global Vets

Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 035 – Councilor Chan / Member Thomson Carried

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 University of Saskatchewan Women in Law – "Women in Law Dinner"

Ask: \$480.00 cash (cheque), \$20.00 XL credit

Motion to not grant because of the exclusive nature of the event, which is in discordance with art. III sec. 2.2-2.3 of the Campus Groups Policy.

BFC Motion 036 – Councilor Senecal / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.2 Power to Change – "Evil and Suffering: Is God Really Good?"

Ask: \$180.00 cash (cheque), \$175.00 XL credit, \$100.00 Pepsi

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 037 – Councilor Robertson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.3 Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society (SPNSS) –
“Nutrition Professional Enhancement Day”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 038 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.4 Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society – “Psychedelic Circus”

Ask: \$300.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit, \$450.00 Louis' credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 039 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.2.5 Northern Administration Students' Association – “NASA: Ugly Sweater
Christmas Party”

Ask: \$500.00 Louis' credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 040 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.6 U of S Rugby Club – “National University Seven's Tournament”

Ask: \$500.00 Louis' credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 041 – Councilor Robertson / Member Thomson Carried

6. Other Business

6.1 Saskatoon Transit Desktop & Mobile Application

The Chair noted that the City of Saskatoon is formalizing its vision for public transit and city planning. Jason Ventnor added that this vision includes the transformation of College Dr. and the adjacent University land. The Chair requested for the Committee to keep this issue in mind as it develops.

The Chair noted that Saskatoon Transit is still developing the Click & Go app.

6.2 Tracking Expenditures

The Chair noted that the campus group funding line is on budget with a positive variance of \$2391.00.

6.3 Baking Rotation

It was suggested that the Committee begin a weekly rotation in which a member will provide baked goods, preferably homemade. Councilor Chan volunteered to go first. The Chair volunteered to provide coffee and to go second.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there comments related to a subject other than homemade baked goods.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
26 November 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Emilie Chan, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, **Gabe Senecal**

Also present: Jason Kovitch

Regrets: Max FineDay, Jessie Munro, Preston Thomson, Jason Ventnor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:38pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present, as were two types of cookies baked and brought by Councilor Chan.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 ITEP Student Executive Council – “ITEP Round Dance”

3.2 Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan – “Med-Dent Hockey Game”

4. Review of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meeting of 19 November 2014.

BFC Motion 042 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson Carried

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

5.1.1 U of S ADR Club

Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 043 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Anatomy and Cell Biology Club – “ACBC Study Night”

Ask: \$100.00 cash (cheque)

In the absence of Non-voting Member Cottrell, the Chair tangentially noted that the applicant was asked to consider Louis’ for future event catering.

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 044 – Councilor Senecal / VP Saddleback Carried

5.2.2 Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan – “Med-Dent Hockey Game”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 045 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2.3 ITEP Student Executive Council – “ITEP Round Dance”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$250.00 Louis' credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product
Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 046 – Member Rajapaksa / Councilor Chan Carried

6. Other Business

6.1 Last meeting time for Term 1 and regular meeting time for Term 2

It was decided that there will be Committee meetings on 03 and 10 December 2014 at 3:30pm. The regular meeting time for Term 2 will be decided when the Committee members' course schedules are finalized.

6.2 Insurance and insurance process reform

The Vice-President (Operations & Finance) and the Business & Services Manager, Jason Kovitch, will review and reform the qualifications of insurance and the insurance application process during the week of 01 December. It was noted that the Committee should therefore anticipate a proposal to amend the related policies in early Term 2.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there comments related to a subject other than the quality of Councilor Chan's cookies, which were decidedly excellent.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
28 November 2014

Present: Elias Nelson, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, **Gabe Senecal**, Preston Thomson

Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback, Jason Ventnor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present for a single vote (see item 5.2.1 below) by means of email correspondence.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes of 26 November 2014.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There are no ratification applications to be considered by the Committee.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society –
“Annual Student Christmas Party”

Ask: \$500.00 Louis' credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 047 – Councilor Munro / Councilor Robertson Carried

6. Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 29 November 2014 at 4:08pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
03 December 2014
Second Floor Meeting Room

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Preston Thomson

Also present: Jason Ventnor

Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present, as were coffee and miniature cheesecakes baked and brought by the Chair.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meetings of 26 and 28 November 2014.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There were no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

There were no funding applications for the Committee to consider.

6. Other Business

6.1 Brainstorming Agenda for Term 2

The Committee began a discussion of the Campus Groups Policy, thereby implying that the Policy will be on the agenda for Term 2 (see 6.2 below).

6.2 Review of Campus Groups Policy

The Chair prefaced the discussion by noting that the responsibility for campus groups has overtaken the Budget & Finance Committee and the Operations & Finance portfolio in general. Several members indicated that this is a shared sentiment. A discussion of the Campus Groups Policy was initiated on this premise and focused on campus group funding (see Appendix to 6.2).

7. Questions & Comments

The Committee noted that the President has neither attended nor sent his regrets to a meeting. It was requested that the Chair mark the President as 'absent' rather than 'regrets' in the minutes. The Chair agreed to do so; however, the President

will first be notified and the same will be done for the Vice-President (Student Affairs).

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm.

Appendix to 6.2: Campus Groups Policy Review I

The Campus Groups Policy describes the requirements of ratification, the related processes, and the benefits that the Union offers to ratified campus groups.

Member Thomson floated the idea of an XL credit to which campus groups are automatically entitled upon ratification.

Councilor Munro noted that the ratified groups vary greatly in their size of membership, level of organization, and the extent to which they take advantage of campus group funding. The Chair added that there appear to be two polar models for funding requests: one where campus group funding accounts for most or all of the event budget, and another where campus group funding is a “drop in the bucket”. These models represent the majority of campus group funding requests.

Member Rajapaksa floated the idea of a scoring system that the Committee would develop and use to determine whether an application is to be accepted. This would add efficiency and consistency to the Committee’s decisions.

The Chair floated the idea of requiring that applicants use a budget and event description template, which would streamline the

Councilor Munro asserted that the Committee should not be funding Christmas parties given that neither year-end banquets nor graduation banquets are eligible (art. III sec. 2.4).

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
10 December 2014
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Preston Thomson

Also present: Jason Ventnor

Absent: Max FineDay

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meetings of 26, 28 November and 03 December 2014.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There are no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

There are no funding applications for the Committee to consider.

6. Other Business

6.1 Review of Applications to Date

The Committee reviewed all funding applications to date in the order that they were received. This left little time for discussion and the findings of the Committee will be documented at a later date.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there any comments to note in the minutes.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
07 January 2015

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Max FineDay, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro,
Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal

Regrets: Preston Thomson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:44am.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present for a single vote (see 5.2.1 below) by means of email correspondence.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes of 26, 28 November and 03, 10 December 2014.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There were no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Association of Korean Canadian Scientists and Engineers U of S – “AKCSE UofS Welcome back to school – Game Night”

Ask: \$260.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 048 – Councilor Munro / Councilor Chan Carried

6. Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee to consider.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions not were there any comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 08 January 2015 at 9:57am.

The facts on tuition

In the 2015-16 academic year, tuition rates will change by an overall average of 2.4 per cent. The university uses tuition revenue combined with the provincial operating grant to:

- ensure the ongoing programmatic offerings of the university.
- fund specific enhancements in programs, student services and the student experience.
- set aside needs-based assistance for students who have modest financial resources.

Our Board of Governors sets tuition rates annually based on three principles: 1) comparability to similar programs at other Canadian U15 medical-doctoral universities; 2) accessibility and affordability for the majority of potential students; and, 3) the quality of our programs, and the need to ensure our students receive a high-quality education.

Typical tuition increase by program

| Degree Program | Tuition only | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|
| | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | Change |
| Arts and Science | \$5,633 | \$5,790 | 2.8% |
| Agriculture and Bioresources | \$5,658 | \$5,824 | 2.9% |
| Business | \$7,182 | \$7,333 | 2.1% |
| Education | \$5,640 | \$5,753 | 2.0% |
| Engineering | \$7,658 | \$7,830 | 2.2% |
| Kinesiology | \$5,619 | \$5,783 | 2.9% |
| Law | \$12,015 | \$12,255 | 2.0% |
| Nursing | \$6,078 | \$6,233 | 2.5% |
| Nutrition | \$6,161 | \$6,290 | 2.1% |
| Pharmacy | \$8,800 | \$9,011 | 2.4% |
| Dentistry | \$32,960 | \$32,960 | N/A |
| Medicine | \$15,530 | \$15,840 | 2.0% |
| Veterinary Medicine | \$8,266 | \$8,680 | 5.0% |
| Graduate Studies | \$3,729 | \$3,804 | 2.0% |

International undergraduate tuition rates are 2.6 times the domestic undergraduate rate. International graduate tuition rates are 1.5 times the domestic graduate rate.

For full-time undergraduate students, a typical student's program includes classes offered by different colleges, so the average tuition cost to students may reflect a blended rate of different tuition categories. For graduate students, a typical student is enrolled on-campus in a full-time thesis program and taking three terms per year. The standard term rate of change will apply to some special graduate tuition programs, but not all.

Breakdown of student fees

In addition to tuition, students also pay a variety of student fees that are used to fund specific student benefits offered as part of a university education.

| Undergraduate student fees | 2015-16 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Athletic | \$82.48 |
| Recreation | \$66.98 |
| Student services | \$30.00 |
| The Sheaf | \$16.12 |
| World University Service of Canada | \$8.00 |
| USSU | \$79.08 |
| USSU health insurance | \$157.38 |
| USSU dental insurance | \$127.46 |
| USSU infrastructure | \$118.76 |
| USSU transit | \$156.78 |
| Total fees | \$843.04 |
| Graduate student fees | |
| Athletic | \$82.48 |
| Recreation | \$66.98 |
| Student services | \$30.00 |
| GSA | \$67.28 |
| Canadian Federation of Students | \$11.46 |
| GSA health insurance | \$225.56 |
| GSA dental insurance | \$185.61 |
| GSA transit | \$211.32 |
| Total fees | \$880.69 |

Fees above are for full-time undergraduate and graduate students for the regular session only. Any applicable spring and summer session fees are not depicted.

The athletic, recreation and student services fees fund specific university activities. Fees in the shaded-green areas are collected on behalf of student groups for authorized purposes.

Those students who are already covered by an equivalent health and/or dental insurance plan can opt out and receive a credit to their student account for the amount of the plan.

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usask.ca/tuition

Cost by credit unit

| | 2014-15 | | 2015-16 | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Undergraduate degree courses | 1 cu | 3 cu | 1 cu | 3 cu | Rate change |
| Category 1 - Arts | \$183.00 | \$549.00 | \$187.88 | \$563.64 | 2.7% |
| Category 2 - Education | \$188.00 | \$564.00 | \$191.76 | \$575.28 | 2.0% |
| Category 3 - Computer Science | \$207.00 | \$621.00 | \$213.06 | \$639.18 | 2.9% |
| Category 4 - Edwards School of Business | \$253.50 | \$760.50 | \$258.57 | \$775.71 | 2.0% |
| Category 5 - Pharmacy | \$275.00 | \$825.00 | \$281.18 | \$843.54 | 2.2% |
| Category 6 - Law | \$400.50 | \$1,201.50 | \$408.50 | \$1,225.50 | 2.0% |
| Category 7 - Engineering | \$222.50 | \$667.50 | \$226.95 | \$680.85 | 2.0% |
| Category 8 - Health Science, Science | \$192.50 | \$577.50 | \$198.14 | \$594.42 | 2.9% |
| Category 9 - Nursing | \$211.00 | \$633.00 | \$216.27 | \$648.81 | 2.5% |
| Category 10 - Applied Music | \$275.50 | \$826.50 | \$282.85 | \$848.55 | 2.7% |
| Category 11 - Nutrition | \$187.00 | \$561.00 | \$190.74 | \$572.22 | 2.0% |
| Category 12 - Kinesiology | \$187.00 | \$561.00 | \$192.61 | \$577.83 | 3.0% |
| Category 13 - Agriculture and Bioresources | \$190.00 | \$570.00 | \$195.70 | \$587.10 | 3.0% |
| Undergraduate package programs | Program fee | | | | Change |
| Dentistry | \$32,960.00 | | \$32,960.00 | | N/A |
| Medicine | \$15,530.00 | | \$15,840.00 | | 2.0% |
| Veterinary Medicine | \$8,266.00 | | \$8,680.00 | | 5.0% |
| Undergraduate internship programs | Fees per billing hour | | | | Change |
| Business Co-op Education Program | \$183.00 | | \$187.88 | | 2.7% |
| Computer Science Professional Internship | \$207.00 | | \$213.06 | | 2.9% |
| Engineering Professional Internship Program | \$200.00 | | \$204.00 | | 2.0% |
| Geography Internship Program | \$183.00 | | \$187.88 | | 2.7% |
| Graduate Studies | Standard per-term tuition | | | | Change |
| PhD and master's standard term tuition | \$1,243.00 | | \$1,268.00 | | 2.0% |
| Master of Science - Finance | \$1,631.00 | | \$1,664.00 | | 2.0% |
| Master of Science - Marketing | N/A | | \$2,500.00 | | N/A |
| Master and PhD - SENS | \$1,243.00 | | \$1,293.00 | | 4.0% |
| Master and PhD of Public Policy | \$1,318.00 | | \$1,344.00 | | 2.0% |
| | 1 cu | 3 cu | 1 cu | 3 cu | Change |
| PhD and master's course-based tuition ¹ | \$201 | \$603 | \$205 | \$615 | 2.0% |
| Graduate studies: special tuition programs | Program fee² | | | | Change |
| Master of Business Administration | \$28,000.00 | | \$28,560.00 | | 2.0% |
| Master of International Trade | \$18,000.00 | | \$18,360.00 | | 2.0% |
| Master of Physical Therapy | \$17,706.00 | | \$18,060.00 | | 2.0% |
| Master of Professional Accounting | \$18,000.00 | | \$19,000.00 | | 5.6% |
| Master of Public Administration | \$12,270.00 | | \$14,292.00 and \$12,515.00 ³ | | 2.0% |
| Master of Public Health | \$9,429.00 | | \$9,712.00 | | 3.0% |
| Master of Sustainability and Environmental Management | \$7,263.00 | | \$7,554.00 | | 4.0% |
| International students | Fees and multipliers | | | | Change |
| International graduate student tuition differential | 1.50 | | 1.50 | | 0.0% |
| MPA and MPP - international student fee (per term) | \$800.00 | | \$800.00 | | 0.0% |
| PhD in Public Policy - international student fee (per term) | \$800.00 | | \$800.00 | | 0.0% |
| Undergraduate students - differential multiplier ⁴ | 2.60 | | 2.60 | | 0.0% |
| Other tuition | Other | | | | Change |
| Audit fees | 50% of tuition | | 50% of tuition | | 0.0% |
| Business Administration Certificate | \$700.00 per 3 cu course | | \$740.00 per 3 cu course | | 5.7% |
| Post-graduate clinical students in the College of Medicine | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | 0.0% |

¹ This rate applies to students enrolled in course-based master's programs.

² Subsequent year fees for programs over one year in length are subject to annual board approval.

³ Rates are subject to the approval of the University of Regina Board of Governors. In fall 2015, all new MPA students will be required to complete a 12-course program at a program fee of \$14,292. Those admitted prior to fall 2015 will remain in the 10-course program and pay a program fee of \$12,515.

⁴ The differential multiplier is calculated based on the current rate, but not applied to students covered by contractual agreement. The differential multiplier applicable to distance education certificate programs is 1.5 times the domestic rate.

A degree provides lifetime value.

Higher education provides considerable value to the economies where educated individuals work and live, and society in general.

Individual earnings are strongly related to educational attainment. Studies show that people who have completed high school earn more than those who have not; people with a bachelor's degree earn more than those with a high school diploma; and those with a graduate education earn more than those with an undergraduate education.*

A degree also offers more than earning capacity. It builds critical thinking and research and analytical skills; ensures better health; and encourages more volunteer opportunities within the community.*

At the University of Saskatchewan (U of S), we want students to receive lifetime value for their tuition dollars.

Who sets tuition at the U of S?

The U of S Board of Governors is responsible for setting tuition rates. Tuition is considered by the board each year as part of the university's planning process.

How are tuition rates set?

Our Board of Governors sets tuition based on three principles:

1. Comparability

This principle directs the university to compare tuition levels with other U15 medical-doctoral peer institutions with similar programs and, to a lesser extent, with other institutions in close regional proximity.

Our tuition and fees are currently lower than the median rate of U15 medical-doctoral institutions. The median is calculated as the mid-point of the range of tuition and fee levels. The median is a more informative measure than the average calculation because it is less influenced by small numbers of institutions that have extremely high or extremely low fees.

As an example, in comparison to Canadian undergraduate arts and science programs in 2014/15, the U of S rates were below the median, as seen in **figure 1**.

2. Affordability and accessibility

The joint principle of affordability and accessibility means the university pays careful attention to ensure students with greater financial need are not

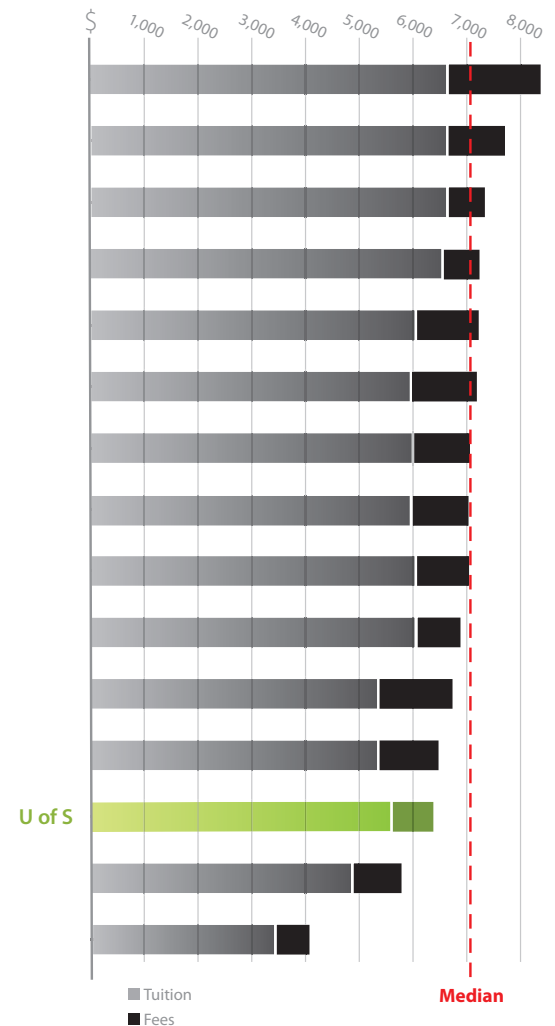


FIGURE 1 Typical cost of arts and science programs (tuition and fees) for domestic students at Canadian U15 institutions for the 2014/15 academic year

Definitions

TUITION: Assessment for credit instruction (degree or diploma). Tuition provides access to basic university-wide services associated with credit instruction.

FEES: Charges assessed for ancillary costs, which can include University of Saskatchewan Students Union (USSU), athletic, recreation, *The Sheaf*, student services, WUSC, health and dental insurance, infrastructure and transit.

systematically excluded and that we set tuition with an understanding of the total cost for a student to attend the U of S, including:

- fees, supplementary course materials, living expenses and total student debt load;
- direct financial resources available to students, including financial aid (scholarships, bursaries, grants, loans, research funding) and tax credits;
- program demand; and
- the potential lifetime earnings of graduates.

One indicator of the financial resources available to students is scholarships, bursaries and grants. Scholarships, bursaries and grants available to U of S students, as a percentage of the total tuition and fees, are above the median of our peer institutions, as seen in **figure 2**.

3. Quality

The principle of enabling quality recognizes the university’s commitment to providing high-quality programs and services for students. We work to ensure the overall student experience is properly resourced and meets student expectations. Attracting and retaining outstanding faculty is a priority that is reflected in the quality of education we offer; academics who excel in their fields are highly sought after by the U of S.

Since 2002, 86-94 per cent of U of S students have been “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the quality of their education.**

What is tuition used for?

Tuition revenue comprises 24 per cent of the university’s operating budget.*** Tuition and fees, in combination with the provincial operating grant and other revenue, funds academic priorities including recruiting and retaining high-quality faculty, enhancing student services to ensure quality educational experiences, and providing scholarships and bursaries to increase accessibility and affordability for students. Colleges invest tuition revenue for specified purposes that directly benefit students and enhance the student experience.

In addition to tuition, students also pay a variety of student fees (USSU, athletic, recreation, transit, etc.) that are used to fund specific student benefits offered as part of a university education.

Tuition at the U of S is directly related to the experience we are able to offer.

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* Sources: ASU, AUCC
**Sources: CUSC Survey, 2002-2013
*** Based on 2014 figures

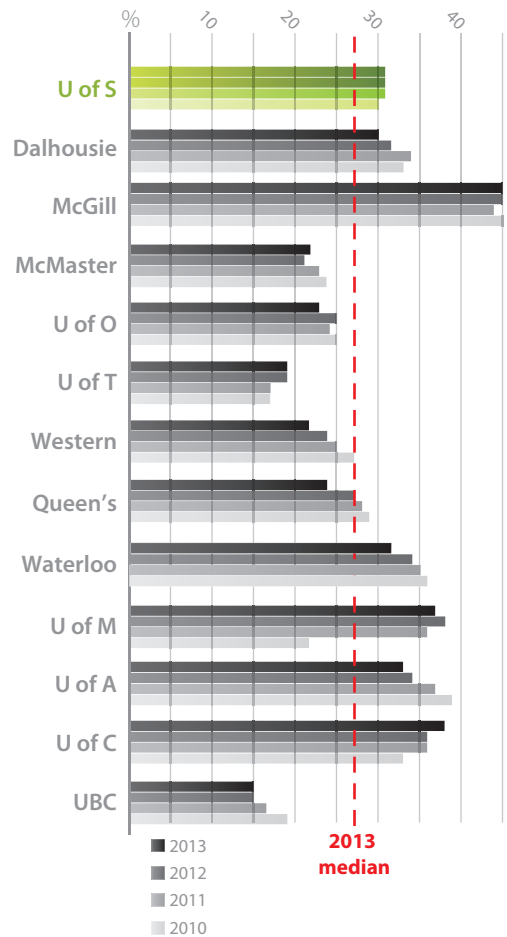


FIGURE 2 Undergraduate and graduate scholarships, bursaries and prizes as a percentage of tuition and fees (CAUBO financial reports, 2010 to 2013, English-only medical/doctoral universities)

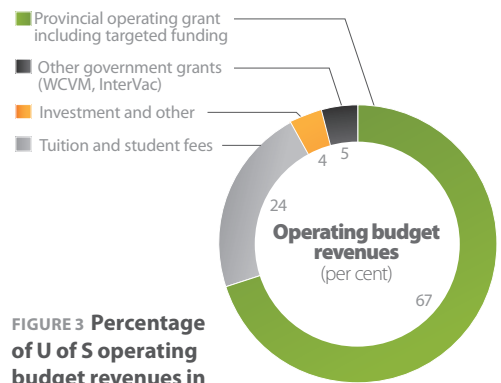


FIGURE 3 Percentage of U of S operating budget revenues in 2014-15



BRIEFING: TUITION

Prepared as of January 11, 2015

Prepared by Jennifer Robertson, communications officer, Institutional Planning and Assessment

BACKGROUND

Tuition is considered and approved by the Board of Governors every December as part of the university's planning process, and the official announcement of tuition rates and student fees for the upcoming year are announced each January. Tuition and fees comprise approximately 24 per cent of the university's operating budget revenue.

KEY MESSAGES

- ☞ Our Board of Governors sets tuition rates annually based on three principles: (1) comparability, (2) affordability and accessibility, and (3) enabling quality.
- ☞ The university uses tuition revenue, combined with the provincial government operating grant and other revenue, to:
 - ensure the ongoing programmatic offerings of the university.
 - fund specific enhancements in programs, student services and the student experience.
 - set aside needs-based assistance for students who have modest financial resources.
- ☞ For the 2015-16 academic year, the Board of Governors has approved an overall average tuition rate change of 2.4 per cent.
 - Most undergraduate students will see tuition rate changes ranging from zero to three per cent.
 - Standard graduate programs will see an average rate change of two per cent.
- ☞ Students at the University of Saskatchewan continue to pay some of the lowest tuition rates when compared to our U15 peer group.
- ☞ A typical student in the College of Arts and Science, where 42 per cent of students are enrolled, will pay \$5,790 in tuition in 2015-16. This is projected to be 11 per cent below the median rate of comparable programs in Canada.
- ☞ In addition to tuition, students pay a variety of student fees that are used to fund specific student benefits offered as part of a university education.
 - Student fees for undergraduate students will be \$843.04 (increase of 7.1 per cent).
 - Student fees for graduate students will be \$880.69 (increase of 8.6 per cent).
- ☞ Full details on the 2015-16 tuition rates and student fees can be found online at usask.ca/tuition.

TIMELINES

- ☞ December 16, 2014: Board of Governors approves tuition
- ☞ January 14, 2015: tuition announcement

SPOKESPERSON: Ernie Barber, interim provost and vice-president academic





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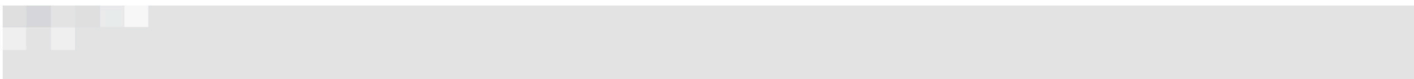
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Appendix F. Summary of student engagement by colleges and issues raised

| College | Student Engagement |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Agriculture and Bioresources | Meetings with students, communication through email |
| Arts and Science | Dean's Executive Council met with ASSU Executive October 3 and November 7; Dean met with ASSU Student Council October 6, will meet again in January; student forum on tuition pending organization by ASSU |
| Dentistry | |
| Education | |
| Edwards | ESB student governors have seats at faculty meetings, communication through email |
| Engineering | Meetings with students in late October and November, 2014 |
| Graduate Studies | GSA Town Hall November 24, 2014 |
| Johnson-Shoyama GSPP | Meeting December 2 with students |
| Kinesiology | Dean and Associate Dean have met with Kin student council; strategy developed to inform student body |
| Law | Town Hall October 6, 2014, upcoming Town Hall after tuition announcement; students present at all faculty meetings |
| Medicine | Dean met with SMSS Executive November 20, 2014; Dean's Lunch with students November 28, 2014 |
| Nursing | Engaged student association presidents in Saskatoon and Regina; Associate Dean to engage with students in Prince Albert and Northern regions December 1 and 2, Saskatoon December 8; Regina student council meeting November 27 |
| Pharmacy and Nutrition | Faculty/staff/student meeting January 12, 2015 |
| School of Public Health | |
| SENS | Open House November 4, 2014; follow-up email sent November 26; tuition discussed at faculty meetings October 17 and November 14 – a student representative was present |
| WCVM | President of each class year meets with Dean once a month to discuss issues and concerns; Dean to meet with each class year in person for projected tuition strategy |

Some issues were raised during student consultations and communicated to IPA through Deans.

Financial Aid and International Tuition Differentials

Through consultations, it was found that the college financial aid policy, international student tuition differential, and tuition consultations with students are all highly linked. Our international students must pay increased tuition on top of regular tuition in the form of a differential. However, financial aid - in the form of scholarships, bursaries, or graduate student supports - does not necessarily increase with tuition. As tuition increases, less money is left for living expenses. In the absence of a strategy linking tuition rate consultations, financial aid, and tuition differentials, this issue violates one of the university's tuition policies, namely the one promoting access and affordability.

However, in terms of comparability, the international student differential at the U of S is the lowest of all of the U15 institutions.

Much of the university's student government is made up of international students, so this issue will continue to be present in student engagement sessions. It will be important to properly communicate with students regarding this issue.

Tuition Increases from Last Year

Some students are still unhappy with tuition increases from last year. Students from the College of Medicine sent a letter to the Board last year in advance of the tuition announcement and felt they should have been invited to meet with the Board. They indicated another letter to the Board about tuition would be sent this year. As in other colleges, this college seems to consider other Western Canadian universities the strongest comparators. Students from the College of Law are concerned that although tuition has increased substantially in the last three years (37%), keeping fees low now might result in higher increases in the future as the college plays catch up. Students are also concerned with tuition increases above the cost of inflation, which has a direct impact on the cost of living.

Long Term Tuition Strategy

Students (and some Deans) would like to see a long-term tuition strategy adopted at the University of Saskatchewan. This might result in three- to five-year tuition plans, so students and parents can plan and prepare for tuition increases in advance, or a grandfathering policy, for instance. Deans would also be able to better predict tuition revenues for long-term planning purposes.

Student Services

Many students would like to see clear improvements in student services linked to tuition increases. Colleges have in the past used tuition revenue to renovate student areas, recruit faculty, increase course offerings, or enhance career services. Colleges should be encouraged to include in their messaging how tuition revenues will be used to benefit students.

Undergraduate Student Association

Discussions with the USSU have been largely positive and informative in terms of feedback.

Graduate Student Association

Discussions with the GSA have centered around the varied nature of the student fees graduate student are required to pay, as well as the international student differential, which is detailed above. The GSA president has expressed ongoing concern about the extent of student consultation in the tuition setting process. Efforts have focused around engagement of representative student bodies with the provost and IPA, and

have relied on the deans for engagement at the college level. Further improvements may be needed for this process in future years.

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, January 29th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Reed Gillanders – SWITCH**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – January 15th, 2015**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – January 20th, 2015; January 27th 2015**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – January 13th, 2015;
January 20th, 2015**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Water Heater**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

| Name | Sept.18 | Sept.25 | Oct.2 | Oct.9 | Oct.16 | Oct.23 | Oct.30 | Nov. 6 | Nov. 13 | Nov.20 | Nov. 27 | Dec. 4 | Dec. 11 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Kierra | P | P | P | R | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday January 15th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Taylor Andres, Law
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students
Katrina Barth, WCVM

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Jessie Munro, ESB

Absent

Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Kierra FineDay, Indigenous Students

Guest List

Josie Steeves

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion033: President FineDay/Councillor Senecal

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced former Vice-President and also former President of the USSU, Josie Steeves. She is present in Council because she is conducting research on Students' Unions.

VP Saddleback pointed out that the week of January 19, Positive Space Week is taking place; on Wednesday January 21 Everybody Eats is taking place. More information about these events can be found online.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – January 8th, 2015

Councillor _____ pointed out that the name on the guest list should be Kris Jones and not Chris Jones.

4.2 Executive Committee – January 13th, 2015

4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – November 4th, 2014

VP Steele noted that Councilor Li was not present at the AAC meeting.

4.4 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – November 19th, 2015; November 26th, 2014; November 28th, 2014; December 3rd, 2014; December 10th, 2014; January 7th, 2015

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports.

USCMotion034: *Members' names are inaudible from the recording*

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Tuition

VP Steele pointed out that she is going to talk about tuition based on the tuition increase announcement that happened on January 14. She asked Councilors if they heard about the tuition increase and the vast majority of Councilors replied that they had.

VP Steele said that the USSU spoke about the tuition increase, which was on a press release. She began by saying that she is going to explain how tuition was set this year and how consultation took place.

The University set tuition earlier this year. The reasons behind this are that the University wanted to distinguish its tuition increase from the provincial budget and now students have two (2) more months to see how to find the money to pay for education. The

University uses tuition money to pay for and offer programs; specific funding for colleges and departments; and it helps to pay for student scholarships and bursaries. VP Steele noted that most colleges will experience an increase in tuition.

VP Steele then pointed out that on the 2015-16 tuition facts sheet (attached), the green bar represents the U of S in comparison to other universities' tuition. The University sets itself below the median.

Councilor Labrecque noted that the graph on the 2015-16 tuition facts sheet says that the graph is for the 2014/15 academic year.

VP Steele mentioned that the graph is a comparison against 2015-16 institutions. She says that some people would rather compare the tuition fees for the 2014-15 year to look for affordability.

VP Steele then noted that Veterinary Medicine went up 5% because the college has initiatives planned that the students agreed to. This is a good example to where consultation took place with students. VP Steele explained that tuition consultation is not based on asking if tuition should be higher or lower but rather on asking students how the money should be spent. She noted that this is the first year that the University has had fairly manageable average increases around campus. The increase reflects the position of the University to something it can support. Consultation took place in most colleges around campus. She then asked Councilors to point out if consultation did not take place in their college.

Councilor Haines noted that consultation took place in the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition but it was only with the student leaders rather than with individual students. The college had a town hall but it was after the tuition release.

VP Steele said that consultation took place in different ways. One of them was a general process of asking students through a town hall or email but often deans appeal to student leaders in each college. She asked Councilors to let her know how consultation took place in their colleges.

The main subject of consultation was mostly about the quality and accessibility principles. There are three (3) principles on which the University sets tuition: comparability, affordability and accessibility, and quality. She noted that based on this, students brought up concerns mostly related to faculty. She said that last year and the year before the University presented the Faculty Incentive Retirement Program, which meant that senior faculty were given generous retirement packages so they retire and not have to cost the University extra money by paying them payroll anymore. This initiative saved the University a lot of money but now there are less faculty teaching students. This leads to lack of faculty teaching classes and it is a direct consideration of quality. The other concern brought up by students was spaces on campus. Engineering students were very conscious about space. This is related with the increase in enrollment that the College of Engineering is planning.

Councilor Haines suggested that it would be beneficial to have a deadline for formal consultation for students.

Councilor Prebble noted that there is a growing concern that tuition is going up related to inflation. However, he pointed out that he does not agree with the conception that tuition has to increase. He added that there should be more money put by the government in order to stretch education to serve the population.

Councilor Labrecque stated that the tuition talks went really well because it opened up the feedback between students and deans. She added that there should be pressure from the student body to the government in order to see change. Then she noted that the facilities that the University offers are based on how tuition increases. Therefore, she suggested that when the University sets tuition, students should look at the facilities that the University offers to students and ensure that they are the proper quality for what the University charges students.

Councilor Senecal asked about the structural differences that cause tuition to be very different across Canada.

VP Steele replied that one should consider what a university offers. The other thing to consider is the classification of the University, which is a medical-doctoral one. This changes the budgeting and the layout of the University. When one looks at statistics and sees that the U of S charges one of the highest average tuition it is because of the different professional colleges that the University has. This skews the average rates of the University.

She added that the need for a deadline is important for tuition consultation and she hopes that consultation begins as soon as possible in September of the next academic year, so there can be actual consultations with students.

Councilor Senecal thanked VP Steele for answering his question.

VP Steele then talked about how the University budgets. She began by asking Councilors if they have heard of TABS. She said that the University used to fund initiatives, colleges, etc. through something called historical budget. She noted that this system was not very transparent or inclusive as a budgeting process. As a result, the University has experienced a change on this, which now will include different levels of budgeting rather than just administration. The University will now give colleges some money to be able to do with it what they choose to do it, such as paying their faculty or pay for different programs among other. This leads colleges to be more flexible and to adjust to the needs of their students. This is tied with enrollment in each college and increases in tuition. She invited students to take part of consultation process and to influence their college to see how the money is going to be spent.

8. Questions and Comments

Councilor Haines noted that there have been issues regarding funding for SWITCH. She asked if the USSU has looked at proving extra funding for it.

President FineDay said that the USSU supports SWITCH. He noted that he is very disappointed about SWITCH reducing its hours, especially on weekends. The USSU has met with the students' leaders from SWITCH and with the dean of the College of Medicine. He left an open invitation to the student leaders to come back to have a conversation but there have not been more conversation about the USSU stepping in.

Councilor Labrecque mentioned that she went to a conference during the Christmas Break and she met with different students from Canada, where they talked about tuition and fees. She noted that one really interesting thing was related to Engineers Without Borders (EWB) and the funding process, where students could be charged a certain amount of money to fund different groups and if they want to opt out of it they could have the chance. This provides guaranteed funding for student groups.

President FineDay said that last year the Executive had a discussion about this. He pointed out that there is a process for establishing fees, which is very different at every university. At this University, there needs to be a motion brought forward by the Executive or approved by two thirds of Council. The whole process is stipulated in the USSU bylaw.

Councilor Haines suggested to put a motion forward to assessed a new fee.

Councilor ____ asked if each Councilor could take the proposed motion to their constituency to see if they are interested in it.

Councilor Arcand suggested to bring the students that are currently running SWITCH to talk to Council about SWITCH and to take their opinion of this.

Councilor Haines agreed with Councilor Arcands's idea. Therefore, she said that it would be a good initiative to have a levy for these initiatives.

President FineDay asked if there was an appetite among Councilors to strike an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss this issue further.

Move to strike an Ad Hoc Committee to look at implementing a new student fee. Move to debate.

USCMotion035: President FineDay/Councilor Arcand

Carried

VP Nelson pointed out that the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee is a good idea because it provides stakeholder consultation.

Councilor Labrecque asked if the Ad Hoc Committee is only for discussion SWITCH or also to discuss about other student groups that would benefit from the student fee.

President FineDay replied that they do not have to restrict to just SWITCH but that it could be an essential piece of the discussion for this committee. He then added that Councilors that would like to volunteer for this committee should participate.

Councilor Arcand agreed with President FineDay's idea. She then pointed out that SWITCH is a group not only with Health Science students but rather students from all over campus.

Councilor Senecal asked what was the actual fall of SWITCH's budget for the year.

Councilor Nash noted that SWITCH depends on a lot of grants, and for a sustainable budget annually they are only at 13%. Therefore, the reason they fell short this year is because the grants have not come through.

VP Nelson added that one of the issues for SWITCH's funding has to do with the core funding (13%) and the application for grants is based on competition of project based funding.

VP Steele noted that she met with SWITCH last term and they discussed what kind of funding they were looking for. She made a remark to the future members of the Ad Hoc Committee that if the USSU is putting money towards a student group, the USSU should make sure that the money is being put for a good use.

President FineDay repeated that anyone who wants to volunteer for the committee should be able to be on it.

Councilor Haines asked if the Ad Hoc Committee is only composed of Councilors or is it open to any member of the USSU.

President FineDay noted that it is up to Council but the implementation of the fee is a Council decision.

VP Steele noted that it is necessary to get enough people to participate in this committee in order to get an accurate consultation process.

Councilor Labrecque said that if the Ad Hoc Committee only has Council members on it, it should also look at resources outside Council, such as contacting SWITCH or other student groups.

President FineDay noted that the University would not apply this until next October so there is no rush in striking this committee. He proposed a friendly amendment that the committee has the struck report by the end of February, USC Meeting on February 26, 2015.

President FineDay pointed out all the Councilors that would like to volunteer to be part of this committee. He made a friendly amendment that Councilor Joshua Nash, Councilor Jamie Labrecque, Councilor Jordan Robertson, Councilor Aleina Haines, Councilor Michael Prebble, Councilor Jennifer Barrett, Councilor Jaylynn Arcand, Councilor Kristen Daniels and Councilor Gabe Senecal be part of this committee without limiting the membership of it; add GM Cottrell to the committee as a non-voting member and VP Saddleback as vice-Chair. The committee will elect the chair.

Councilor Jones asked if this should be brought back to each constituency or Councilors should wait until they have more information from the Ad Hoc Committee.

President FineDay replied that he encourages conversations with each constituency to facilitate the consultation process.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition had a Town Hall on tuition on January 14. They also talked about Pharm-D transition in the College. She then reported that 40 students from the College came back from Professional Development Week (PDW) hosted in Quebec City. Also, the U of S received 3rd place in the National Compounding Competition. A student from the College also received 3rd place in the National Student Literary Competition. Nutrition PED took place on the week of January 5 where Stephanie Clairmont offered a talk. She then said that Ice Party is taking place on January 23; Birthday Cake Booty Shake is on January 31.

Councilor Schwab – STM – reported that on January 13 the STMSU had a meeting where they planned their semester. They also appointed someone as director of events to help them plan events. They also had their mid-year reviews.

Councilor Iron – STM – reported that Councilor Robertson is the honorary VP Operations for STM.

Councilor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that on January 16 the event New Year's Eve 2.0 is taking place and it is organized between Engineering and Education. On January 23 to January 24, IEEE is organizing Congress 2015; on January 23 they will have a wine and cheese night at Louis' Loft. The tickets for the wine and cheese night are \$25 and tickets for the whole event including the conference are \$35.

Councilor Robertson – ESB – reported that applications for Chair and Vice-Chair recruitments for the National Mining Competition are open until January 22. LB5Q White Out is taking place on January 6 and tickets go on sale on January 26 in the Arts Tunnel. The presidential election is taking place on the week of January 19.

Councilor Barth – WCVM – reported that from January 8 to January 10 WCVM held the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association Students Symposium; over 150 students from all around Veterinary Schools in Canada participated.

VP Nelson noted that on the last meeting he said that he had not submitted his roundtables for a few meetings. VP Nelson submitted the roundtables to Council and they were also added to the minutes they were missing. He also noted that he set up his goals for the rest of his term and they can be found in The Sheaf along with the other Executive members' goals.

VP Steele reported that the attachments to the Council package were related to tuition and that one of them had to do with tuition consultation, the other one has specific tuition fees explanations.

Councilor Daniels – Arts & Science – talked about Take for a Cause, a new initiative at the University that will start on January 26 and it ends on April 30. People go to the PAC and they have to do any kind of physical activity in teams. The team with the greatest average days will have about \$500 donation to donate to any charity of their choice. The ASSU has a time that will support the Saskatoon Light House.

Councilor Iron said that on January 16 STM and ASSU are having an event, Beer-pong Tournament, at the Capitol. Also, on the same day, STM is having the Intercodia fundraiser event.

Councilor Radomske asked if the Gordon Oakes-Red Bear Centre is ready to tour.

VP Saddleback replied that it is not. The Executive was invited to visit it but it is still not open to students. The date of the opening is not clear.

VP Steele asked if Councilors like the way classes are scheduled at the University. She noted that the Registrar would like to improve the schedule system at the University, so she invited Councilors to contact her if they have any suggestions.

Councilor Radomske noted that classes should not be longer than 50 minutes because the concentration of students goes down.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting January 20th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:01p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Met with Councillor Charlie Clark to discuss a number of issues important to students. Namely the University Bridge Closing over the summer and how that would impact students. I've made a recommendation the city administration that one lane of the bridge remain open for Saskatoon transit & emergency vehicles. That allows our members who take classes in the summer, or colleges with a longer academic year, to not feel the inconvenience as significantly as if the bridge were to be closed completely. I'll be reaching out to the college student leadership who have longer academic years and share the information I've been given by the city.

External Affairs Committee Meeting

The external affairs committee met and is hoping to do some work around transit advocacy, potentially partnering with another student-run group (Better Transit yxe) who also feels strongly about this issue. We also briefly discussed the Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health (SWITCH) and how external lobbying might play a role in helping to see them succeed.

VP Nelson:

Campus Group Events - I attended a number of events, including the ASSU Beer Pong Tournament at the Capital, which drew approximately 300 attendees, and the We the Artists beer night fundraiser. We the Artists is scheduled

for 6:30pm on January 31st at Louis' / Louis' Loft. Tickets are \$10.00 general admission and \$7.00 for students.

Meetings - I met with representatives of the Biochemistry Students' Association, Geological Engineering Students' Society, Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan, and U of S Kin Club regarding funding and insurance.

Routine work - I did my typical weekly business, including: reviewing campus group ratification and funding applications to ensure success; compiling a package for the Budget & Finance Committee including ratification and funding application documentation, the previous meeting's minutes, and appendices to other agenda items; chairing the meeting; and following up on Committee decisions with the required paperwork, email notifications, and writing the minutes.

VP Saddleback:

Studentcare: I met with Callan Davey, our Studentcare rep, to go over the 2013/2014 USSU Annual report. During the meeting, I was able to get a detailed overview of the current health and dental financials for the USSU and, I'm glad to say that we are in a stable situation. Callan Davey will return to council in late February/ early March to go over the report in more detail with the entire USC.

Protective Services: Met with Brian Muchmore, Director of Protective Services, to share students concerns over safety and property damage in university parking lots. I will be having a follow-up meeting with him on January 26th, along with a representative from Consumer Services.

VP Steele:

The Executive mid-year review on Monday was a good chance to take stock of what we've done and what still needs to be accomplished. The rest of the week was taken up by doing media for the tuition announcement, working on student advocacy cases, working on the Undergraduate Project Symposium, and attending committee meetings.

4. Business

4.1 Student Care Report

VP Saddleback showed the Studentcare report to the Executive. He noted that the USSU is sitting at a good position. He added that Callan Davey will

come to Council to explain the new Studentcare report in more detail at the end of February.

VP Saddleback noted that the Dental plan had a big jump because of the Dental Clinic in Place Riel.

4.2 Integrated Program Advertisement

Lindsay Hermen sent an email to President FineDay about the integration of cities program. They requested the help of the USSU to promote the initiative through the plasmas.

VP Steele asked if there was a different way to support the initiative.

President FineDay that they could help with also Facebook and Twitter.

4.3 Speed Friending

VP Saddleback requested \$40 for Speed Friending to buy supplies for the event.

Move to approve \$40 for Speed Friending.

EXECMotion040: VP Saddleback/VP Nelson

Carried

4.4 Social Justice Week

VP Saddleback noted that it would be interesting to have a Social Justice Week. He contacted the centres and they are open to the idea. They are going to showcase food security issues and women's concerns among others. VP Saddleback is working on the process of approval.

VP Steele asked if VP Saddleback could look at other associations to have a broader scope for this event.

VP Saddleback mentioned that the process of approval includes the approval of Council for information. The major topic for this week is going to be talks from different experts. He will bring more details, including the budget, next week for the next Executive Committee meeting. This event might take place between March 3 and March 6.

4.5 Space Rental Policy

VP Nelson sent the Executive the new Space Rental Policy for the approval of the Executive. The policy will be available on the Website and at the front

desk of the USSU. The main change was section 5, on the tabling package, which allows students to borrow tables and chairs. All the changes were in consultation with GM Cottrell and Stefanie Ewen, Facilities Manager.

Move to approve the Space Rental Policy as amended.

EXECMotion041: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

4.6 Advocacy Service

VP Steele noted that the Councilor from Law, Taylor Andreas, contacted her about starting a student group about advocacy and an examination of the university's policies and help with academic issues. She met with the law students last week and they pointed out that they would like a physical location. VP Steele noted that she sees a gap in the service but she said that it is a great idea because it provides advocacy help. She told the law students that there has to be training on advocacy and how to create the group.

GM Cottrell noted that the USSU used to provide a grant to the Law students so they could help with advice on legal and advocacy matters. There have to be considerations, such as liability, before approval of this initiative.

4.7 AAC

VP Nelson noted that the USSU has \$5000 for Aboriginal Achievement Week and he is not sure how the money works and to whom the money goes.

GM Cottrell noted that usually the USSU sends a check to the Aboriginal Student Centre and they will take care of all the events, such as the presentation of a speaker, and tea and bannock.

4.8 Louis' Advertisement

VP Steele noted that during the President's Breakfast, a member of the President's Executive noted that posters from "Lucky Bastard" at Louis' Bar were objectionable in that they objectify women by the use of images from the 1940s and 1950s. VP Steele talked to Jason Kovitch and he talked to the Manager of Louis' to get the posters removed.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37p.m.

Executive Meeting January 27th, 2015

Present: VP Nelson, VP Steele, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell.

Regrets: President FineDay

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:12p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Volunteered with the fresh market, many students were eager to talk about student food security issues. There was more than one student who said they usually weren't able to afford fruits and vegetables, but with our prices, she was now able to. There were many students who were also surprised that the fresh market exists, we would benefit from revisiting how we promote it better.

Met with the city to talk about university bridge being closed from May 1-August ?. This will have an impact on many of our members, particularly those in professional colleges who are writing final exams in May. I'm going to be getting more detailed information and hope to connect with the college presidents to talk about how it will impact them in detail. I expect to have this conversation at council once the information from the city arrives.

VP Nelson:

Campus Clubs Week - From 26-30 January, the tables in the tunnel will be available to campus groups exclusively and free of charge. Campus Clubs Week will culminate with the Meet & Greet at Louis' Loft on 30 January from 4:00-6:00pm. All of the college societies, campus groups, executives, and councillors are invited!

Tabling Package for Campus Groups - The revised Space Rental Policy was passed by the Budget & Finance Committee on 13 January and the Executive Committee on 19 January and is now available online. The tabling package will be announced at the Campus Club Meet & Greet.

Charlie's Transit - I continue to meet with Charlie Clark, Mairin Loewen, Better Transit YXE, and Bus Riders of Saskatoon. Ten Days for Transit is tentatively set for 13-23 March 2015. There is a GrowingForward session tentatively set for sometime around this time.

Meetings - I met with representatives of AIESEC, the Archaeology Students' Association, CAPSI, ISSAC, and Women in the Legislature regarding ratification, funding, and insurance.

VP Saddleback:

Breakfast meeting with President and Executive: Met with my fellow executive, the GSA executive, and upper administration for our monthly breakfast meeting to air our concerns. I brought up the sexual assault policy and the need to have clear procedures when reports come in. As well, I recommended that student health have, at least, one certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner trained.

Positive Space Awareness Week: I was able to help the Pride Centre in delivering a new initiative entitled "Positive Space Awareness Week". The week offered a table in the tunnel to raise awareness on what a Positive Space is and how people can take part in Positive Space workshops.

VP Steele:

This week consisted of getting a lot of details figured out for the Undergraduate Project Symposium, working with people from the Undergraduate Research Initiative, who are extremely helpful. I also attended a few meetings, including University Council, where I challenged administration and those deans present to commit to tuition forecasting if this university really wants to compare favourably with other institutions (at least regarding accessibility and predictability).

4. Business

4.1 Political parties in the tunnel

GM Cottrell noted that there is nowhere in Policy that specifies that political parties, mayoral or city councillor candidates cannot directly rent tables in the tunnel. However, by convention the USSU does not permit this activity. The Executive decided to keep the convention as it is. Only ratified political campus clubs, i.e. Young Liberals, Saskatchewan Young New Democrats, can use tables.

4.2 Remicade

The claim from the student went down to \$5,600 from \$16,000. This puts the student in a better position to be able to claim the money. The Saskatchewan Special Support Program already supports this person. The executive discussed if they need to they could pay for this using the reserve fund.

The USSU will look at special cases for the future and ask for expert advice.

Move to approve up to \$5,600.01 for the Remicade claim.

EXECMotion042: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

4.3 USSL

VP Nelson said that they have agreed to follow the structure discussions for University of Saskatchewan Students for Life. He asked if the Women's Centre is going to be involved in the discussion and if the Executive will be part of the discussion.

VP Nelson will send an email to see who is going to participate and to set up the discussion.

4.4 Water Heater

The water heater in MUB is cracked and it needs to get replaced as soon as possible and the cost is \$10,000 plus installation. FMD has requested that the tank gets changed urgently. Because of the price of this and because it must be paid by the Infrastructure Fund, the amount for the tank has to be approved by Council.

Move to move this motion to be approved by Council.

EXECMotion043: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.5 Social Justice Week Budget

VP Saddleback noted that he is asking for money for posters, thank-you cards, banners and Louis' gift cards. The total is \$344.50 and it includes 14 workshops/talks. He will bring more details next week.

Move to approve the budget of \$344.50 for Social Justice Week.

EXECMotion044: VP Nelson/VP Steele

Carried

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
13 January 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa,
Jordan Roberson, Gabe Senecal, Preston Thomson
Also present: Caroline Cottrell
Regrets: Max FineDay

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present, as were donuts and coffee provided by the Chair.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meeting of 26, 28 November
and 03, 10 December 2014; and 07 January 2015.

BFC Motion 049 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Munro Carried

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

5.1.1 Engineering Students in the Community

Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 050 – Councilor Robertson / Member Thomson Carried

5.1.2 Sociology Undergraduate Student Association

Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 051 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.1.3 University of Saskatchewan Student Advocates for Mental Health

Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 052 – Councilor Chan / Member Thomson Carried

5.1.4 MCC Sask on Campus

Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 053 – Councilor Senecal / VP Saddleback Carried

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 IEEE Student Branch – “IEEE Illumination”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 054 – Member Thomson / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2.2 Power to Change – “Perspective: What’s Your Worldview?”

Ask: \$180.00 cash (cheque), \$200.00 XL credit

There was no motion made and the Committee requested that Power to Change provide a breakdown of the XL credit request and clarify whether \$100.00 Pepsi product is requested.

5.2.3 WUSC: U of S – “WUSC & CECI International Forum 2015”

Ask: \$300.00 cash (cheque)

There was no motion made due to the apparent contravention of Campus Groups Policy art. III sec. 2.4.

5.2.4 Biochemistry Students’ Association – “Meet the Faculty Beer Night”

Ask: \$100.00 XL credit, \$400.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 055 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.5 Biochemistry Students’ Association – “Flashback Friday”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 056 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2.6 Lutheran Student Movement – “LSM 2015 Winter and Spring Events”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to deny due to the apparent contravention of Campus Groups Policy art. III sec. 2.3.

BFC Motion 057 – Councilor Munro / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.7 Greystone Scholars Society – “Dodgeball Tournament”

Ask: \$267.54 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 058 – Councilor Robertson / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.8 Enactus University of Saskatchewan – “Aboriginal Youth Idea Challenge”

Ask: \$146.67 XL credit

Move to grant.

BFC Motion 059 – Councilor Munro / VP Saddleback Carried

6. Other Business

6.1 Complaint re: Louis’

Our student bar was closed on the last day of classes for Term 1, as was noted by Councilor Labrecque. Non-voting Member Cottrell explained that Louis’ was closed for a private function and that there was an estimated \$7,000.00 in sales for food alone. It was not anticipated that the last day of classes would be on a Friday. However, Louis’ Loft was open.

6.2 Amendment to the Space Rental Policy

The Chair explained that he revised the Space Rental Policy to allow for a tabling package that campus groups would be able to book and use to avoid the excessive service fees charged by the uSask Facilities Management Division. Additionally, the fee schedules were removed from the policy to allow for defined and discretionary rates depending on the client type, and in some cases the policy was re-written for conciseness and formatting. These revisions were made in collaboration with Non-voting Member Cottrell, General Manager, and Stefanie Ewen, Facilities Manager.

Motion to accept the Space Rental Policy as amended.

BFC Motion 060 – VP Nelson / Councilor Senecal

Carried

7. **Questions & Comments**

The Committee voiced a number of concerns related to our student bar and decided that the Business and Services Manager, Jason Kovitch, would be asked to give a presentation regarding the performance of and vision for Louis' / Louis' Loft.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
20 January 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Jack Saddleback, Emilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Roberson, Gabe Senecal, Preston Thomson
Also present: Caroline Cottrell, Jason Kovitch
Regrets: Max FineDay

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present, as were donuts and coffee provided by Member Rajapaksa.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 U of S AniManga – “Forever Alone Extravaganza”

3.2 University of Saskatchewan Biology Club – “BioScan 2015”

3.3 Indigenous Student Council – “Aboriginal Achievement Week Gala Celebration”

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meeting of 13 January 2015.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

5.1.1 University of Smash

Motion to table indefinitely due to the apparent contravention of art. I sec. 3.9 of the Campus Groups Policy and the fact that the mandate of the applicant groups is encompassed by that of a ratified campus group, the University of Saskatchewan Gamers’ Club.

BFC Motion 061 – Councilor Robertson / Councilor Munro Carried

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 U of S AniManga – “Forever Alone Extravaganza”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$250.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 062 – Councilor Munro / VP Saddleback Carried

5.2.2 University of Saskatchewan Biology Club – “BioScan 2015”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$500.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 063 – Member Thomson / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.3 Indigenous Student Council – “Aboriginal Achievement Week Gala Celebration”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit, \$400.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to table due to lack of revenue sources stated in the event budget. The Committee requested for this information to be provided before the application is reconsidered and for the Chair to report back when it is known how the \$5,000.00 allotted for Aboriginal Achievement Week in budget line 170-5570-00 will be expensed.

BFC Motion 064 – Councilor Chan / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.4 Northern Administration Students’ Association – “4th Annual Exploration Conference”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to table due to the complexity of the application. The Committee resolved that each of its members would review the application in advance of the next meeting.

BFC Motion 065 – Member Thomson / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.5 Power to Change – “Perspective: What’s Your Worldview?”

Ask: \$180.00 cash (cheque), \$200.00 XL credit, \$100.00 Pepsi product

Motion to table due to the applicant groups’ failure to provide a breakdown of the XL credit request.

BFC Motion 066 – Councilor Robertson / Member Thomson Carried

6. Other Business

6.1 Louis’ Performance (see Appendix to 6.1)

The Business & Services Manager, Jason Kovitch, gave a presentation regarding the performance of and vision for Louis’ / Louis’ Loft.

6.2 2015-16 Budget Review

The Chair reminded the Committee that the 2015-16 Budget Review is scheduled for 27 February 2015 from 11:00am-5:00pm and that dinner will be provided.

6.3 Campus Clubs Week

The Chair notified the Committee that from 26-30 January, the tables in the tunnel will be made available to campus groups exclusively and free of charge. The week will culminate with the Meet & Greet at Louis’ Loft on 30 January from 4:00-6:00pm.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there any comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

Appendix to 6.1: Performance Of and Vision For Louis' / Louis' Loft

Performance

Year to date, Louis' is right on track at 99.8% of budgeted revenue. 17.9% more revenue was generated from May-December than was in the same period last year. A critical factor in this success is the renovation of Louis' Loft, despite the estimated \$35,000.00 revenue loss from the Term 1 reading week, which was similarly experienced by our tenants in Lower Place Riel.

Other critical factors in revenue generation include campus group events, third party special events, concert, and the service contract for Griffiths Stadium; for expense control, labour and product costs were critical factors.

Vision

In two years' time, the goal is to generate \$2,000,000.00 revenue/year. In three years' time, the goal is to break even with revenues equaling expenses. This will be achieved through continued focus on critical factors and by building a strong cultural connection with students. Student-friendly programming within the bounds of SLGA regulations, pricing that is affordable while meeting budgetary requirements, and VIP treatment for student groups are a part of this vision.

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, February 5th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Russ Isinger, University Registrar**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – January 29th, 2015**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
 - 4.12 Ad Hoc Committee Minutes and Report – January 22nd, 2015;
January 26th, 2015**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
 - 9.2 General Manager's Report**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday January 29th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Jessie Munro, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Katrina Barth, WCVM
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Benjamin Schwab, STM

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Reed Gillanders, SWITCH
David Ogenkamni

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

VP Nelson amended the agenda to move 7.1 Water Heater to the top of the agenda.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to the agenda.

USCMotion036: VP Nelson/President FineDay **Carried**

Move to accept the agenda.

USCMotion037: President FineDay/Councilor Labrecque **Carried**

7.1 Water Heater

President FineDay proposed to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

Move to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

USCMotion038: President FineDay/Councilor Radomske **Carried**

GM Cottrell noted that the only group that can vote to spend money from the infrastructure fund is Council. She explained that the water tank in the MUB has developed a significant crack and FMD reported that it must be replaced immediately. The tank was replaced in 2002 and the warranty is already expired. The price for the water tank is \$9,449 plus taxes. Besides the price of the tank, the USSU has to pay for installation costs, so the total comes to at least \$25,000. GM Cottrell noted that she was not given an explanation about the installation. It is a six (6) week purchase time and she is going to ask that the tank does not get installed until the beginning of May because Louis' is too busy during the month of March and April. GM Cottrell explained that Council has to decide how to pay for the tank. There are two (2) possible ways to pay for it. One option is for Council to approve the expenditure out of the infrastructure fee. The other option is for Council to vote against the use of the infrastructure fee, in which case GM Cottrell would have to ask the Executive to approve the expenditure and take the money out of the Operating Reserves as a capital expenditure. She called for a councilor to make a motion to approve an expenditure of \$25,000 to replace the water heater in the MUB.

Move to approve an expenditure of \$25,00 to replace the water heater in the MUB using money from the Infrastructure Fund. Move to debate.

USCMotion039: President FineDay/VP Steele **Carried**

VP Nelson asked the reason why the installation has to go through FMD and not other third party.

GM Cottrell replied that the University owns the MUB under the University Act, and under the lease agreement the USSU pays to the University for the building. The University allows the USSU to use third parties for repairs for some low profile matters, but when it comes to electrical and mechanical matters, the University prefers that they

take control of the repairs. She noted that they could ask FMD if the USSU could look for a third party to repair the tank.

Councilor Labrecque asked from which fund is the money coming from to pay for the tank.

President FineDay replied that the money will come from the Infrastructure Fund.

VP Steele asked the reasons why FMD requested the change of the water heater during this week.

GM Cottrell reported that they noticed water on the floor. As a result, FMD examined where the water was coming from and discovered a crack on the bottom of the water heater.

VP Nelson asked if GM Cottrell could let Council know how much money is in the Infrastructure Fund and why FMD cannot just duct tape the water tank for now.

GM Cottrell replied that it is probably structurally unsound to duct tape the tank. She noted that the Infrastructure Fund has a reserve of about \$400,000 above of what the USSU needs for its mortgage payments across the course of this year. She said that she can bring the exact number if Council wishes to.

Councilor Arcand asked if Council is putting any liability on the USSU by holding the new material and not installing it until May.

GM Cottrell answered that the water tank might not even arrive in the six (6) week period. She said that the USSU is in conversations with the University to see who has the liability for this, but she noted that the insurance company would take care of it if it gave way in the meantime.

VP Steele asked if there is a way to approve the \$25,000 but not let FMD know the specific amount so they do not overcharged the USSU.

GM Cottrell replied that she would have to look at the policy. She also noted that if Council were only to approve the cost of the tank but not the installation cost, there could be a problem to approve the cost later given that Council does not meet during the spring and summer terms. However, GM Cottrell noted that unless FMD looks at the minutes, there is no need to tell them the amount that was approved by Council.

Councilor Senecal asked if there are reasons to get a third party that could be cheaper to install the water heater, rather than FMD.

GM Cottrell replied that based on her experience there are not a lot of companies in Saskatoon that could install the water heater. She will explore the options to see if FMD will allow this or not. If market is cheaper, they will go to market but only if FMD allows it.

Councilor Prebble noted that going with the cheapest installation may not be the best option.

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced Reed Gillanders from SWITCH; Rainer Kocsis and Anna-Lilja Dawson; and former member of Council, David Ogenkamni.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality until the Council Address is done. Then Council will assume formality.

3. Council Address

3.1 Reed Gillanders – SWITCH

Mr. Gillanders introduced himself as the Chairperson of SWITCH. He explained that SWITCH is a student initiative and it is a health clinic. He noted that he was approached by Councilors about the levy that they proposed to add to tuition. The levy would be used for student initiatives that have community-based issues.

SWITCH was founded in 2005 in partnership with the U of S, U of R, SIAST, Saskatoon Health Region, and Saskatoon Community Clinics. At the time it was founded, it was the second out of six student-run clinics in Canada. Since then, it has grown to become the largest in scope. Some of the services it offers are: clinical opportunities for second year students from Health Science departments under the supervision of professionals; interdisciplinary services for walk-in clients; hot meals on Saturday; educational programming to improve health literacy, employability skills, and sharing circles to create community; childcare services. SWITCH also operates after hours and it is the only non-emergency medical care clinic on the Westside of Saskatoon. They also host community events, such as community dinners; women's pamper night, fundraisers.

SWITCH's goal is that everyone has equal access to health-care, nutrition, education, and employability skills to better arm them with the tools to create opportunities for themselves.

SWITCH operates at 110 shifts per year, which are every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, except for during the summer, reading week and Christmas break because of the difficulty to get students to volunteer during those times of the year. They have more than sixty professional mentors. From 2012 until August 2014, they have had 800 students volunteered; the two major colleges to have volunteers were Arts & Science and Medicine. Other volunteers come from all over campus.

SWITCH is a program that has different options for each college at the University. As a result, they do not have a shortage of volunteers to get involve.

Mr. Gillanders pointed out that in October 2014 due to inability to get enough revenue, SWITCH was forced to stop offering Saturday shifts. The reason that revenue has been going down is because since its creation, they have not been able to acquire sustainable funding, therefore they have to base their budget on grants. However, that only worked for the first years because grants are for new initiatives, but now SWITCH is no longer a new initiative. Some of the grants were not given to SWITCH this year because they expired.

Mr. Gillanders noted that projected for next year, SWITCH has \$119,000 out of their \$300,000 in revenues guaranteed; \$50,000 provided by Saskatoon Health Region, \$30,000 from PotashCorp, \$35,000 from the City of Saskatoon, \$4,000 from the College of Arts & Science, and the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition is taking the nutrition part of SWITCH and running it, including their operations. They have the prospect to receive donations from different bodies, about \$70,000, such as Greenshield, the Saskatoon Community Foundation and Community Initiatives Fund. Adding all these revenues for next year SWITCH is still looking for \$11,000.

Mr. Gillanders has met with different bodies, such as the USSU and the College of Medicine, to find grants to cover the missing \$11,000, which will allow SWITCH to get the Saturday shift back. He pointed out that the COO of the College of Medicine is very positive about helping, but Mr. Gillanders says that he is not sure if they can get the \$11,000 for next year.

Mr. Gillanders expressed that having this new levy will allow SWITCH to get this extra revenue they need to get their Saturday shift back. He noted that the specifics for the expenditures were on the paper he gave Councilors.

Councilor Labrecque asked if the partners that helped create SWITCH were asked to fund it or it was never an option.

Mr. Gillanders replied that the Saskatoon Community Clinics are one of the largest funders; they provide SWITCH's space for free, and liability insurance for volunteers. Through the University Mr. Gillanders has met with different bodies but none has given funds for SWITCH yet. From Saskatoon Health region Primary Health, SWITCH receives \$50,000 each year.

Councilor Arcand asked if SWITCH is the only clinic that it is still functioning out of the six (6) that were working around Canada.

Mr. Gillanders answered that the first one was one in Vancouver. All these clinics have had difficulties for a variety of reasons, and the reason because SWITCH has been successful is because it might be more resilient than the other clinics. He noted that the other clinics have had problems of not having liability insurance for their volunteers or enough volunteers to run the clinic.

Councilor Radomske asked if SWITCH has investigated how the other clinics have been funded and possible initiatives that SWITCH could take.

Mr. Gillanders replied that there is a yearly conference that happens between all the student-run clinics in Canada. Most clinics are funded very similarly, through primary health or their university, for example. He thinks that none of them have actually attained any kind of sustainability.

Councilor Radomske asked if SWITCH has exceeded its sustainability point and perhaps cutting services is the only way to continue providing its services.

Mr. Gillanders answered that SWITCH is at an optimal place of what they want its services to be. They have enough volunteers and clients to come in during three (3) times a week. He believes that having \$300,000 on revenue can be sustainable.

VP Steele asked if Mr. Gillanders could explain how SWITCH is governed; and if they are looking at receiving sustain funds from external partners and how this might affect the way they make decisions.

Mr. Gillanders replied that SWITCH is governed and structured by a board of directors with nine (9) student members on it and a community member among others, there are also some positions that are open. He believes that they would benefit if the University were to get involved, providing advice in their board of directors.

Councilor Haines asked if there is a timeframe to apply for grants or if there is another process to apply for them.

Mr. Gillanders replied that there is no real protocol for the grants. He noted that these grants are for projects, therefore the sponsors would like to see the project done by the four (4) year period. Grants are not meant for organizations like SWITCH.

Councilor Nash asked if the organization is allowed to receive funding from Aboriginal initiatives companies given the large Aboriginal population that uses SWITCH.

Mr. Gillanders answered that SWITCH has received funding from Dakota Dunes in the past, but this one was a grant that is already expired. He noted that there are not a lot of organizations that would fund them through Aboriginal organizations.

Councilor Radomske asked what amount of money would SWITCH be looking for if the USSU were to collect a certain portion of money per student per year.

Mr. Gillanders replied that between the College of Medicine, the USSU, and the U of S Alumni Association, the Ministry of Social Services, and Fundraising Initiatives, SWITCH would be looking at half of the revenue, \$150,000, coming from these five (5) bodies. He believes that one third of the revenue could come from the College of

Medicine and one third from the USSU and the remaining one third between the other three (3) entities.

Councilor Radomske asked what was the number of enrollments in the academic year 2014-2015.

Answer to this question is inaudible from the recording.

Mr. Gillanders pointed out that \$70,000 of the revenue are grants are going to expire eventually; therefore he thinks that it would be better to receive more from other bodies as the grants expire.

Councilor Senecal asked if SWITCH could overcome transferring the levy to another organization if the USSU were to grant a levy with SWITCH as a recipient.

Mr. Gillanders replied that it could be a significant hurdle but if the USSU were to provide a warning in advance, SWITCH could start looking at different funding options and shift cutting.

Councilor Arcand noted that if SWITCH was not receive the grant, they could be at the same stage they are right now.

VP Steele asked if SWITCH has thought about approaching other corporations, as they already received money from PotashCorp.

Mr. Gillanders noted that they wrote grants to a few different companies in the oil and gas sector without success. He added that once you received money from a potash company, it is harder to get money from other companies related to gas, oil or potash.

Councilor Radomske asked what mechanism or stewardships would the USSU have to see that the funds are being used appropriately if the levy were to be applied on tuition.

Mr. Gillanders replied that if the levy were to be applied, he would be open to have talks with the USSU to see how they could get involve with SWITCH's government.

Councilor Radomske asked if PotashCorp has any influence on SWITCH's activities or if they have any influence to see how their money if being used.

Mr. Gillanders answered that the money from PotashCorp is on a grant basis, therefore at the end SWITCH has to report how they spent the money. He added that the only unrestricted funding that SWITCH receives is from Saskatoon Health Region and the College of Arts & Science.

President FineDay thanked Mr. Gillanders for coming to Council and present about SWITCH.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – January 15th, 2015

4.2 Executive Committee – January 20th, 2015; January 27th, 2015

4.3 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – January 13th, 2015; January 20th, 2015

VP Nelson noted that on the minutes from January 13, under section 5.2.8 the motion is missing.

Move to add “move to grant” under section 5.2.8.

USCMotion040: VP Nelson/Councilor Robertson

Carried

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports.

USCMotion041: VP Nelson/Councilor Haines

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

Councilor Haines noted that she was approached by one of her colleagues about a situation that happened last spring. While taking the bus, there was a man who had a heart attack. The student that helped the man knew CPR and she called for someone to grab a defibrillator but there are none in Place Riel. There are defibrillators on campus but none in Place Riel. She asked if the USSU could look at the option of buying a defibrillator for Place Riel.

GM Cottrell replied that when the renovation was taking place in Place Riel, there were conversations about having defibrillators in the building. From a variety of recommendations, the results were that it is better to not have one because they are really expensive; the demographic is not characteristic of those having heart attacks; Place Riel is a bus mall, where a variety of people can walk in; and there are employees in the building only Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 4:30, therefore it could provide a false sense of security that really does not exist. However, there are doctors on the fourth floor of Place Riel that would not answer to emergencies happening in Place Riel because of liability issues. She knows that not having a defibrillator might be an issue, but around 20,000 people come through Place Riel every day and in 25 years there has only be one heart attack, so she does not see the need right now to have one.

Mr. Ogenkamni noted that he was visiting Council today for two (2) reasons. The first one was in relation to Louis'. He received some complaints from students about the way

they are treated. The second concern is related to tuition and how the USSU should act about it, perhaps looking at a vote of non-confidence. He called for the USSU to take action about tuition increases.

President FineDay said that he is going to make the general manager look into the issue of Louis'. He added that one of his top priorities is accessibility and affordability to education. Tuition did go up from 2 to 5 percent and it is a point of concern. The USSU plays a role where it lobbies the University administration. Sometimes the USSU's influence work and sometimes it does not. He is encouraged to see students get together to talk about tuition increases, the affordability of education at the University. He noted that talks with different bodies, protests, and lobbying are constantly happening in the University to deal with these issues.

Councilor Rogowski asked if the employees from Louis' were fired and they were spoken badly after being fired.

Mr. Ogenkamni replied that they were spoken badly after being fired. One of the employees was forbidden to even enter the building.

Councilor Robertson made a motion for the Human Resources Committee to look into this issue and report back to Council.

Move to make the Human Resources Committee to look into the Louis' issue and report back to Council.

USCMotion042: Councilor Robertson/Councilor Radomske **Carried**

GM Cottrell noted that she is aware of this issue. She was on medical leave when this issue took place. However, she pointed out that personnel issues are confidential, therefore she will not be reporting back to Council about the specifics of what happened with the staff members. She added that they have dealt with the individuals already.

VP Steele asked if the motion to report back to Council about this issue could still be passed given GM Cottrell's notice that it is a confidential matter.

Chairperson Hitchings explained that it can still be passed but she has to follow the HR policies of what can and cannot be disclosed.

VP Steele proposed a friendly amendment for the HR Committee to report back to Council on the matter of how it was investigated without providing details.

VP Steele noted that on Thursday January 29, the Undergraduate Project Symposium took place. It was a successful event that provided an excellent opportunity for undergraduate students to present their work.

Councilor Arcand pointed out that on Thursday January 29 she received a text message from Reed Gillanders with regards to the Ad Hoc Committee meeting that did not take

place before Council. She made a friendly remark to inform guests if meetings are cancelled before hand.

Councilor Haines noted that she was not aware that the Ad Hoc Committee was going to meet before Council.

President FineDay added that the Committee supposed to meet before Council but the meeting did not take place. He will make sure that the Chair and all members inform their guests for future meetings.

VP Steele invited Mr. Ogenkamni to interact with the Executive about any ideas or initiatives that he thinks would benefit from USSU support with relation to tuition.

GM Cottrell noted that one of the USSU lawyers will be at the USSU on Monday February 2 at 7:00p.m. to discuss the SWITCH funding. The lawyers will provide their legal opinion on the levy on tuition.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Rogowski – Engineering – reported that the College of Engineering is having a tuition town hall on Friday January 30 at 4:30 to 6:30. It is going to address students' space allocation, tuition rates, college financials and new building updates.

Councilor Nash – Indigenous Students – reported that Aboriginal Achievement Week is coming up on the week of February 2 to February 6. There are tickets for purchase for the Aboriginal Arts Festival; and the Aboriginal Achievement Week Gala from 6:00p.m. until 2:00a.m, and tickets are \$10; Steak Night is taking place on Thursday January 29 at 7:00p.m.; and a cooking class on Friday January 30.

VP Steele asked if the Gala starts at 6:00p.m. or 7:00p.m. because she received an email saying that it is at 7:00p.m.

Councilor Senecal – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU Annual General Meeting took place on Monday January 26, and the most significant changes were adding new positions to the Executive of the ASSU.

Councilor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that the Nutrition students are having a bake sale on Friday January 30. The College of Pharmacy & Nutrition had a Symposium on January 28 about young leaders in pharmacy.

Councilor Nash thanked VP Steele for noticing the time of the Gala, which starts at 7:00p.m.

10. Adjournment

Committee for the Student-Led Community Outreach Fund (SLCOF)

January 26th, 2015 – 7:00pm Roy Romano Council Chambers

Present: C. Labrecque, C. Robertson, C. Nash, C. Barrett, C. Daniels, C. Li, C. Senecal, C. Haines, VP Saddleback

Regrets: C. Prebble, C. Arcand, C. Iron

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – 7:02pm
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda – C. Daniels; 2 – C. Li
- 3) Motion to Approve meeting minutes from January 22nd, 2015 – C. Saddleback; 2 – C. Robertson
- 4) Old Business
- 5) New Business
 - a. Committee and/or SLCOF Goals and Objectives
 - i. See vision
 - b. Timeline
 - i. Meet with lawyer next week – Feb. 2
 - ii. To get the fee into the October cycle, we need to hold a referendum
 - iii. In order to get a referendum within our term as councillors, we need to hold it alongside the next election of council ☹ we need to bring it to council at least 28days before the referendum would happen ie. Feb 25th (special meeting)
 - iv. Student forum should happen before the referendum ☹ Feb 12th (?)
 - v. Proposed referendum ☹ March 26th
 - Evote and 10% of all members to meet quorum
 - vi. Waiting to hear from lawyer before calling referendum
 - c. Student Forum
 - i. Date/Time/Location - Proposed Thursday, February 12th
 - ii. Maybe do a survey instead of a forum
 - iii. Could also go for an online campaign – emails, posters, facebook
 - Ask Elias
 - iv. What do they want? And also what can we offer them
- 6) Other Business/Discussion
 - a. Can we do it?
 - i. SWITCH does a lot of outside work, not exclusively with students ☹ we would be a third party fee collector
 - ii. Danger that all student groups will apply for this fee and then it will snowball and the Uni will hate it and stop it all
 - b. How we do it – Which groups get it?
 - i. Can we have a pitch process? – select from formal applications
 - ii. Can we have a recurrent fee for a specific group (ex: SWITCH)
 - iii. Do we want to have refractory period before the same group can re-apply
 - iv. Top three groups get funding??
 - v. The group needs to submit all the information about other grants that they have applied for

- c. Opt-out
 - i. Implications and how to go about getting that
- d. What is our definition of community outreach?
 - i. Has to do with students
 - ii. Student-led
 - iii. Must be Ratified with the USSU
- e. Review of the program x amount of years down the road
 - i. Create a term on it
- f. Ensure that government funding continues even with other funding from us
- g. Limitations under Non-Profit Act
- h. Maybe an abuse of the notion of student fees under the Act

7) Motion to Adjourn – C. Li; 2 – C. Daniels

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

January 22nd, 2015 – 5:00pm Roy Romano Council Chambers

Present: Councillors Nash, Labrecque, Li, Prebble, Saddleback, Senecal, FineDay, Arcand, Barrett, Haines, Robertson, Daniels, Iron, Caroline Cottrell

1. Adoption of the agenda - Jack (5:07)
 - a. Motion to move "Who to invite to meetings" to the end - C. Arcand; seconded - C. Robertson
 - b. Motion to add terms of reference to 5 - C. Robertson; seconded - C. Li
2. Election of secretary
 - a. Nomination of C. Haines
 - b. Motion C. Senecal; Seconded - C. Haines
3. Motion to move non-voting members to voting members - C. Senecal
 - a. PASSED
 - b. Councillors Li and Iron are now voting members of the committee
4. Election of Chair
 - a. Nomination of Councillor Labrecque (by Councillor Daniels) - accepted
 - b. Nomination of Councillor Robertson (by Councillor Labrecque) - accepted
 - c. Nomination of Councillor Arcand (by Councillor Nash) - declined
 - d. Speeches were made.
 - e. Councillor Labrecque was voted in as Chair
 - f. Motion to destroy the votes - C Daniels; seconded - C. Senecal
5. Terms of Reference
 - a. Caroline Cottrell
 - i. Legality of adding a levy - fraught with danger; may need to talk to another lawyer (to present)
 - ii. May put the USSU as a 3rd party fee collector --> poses many legal issues and will get confusing
 - iii. Gained information from counterparts across the country Alma Mater Society, U of R (and one other)
 - b. There may be other routes to go through other than adding a levy
 - i. Senecal put forward reworking student groups and how they fall under the USSU (?)
 - ii. "Trust funds" for student groups --> involves applying for funding
 - iii. Student Emergency Fund --> example from U of A
 - c. How the groups are chosen (criteria) --> limited to community focus? Expanded to all students?
 - d. Pitch Process!
 - e. Have a good idea of who would sit on the committee before moving forward
 - f. Due date for applying for grants
 - g. Pitch of bringing the Charitable Donation Funds back to the whole council (different term) --> Student-led Community Outreach Fund
6. Timeline
 - a. Not going to be implemented for a while; fee committee meets every Dec. --> fee wouldn't be in place until 2016/2017
 - i. We could implement it at any time (subsidized in the meantime by the USSU) (?)
 - b. When to have things set on Council - Feb 26th. No. --> March sometime
 - c. Meeting Time for the Committee
 - i. Doodle poll to be sent out by Chair
 - d. Setting out a budget - after lawyer and mechanisms are worked out
 - e. 4 meetings (order is subject to change)
 - i. Lawyer
 - ii. Open Forum
 - iii. Mechanisms
 - iv. Projected Values

7. Other Business
 - a. Report by February 26th. (later?)
 - i. Select members of Ad hoc committee to write the report --> Caroline + Jack
 - b. Vision Statement (Ad Hoc Committee): To establish a student fund that will support student-led community outreach initiatives and to determine the mechanisms by which the funds will be dispersed.
 - i. Motion to accept the vision statement - C. Daniels; seconded - C. Prebble
 - ii. PASSED
 8. Who to invite to meetings
 - a. SWITCH to present at January 29th meeting
 - i. Invite a student forum - gauge interest and which groups would be interested
 - ii. Open Forum: Feb 2-6th?after break?

Motion to Adjourn - Arcand (6:17)

Committee for the Student-Led Community Outreach Fund (SLCOF)

February 2nd, 2015 – 7:00pm Roy Romano Council Chambers

Present: C. Labrecque, Caroline Cottrell, VP Nelson, C. Nash, C. Barrett, C. Arcand, C. Senecal, C. Daniels, C. Iron, C. Robertson, C. Haines

Guests: Brendan Tumbach (Lawyer), Anna-Lilja Dawson (The Sheaf)

Regrets: C. Prebble

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – 7:00pm (C. Labrecque)
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda (C. Arcand) (2- C. Senecal)
- 3) Motion to Approve meeting minutes from January 26th, 2015 (C. Arcand) (2- C. Daniels)
- 4) Committee Address – USSU Lawyer (Brendan Tumbach)
 - a. SWITCH is hoping for 50,000\$/year
 - b. Non-profit organization act and USSU bylaws – nothing prohibits us from doing this
 - c. **Practical concerns** – does funding one charity fit w/in the USSU mandate
 - i. What do you do with all the other charities/groups that come asking for money
 1. Classic, CHEP, et al ☺ we may be opening up the flood gates
 - ii. If SWITCH begins to rely on the USSU will that mean that other funders will remove themselves?
 - iii. Students challenging the implementation of this student fee. Legally challenging the validity of making this student fee.
- 5) Questions
 - a. (C. Cottrell) Referring to PIRG – under the non-profit Act, all the money of an organisation is to be used for the benefit of its members.
 - i. Is it an issue that we are benefitting the community, larger than just the student body ie: the larger community and anyone that comes into SWITCH for health care needs.
 1. (Tumbach) It might be an argument. It's benefitting the students that volunteer there, but mostly the community. Could go in with the 3rd concern.
 - b. Is there any way to set aside a certain set of money for SWITCH? Go half standard for SWITCH, half to whoever applies? (C. Barrett)
 - i. (Tumbach) Need a referendum explaining exactly what is going on, but it all depends on how the program is implemented. It could be cumbersome.
 - ii. Ex: Charity Fund at McGill, a pool is made and they send it to whichever charity is in need at the discretion of Council.
 - c. (C. Senecal) Charity Fund based on a case by case basis. Would that be allowable here? (C. Senecal)
 - i. (Tumbach) It's fundamental that it should benefit the students (hasn't done all the research), but you must ensure that you are in line with the Non-Profit Act.
 - ii. We'd want something that is more local, student-led not necessarily global (C. Arcand)
 - iii. U of A has an emergency fund, U of C has a similar fund.
 - d. (Tumbach) This is potentially achievable, but it opens us up to a lot of criticisms. Is this what the USSU is about? If we make this structure and it goes to SWITCH, there's nothing saying that next year's council can't come in and undo all of it. There's nothing binding USSU to do this and commit the money to SWITCH

indefinitely, it's up to Council. If future council undoes it, that's allowable. Be aware of the pitfalls that could occur.

- e. (Cottrell) Need a specific referendum. Leery of lawsuits
 - i. The University doesn't have to approve a fee under the university Act.
 - f. (Tumbach) We need a process to do this properly. Not go to court and avoid being challenged.
 - g. (C. Haines) Clarification would we be called a Third party fee collector?
 - i. (Tumbach) It may seem like the UofS is lobbying for fees from students for this other organization.
 - h. (VP Nelson) Fee review committee perspective
 - i. Very wary to implement a fee that isn't widely applicable to the population
 - ii. Must meet an ordered set of priorities in coordination with the University
 - iii. SWITCH is a Political/Provincial issue at the moment. Not sure if we want to be caught in the middle of or taking a side on.
 - i. (C. Arcand) SWITCH has said that they don't want this fee to be for them specifically. Not put their name on it specifically but making a fund for all student groups, keep it the SLCOF. SWITCH might fold and we shouldn't specify them
 - j. (C. Labrecque) As the committee discussed previously, We can make it for a large number of groups so we aren't favoring one group over another
 - k. (Cottrell) Issue of the University. The University wants the fees to be universal. No college based fees. We're already collecting student fees, we can use them. But we could still ask the question
 - l. (VP Nelson) Suggested having the Chair of the Fee Review Committee come talk to either Council or this Committee.
 - m. (C. Haines) Agree with C. Arcand's previous statement. We just need to get a set idea of where we're going and how we want to go about it.
 - n. (C. Labrecque) Do we need a set bylaw for the implication of a referendum
 - i. Nope
 - ii. A selection process will need to be written into the Policy/Procedures a mechanism to be written into the funding
 - o. (Cottrell) As mentioned last week, if we want to get the referendum in this year, we need to work quickly. It would need to be in next week.
 - p. (C. Daniels) How are we going to figure out who the funds are going to?
Application and picking the top5, then pitches, then picking.
 - i. We could make a term on it (C. Senecal)
 - q. (Tumbach) If you need any more legal advice, and/or have the set plan of what you want to do, then [lawyers] can step in and help from there. They can look into how to implement this.
- 6) Other Business/Discussion
- a. So what are we going to do?
 - i. We can do it if we have a set plan (C. Robertson)
 - ii. Are we ok with rushing this? (VP Nelson)
 - 1. No.... there's a lot to do and a lot more people to talk to.
 - iii. Let's make a document to advise Council and can be called upon next year. (C. Labrecque)
 - iv. A lot of barriers, hard to identify a clear benefit at this point (C. Senecal)
 - v. (C. Haines) More time is needed to get all the information we can this year before we feel comfortable getting a referendum in.
 - vi. (Cottrell) A referendum isn't hard to do. "Tabling" it poses the risk it fizzles out or next year's council ignores it. Moving forward with the referendum poses quickly approaching deadlines and we risk not being able to come up with a clear referendum question in time.
 - 1. Which risk are we willing to take?
 - b. (C. Senecal) How much are we charging per student?

- i. SWITCH was asking for \$50,000 – 75,000 € \$3.50/student/year
 - c. (C. Haines) Where do we sit on the issue of a Student Forum?
 - i. What are students going to say about this?
 - ii. Online questionnaire?
 - 1. We could use it to get a full picture, ask all the questions we would need including questions about Louis' staff and Welcome Week initiatives (VP. Nelson)
 - d. Move to recommend to next years council that they consider implementing a referendum for the SLCBF before the end of September in time for the fall election. (C. Senecal) (2 – C. Arcand)
 - i. MOTION PASSES
 - ii. Using the Information that we've gathered and recommendations from the lawyer, we can assemble a report to bring to USC.
 - iii. Report for the Feb. 26th
- 7) Motion to Adjourn (C. Labrecque) (2 – C. Arcand) € 8:02pm

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, February 12th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Charlie Clark, City Councillor**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – February 5th, 2015**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – February 10th, 2015**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – January 16th, 2015**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday February 5th, 2015

Present

Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Max FineDay, President
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine

Absent

Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Katrina Barth, WCVM

Guest List

Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Russ Isinger, University Registrar

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Councilor Haines requested to add the minutes from the Ad Hoc Committee from February 2, 2015.

Move to add to the agenda the Minutes and Report from the Ad Hoc Committee meeting from February 2, 2015.

USCMotion043: Councilor Haines/Councilor Robertson **Carried**

VP Nelson requested to add the minutes from the Budget and Finance Committee from February 3, 2015.

Move to add to the agenda the Minutes and Report from the Budget and Finance Committee meeting from February 3, 2015. Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion044: VP Nelson/Councilor Prebble **Carried**

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Nelson introduced Anna-Lilja Dawson from the Sheaf.

VP Steele introduced Russ Isinger, who is the University Registrar.

3. Council Address

3.1 Russ Isinger – University Registrar

Mr. Isinger thanked Council for inviting him to Council. He noted that he was visiting Council to talk about the Academic Courses Policy and class scheduling.

The Academic Courses Policy is now open for revision, and it is close to be reviewed by University Council. Mr. Isinger said that this policy is important because it works like a constitutional foundation that sets out the relationship between students and faculty for a variety of things, such as examinations, how syllabus are determined, accommodations in the classroom and exam schedule. Basically the policy outlines what are the rights and responsibilities of faculty and students.

Mr. Isinger then talked about class scheduling. He explained how the schedules are done, starting from each department following a strict framework, therefore done in a faculty-centric way. This means that the schedule is mostly one that faculty wants rather than students but this varies from college to college. This has led Mr. Isinger to think about new forms of scheduling, such as having classes on Saturday; and to see how to use the University space better.

Mr. Isinger noted that changing the way in which the University sets the class schedule is a complicated decision because it has to be approved by University officials, following

consultation with students and faculty. He pointed out that other universities from the U15 have moved to new forms of scheduling system.

He invited Councilors to ask him any questions that they may have.

Councilor Jones asked what other universities are adopting a new class scheduling system.

Mr. Isinger pointed out that there are a few universities experimenting with scheduling right now, therefore they are all taking different systems. He then explained some of the models but he noted that the University would adopt the best model that fits all its members, after consultation takes place.

Councilor Senecal pointed out that it would be better to know the exam schedule before the term begins. He added that other universities in the country use this system.

Mr. Isinger noted that the U15 do not use this system. This becomes more problematic the bigger the institution, but it is possible. It usually takes place in universities that centralized timetabling. Moreover, the software that the University has does not allow releasing the exam schedule early. He said that having the exam schedule before hand may limit a student's choice when signing up for classes. When the University surveyed students five (5) years ago about the exam schedule, they preferred to choose their classes and then receive the exam schedule.

Councilor Munro noted that in Edwards School of Business they have program planning where students choose the classes they are going to take in the upcoming year, so there are enough spots for everyone. She then asked if it would be possible to have program planning for the University so there are spots available for all students to take electives or requirements for their degrees.

Mr. Isinger replied that it is possible and the software can handle it. He added that the Edwards' software for scheduling does not have classes from other Colleges in its system, therefore it does not take them into account when it creates the class schedule. The system is possible but there are also other possibilities to create a class schedule, such as looking at enrollment and predicting what classes students are going to take in the future.

VP Steele said that she has been part of the Committee that is reviewing the Academic Courses Policy. She noted that there have been issues that have come up about the policy, such as students not knowing when they will get their final grades back. She asked if Mr. Isinger could explain what should happen and what policy should follow in order for them to know what to do and to get their grades sooner.

Mr. Isinger answered that the policy says that a students has to have his/her final grades within five (5) business days. If a professor has not submitted the marks after the five (5) days, there as an automatic system that starts sending emails to them saying that the

grades are late and to please notify the office of the Registrar if there is a reason for the lateness of the grades. There are two (2) things that the office of the Registrar needs to know, one being the reason for the marks being late; and second, if the professor has notified the class that their marks are going to be late. In addition, the college is also notified if the professor has not submitted the marks yet.

VP Steele pointed out that department heads have to approve grades before they are submitted to the office of the Registrar. However, there might be instances where the department head has not paid attention at the way instructors mark. She then asked if there is any possible change on policy so there is a regulation of oversight over students' grades.

Mr. Isinger replied that there is already a two (2) -step process. He noted that it is unusual that the department head would not oversee the grades of students. Moreover, other universities do not even have this system, therefore the instructor has total control over the submission of the grades. If there was the need to check this, a group of students could complain against the dean, department head or instructor to see what happened to their grades.

VP Steele noted that some students did not know that the syllabus of a class technically constitutes a contract between the instructor and the students. She asked if Mr. Isinger could explain the basic purpose of the syllabus and what is the procedure for a professor to change something in the syllabus. In addition, she asked how much detail has to be included in the syllabus.

Mr. Isinger replied that in essence the syllabus is a contract between the instructor and the class. The Academic Courses Policy does outline what should be on the syllabus. The policy also outlines that the syllabus cannot be changed after it is handed out to students. In order for an instructor to change the syllabus, consultation with the class is imperative. The new policy has a better explanation of this and how to deal with arbitrary syllabus changes.

VP Steele noted that she received a concern from a student that had four (4) midterms in one (1) week. This student was concern because of the pressure of getting high grades to get into a professional college. VP Steele checked the policy and it says that if a student has more than three (3) midterms in one (1) day, he or she would be treated as a special case. She then asked if Mr. Isinger has looked at the possibility of changing this so it says that if a student has two (2) or more midterms in one day, or if he/she has four (4) tests in one (1) week.

Mr. Isinger answered that there are not more resources in the current policy to deal with this issues. He noted that this is an academic decision, and therefore each college would have to make a decision regarding these issues. There is nothing to stop a college to add workload regulation that is how to spread midterms and assignments throughout the term. He will look at this once the committee on the academic policy meets again and see if there is appetite to add regulation for this.

Councilor Jones noted that a similar situation happened in the College of Kinesiology in Term 1 2014-2015. There were three (3) 300 level Kinesiology classes midterms scheduled for the same week and a professor decided to move one of the midterms to another week. Then, the same classes had final exams on the same week, one after the other.

Mr. Isinger noted that midterms are easier to change than finals. However, a professor needs 100 percent of the students' agreement in order to change a final exam. The problem with changing finals is choosing a new date. The Registrar cannot change finals because the software will not let changes takes place.

Councilor _____ asked what is the policy for curving grades.

Mr. Isinger replied that there is no University policy on curving grades. This is left to the academic units to determine it. He believes that within colleges is left mostly to the department. He noted that they would have to ask their department to see what their policy is.

Councilor Senecal asked if students have ever been giving access to the instructors' evaluations at the end of the term.

Mr. Isinger replied that evaluations falls under the portfolio of Patty McDougall, Vice-Provost of Teaching and Learning. He suspects that this has been discussed but it is controversial within the faculty.

Councilor Haines asked if there have been talks about the timeframe that students have to complete the evaluations, commenting that it could provide a longer period of time for students to complete them.

Mr. Isinger noted again that this falls under the portfolio of Patty McDougall, but he will bring the concerns to her to be discussed in the future. He pointed out that he is not aware of any rules concerning the timing of the evaluations.

VP Steele pointed out that she seats on the Committee for the evaluation of teaching. She noted that the committee has considered releasing evaluations. There is opposition from faculty but there could be a consensual agreement to release the information. She added that extending the timeframe for evaluations throughout the exam period might be problematic because of exams but she will bring the concern to the committee's attention.

Councilor Barrett asked if the evaluations could be completed after the final exam is over, so students have the opportunity to comment on the evaluation method or material covered by the instructor.

Councilor Senecal asked if the releasing of information of the course evaluations is being considered to be on a college or class basis.

VP Steele replied that the hypothetical solution could be based on the class a professor taught.

Councilor Labrecque asked about the consent of students to change the syllabus and the terms of how the consent works.

Mr. Isinger answered that they do not request a signed consent form because of students that might be absent from the class, therefore they tend to suggest instructors to send a message to the whole class saying that students that find a conflict with changing something from the syllabus should contact them. This seems to work well in classes. Mr. Isinger has not received complaints about this.

Councilor Jones commented that she took a class where the whole class consented to change an examination but the new time did not work for her. However, the professor was very open to help her to find a better time for her.

Councilor Haines asked how the professional colleges scheduling would be influenced if the University were to adopt the centralized scheduling system.

Mr. Isinger replied that they could not force professional colleges to take a system that does not work for their scheduling system. He thinks that they would probably carry on as they were before because it works better for them. For example, the College of Dentistry has full control over schedules, examination times and spaces; therefore there would not be any incentive for them to have central scheduling. As a result, if the system were to be adopted, it would vary in each college. He sees this system to be implemented in direct-entry colleges, and maybe a few other colleges.

Councilor Labrecque pointed out that the College of Engineering tends to do schedules based on program and year, therefore it is very specific.

Mr. Isinger said that he has talked with the College of Engineering and they are interested in the centralized scheduling system. He noted that this college does have a fair amount of control over its space; and the software for this type of scheduling does have a lot of space for exceptions.

Councilor Senecal asked what are some initiatives that the University has planned to educate students about their academic rights.

Mr. Isinger replied that there is a student handbook for academic rights. He wants the syllabus to link out to the Academic Courses Policy. He has an expectation that faculty members and advisors are mentioning it to students.

Councilor Haines asked if there is a chance to get electronic transcripts.

Mr. Isinger replied that the paper transcript the University has is very basic compared to other universities. Right now the University uses a software that is under work to be

changed with regards to transcripts. There is a project in Canada right now to better the transcript system.

VP Steele asked if maybe students show more concern about electronic transcripts, the University would consider applying them sooner.

Mr. Isinger replied that it would be better to be able to send the transcripts to everyone, but there are universities that are not set up to receive electronic transcripts. He noted that even if this was a huge concern for students, the University's environment at the moment does not allow for this.

Councilor Rogowski asked about the methods that will be used for the consultation process with regards to the class scheduling system.

Mr. Isinger answered that there would be a committee with student representation, led by a senior position, such as a provost; surveys to students and faculty; and focus groups.

VP Steele invited Councilors to email her in case they have any academic concerns, especially with relation to the topics Mr. Isinger talked about. She then thanked Mr. Isinger for coming to Council.

Move back into formality.

USCMotion045: _____/Councilor Jones

Carried

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – January 29th, 2015

4.2 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – February 3rd, 2015

4.3 Ad Hoc Committee Minutes and Report – January 22nd, 2015; January 26th, 2015; February 2nd, 2015

VP Steele asked if any member of the Ad Hoc Committee could briefly explained what was discussed in the committee meetings.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports into the official record.

USCMotion046: Councilor Haines/Councilor Iron

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation

Councilor Labrecque explained that on the first Ad Hoc Committee meeting they discussed what they wanted to achieve. On the second meeting they brainstormed ideas

before meeting with the lawyer and see what were different possibilities that could be feasible. The lawyer told the committee that the idea was good but the timeframe was too narrow. He was willing to help the committee but first they need to narrow their project. There will be a report coming out with the decision of the committee.

Councilor Andreas asked when the report would be available.

Councilor Labrecque replied that it will be brought to Council on February 26, 2015. The report might be available earlier because the committee is not meeting again.

8. Questions and Comments

Councilor Senecal asked if any Councilors have ever won a gift-card by completing a course evaluation. He noted that there is a very small incentive to complete the long course evaluations.

Councilor Prebble noted that we should value our education and the value we put on this institution.

VP Steele thanked Councilor Senecal's point that without monetary incentives students might not complete the course evaluations. However, there should be noted the other incentives to complete these evaluations, such as the better of the institution and the promotion of tenure for professors.

Councilor Jones commented that a course where the evaluations is done in class, the professor is not present in the classroom but rather somebody else from the college administers the evaluation. She added that in class evaluations are a better form to get students to complete the evaluations.

VP Steele agreed with Councilor Jones that paper evaluations are a better way to administer the course evaluations. However, she does not think that this method would be kept being used; therefore one should look at more pragmatic ways to administer these evaluations.

Councilor Barrett pointed out that students could bring their electronic devices to class one day and complete the course evaluation in class time.

Councilor Radomske noted that in the College of Nursing, where most of the professors have tenure, he finds it useless to complete course evaluations. He asked if VP Steele could bring this to the attention of the committees on which she sits on.

VP Steele said that she will bring the concern forward. She added that evaluations in class are being discussed by the committees.

Councilor Labrecque asked if it is true that professor receive their evaluations back with no names of students when they meet certain percentage of students' responses. Further,

if the evaluations are done on paper, the professor may know your handwriting and know who you are.

VP Steele replied that professors receive a tabulation of the results. In addition, professors also receive the comment section. She added that if the evaluations are completed in paper, the comments are transcribed by an administration member and then given to the professor.

Councilor Andreas said that students of the Law Students' Association, who live in the Grad House Residence, approached him. They noted that they cannot opt-out of U-Pass exception. He asked what is the policy to opt-out of U-Pass.

VP Nelson replied that the exceptions to opt-out are defined by contract. Only on-campus residences can opt-out of U-Pass. He added that this discussion has been going on for a long time; there is hesitancy to deal with it because of the consistency of the contract with Transit.

Councilor Jones noted that a lot of students that live in off-campus residence do use the U-Pass, therefore it is efficient to have it available for them.

VP Steele made a note about the whiteboard in the USSU office. This whiteboard is used for the Executive Committee agenda. During the week a message was written on the board making reference to find more interesting topics to bring to Council. She pointed out that she is not bringing this up to know who wrote the message, but to note that the Executive sets the Executive agenda. Further, she asked if this is something that a lot of Councilors feel, she invited them to tell the Executive what they would like to discuss in Council.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Jones – Kinesiology – reported that the Annual Hockey Trip that went to Calgary, which happened on the first week of Term 2, paid a damage deposit to the hotel for \$100. After the trip the Hotel reported that there were damages for \$800. As a result of this, the College of Kinesiology is having a bake sale on the week of February 9 to raise funds.

Councilor Chan – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU is having a movie night on Thursday February 12 at 7:00p.m., showing “When Harry met Sally”.

Councilor Nwabunike – International Students – reported that the Bangladesh Undergraduate Students' Federation is having their international modern language celebration on February 27 at Louis' Pub at 8:00p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Councilor Barrett – Agriculture and Bioresources – reported that on January 30 her college had their Grad Supper, with speakers and awards.

Councilor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that the College of Engineering had its second town hall on January 30. There was a good turnout. They looked at the financial overview of the college. Further, there is a plan for expansion of the building.

Councilor Radomske – Nursing – reported that on the week of February 2, a lot of students attended the SNSS Conference in Regina. The next meeting of the SNSS is on Monday February 9 at 4:30p.m.

Councilor Schwab – STM – reported that catholic students week was taking place during the week.

VP Steele reported that on January 29 the Undergraduate Research Symposium took place. She added that Teaching Excellence Awards nominations are open and they close on February 13.

VP Nelson reported that Campus Club Week went well, there were tables available in the Arts Tunnel for campus clubs. In the Meet & Greet, he talked about funding and the way he is working to accelerate the funding process for the upcoming year.

VP Steele moved to GM Cottrell speaking rights in order for her to deliver her report.

Move to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

USCMotion047: VP Steele/ Councilor Radomske

Carried

9.2 General Manager's Report

GM Cottrell mentioned that she had four (4) reports to give.

The first report was on the by-election. The bylaw stipulates that the USSU should hold a by-election for MSC position for the Indigenous Students and the College of Dentistry. The cost of a by-election is \$2,100, therefore the USSU does not feel confident that at this point of the term there would be candidates for the positions, given that they could only attend four (4) meetings. The call for nominations could also overlap with the regular call for nominations. She recommended Council to keep this for the regular call for nominations.

The second report was on KPMG. She noted that in the AGM there was a request for the Auditor to come back. The auditor requires \$300/hour to come back. GM Cottrell had a discussion with Councilor Labrecque about if this was critical or not. Councilor Labrecque agreed that it was not critical. GM Cottrell added that if there are concerns, the USSU's Controller could come to Council and address the financial statements.

The third report has to do with the Water Tank in the MUB. GM Cottrell had a discussion with the USSU Facilities Manager, who had a conversation with Robert De Rue, Mechanical Manager at FMD. He reported that FMD is not particularly interested in

letting a third party installing the water tank, because the tank is in a room that is only accessible by FMD. As a result, the USSU will have FMD replacing the water tank.

GM Cottrell noted that she was requested by Council to investigate a concern brought up by David Ogenkamni. Before giving her report, GM Cottrell explained how human resources process work. First and foremost, it is important to understand that the USSU is both a unionized and non-unionized employer. Covered under the Collective Agreement – the union document – are the caretakers, the Louis' and Loft wait staff and all of the kitchen staff other than the Kitchen Manager, and the Information Centre Supervisor. These folks belong to a sub set of CUPE 1975, the support workers union at the University of Saskatchewan. Everyone else, with the exception of the Executive Committee and the General Manager, is covered by an HR policy, which is available for viewing on line. The Executive are bound in their behavior by the Non-Profit Corporation Act, and because of that they carry special liability insurance, Director's Insurance, in case of malfeasance on their part. GM Cottrell noted she was hired, exactly nine years ago, under a special contract.

The second thing that is important to understand is that the USSU operates on the principle of separation between the political and the managerial realms. The Executive and Council are responsible for the political realm and the overall direction of the organization. They are not, however, responsible for the day-to-day operation and management. That is the role of the professional staff, who report, through managers to the General Manager, and who then reports to the President.

The third aspect that is necessary to comprehend is that personnel matters are normally confidential. GM Cottrell noted that during her tenure she has personally had to discharge half a dozen people and employees coming and going from Louis' is a regular occurrence. However, on only one occasion has she been asked to explain a termination publicly and that was a request which she was unable to honour. As it turned out the Executive was fully apprised and fully supportive of that decision.

What really troubles her about the motion that was put forward last week is that it suggests we operate in an environment when any third party can come to USC and ask them to engage in micromanaging the USSU. If this indeed becomes the case then the professional managers will be completely unable to perform the jobs for which they are eminently qualified, for which they are responsible and for which they are paid. This is an untenable situation. It is also a situation that implies a certain lack of trust, particularly since GM Cottrell had responded that she was well aware of the matter and that it had been appropriately dealt with.

She added that having said all that let her reiterate that there was nothing untoward in the situation and in fact no one was fired. The employee in question walked out half way through a shift and in any event, walked out prior to the completion of a three-month probation period, which means the employer can terminate without cause. Another matter that was raised was an understanding that two terminations occurred. No one is aware of a second person leaving and no one was terminated. And finally, David

Ogenkamni asserted that these people were banned from coming to Louis'. This is not true. No one has been banned from entering Louis'. Moreover, Mr. Ogenkamni contacted GM Cottrell in December about this and because she was on medical leave she contacted the managers by phone and by email at that time. She was fully satisfied then and she was fully satisfied now that there was and is no issue that needs further resolution. To reiterate – the individual in question voluntarily left Louis' and even if this had not been the case, within the three (3) month probationary period anyone can be terminated at any time.

She added that Council should be conscious in allowing third parties to come to Council and direct the administration to give information on confidential personnel matters. This is the only response she is prepared to give Council on this matter.

VP Nelson thanked GM Cottrell for explaining everything about human resources procedure and for giving her reports.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting
February 10th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Nelson, VP Saddleback, and GM Cottrell.

Regrets: VP Steele.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Jan 26 – Jan. 30

Board of Governors Meeting

All of what was discussed in the BoG is confidential.

University Bridge Closure

Communicated with City Councillors about the university bridge closing and the impact on professional colleges, summer session students, and how difficult it will be in September if the closure is extended.

I've asked council to look into options provided by the city administration that allows for public transit and emergency vehicles to still access the bridge to make transportation to campus more accessible.

Feb. 2 – Feb. 6

Met with the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program to talk about governance, leadership, student unionism, and other areas of mutual interest.

Presidential Search Committee Meeting

The contents of this meeting are confidential.

VP Nelson:

Jan. 26 – Jan. 30

Orientation 2015 - Pursuant to a previous discussion with Patti McDougall, Vice-Provost Teaching & Learning, I met with Danny Freire and Charlene Howard, who are in charge of planning Orientation 2015 and Open House respectively. I was informed that orientation will again consist of a single day, in which students will be welcomed together for an hour or two and then handed off to the Colleges for the remainder of the day. Additionally, it was confirmed that the University has no intention of resurrecting Live Expo, which will thus be referred to as "Dead Expo".

Campus Group Events - I attended a number of events, including the What's Your Cap? "Thinking About my Drinking" luncheon, the Engineers Without Borders "How Saskatoon Eats" dinner, the We the Artists fine arts gala, the ISSAC luncheon, and an Islam Awareness Week lecture hosted by the MSA.

Meet & Greet - The campus groups Meet & Greet has around fifty members of various groups in attendance. The topics addressed included leadership transition before the summer, organization and planning throughout, the resources available to ratified groups, recruitment in September, and activity throughout the year. While these topics are not nearly as exciting and those addressed in the Term 1 Meet & Greet, the goal was to inform, not to entertain. However, I did make a reference to "Dead Expo" in my overview of what to expect in September 2015.

Feb. 2 – Feb. 6

Budget 2015-16 - I began the process of budgeting for 2015-16 by writing the lines for Student Governance. In the coming week, I will write the lines for Student Grants. (These are the lines for which the Vice-President has direct authority). The Student Grants lines are considerably more complex, and will require graphical and statistical analysis to

determine. Budgeting for Sponsorship Revenue is borderline meaningless, as this line is comprised of cash and product from Pepsi, and Pepsi has proved unreliable this year. Over all, I do not anticipate any major changes from pervious years.

Campus Group Events - I attended a number of events, including dumplings and music day (Chinese New Year), AA Week Awards Gala, ITEP Round Dance, LB5Q Presents: Whiteout, and AfroBash.

Campus Groups Policy - I explored a number of changes to the Campus Groups Policy, including conflict of interest provisions for members of the Budget & Finance Committee, for campus groups to get approval before administering surveys, and an overhaul of the Union's insurance policy as it relates to campus groups. With respect to insurance, I would like to bifurcate the fee structure such that there are defined event categories with associated fees, and for events that are not covered by these categories, the Vice-President (Operations & Finance) has discretion in consultation with either of the Business & Services Manager or General Manager.

VP Saddleback:

Jan. 26 – Jan. 30

Safety and Security: Met with Brian Muchmoore (Protective Services) and Quinton Zook (Consumer Services) to talk about issues with U Lot and general safety on campus. I brought concerns forward about the amount of break ins that have occurred at U Lot and the need for more security and/or better environmental security measures.

Speed Friending: Held the speed friending event on Jan. 27th at Louis' Loft. We asked questions like, “what animal would you be?”, “what weapon would you choose in the hunger games arena?”, and “what’s your favourite jellybelly?”. Students loved it!

Feb. 2 – Feb. 6

Aboriginal Awards Gala: Hosted the awards gala with President FineDay. We had the great honour of congratulating

all of the award recipients and welcoming some distinguished guests. The undergrad students had a great time and expressed their appreciation of the event.

Two-Spirit Tea & Bannock: I presented a workshop on the historical and contemporary oppressions faced by Queer and Two-Spirit peoples on February 6th. Over 40 people attended the one-hour workshop.

VP Steele:

Jan. 26 – Jan. 30

Undergraduate Project Symposium. All the days. I'm so happy it went so well! There were also a couple meetings, including the Engineering town hall on Friday afternoon, which was a good example of building rapport between students and their college leadership.

Feb. 2 – Feb. 6

This week I attended PPC and RSAW meetings as well Student Form Exec, where we set the agenda for the next meeting around financial concerns. I met with Jacquie Thomarat, acting Director of Resource Allocation and Planning, and interim Provost Barber on moving forward with tuition forecasting. I look forward to reporting progress on this work in the next couple months. Aside from these meetings, I worked on Symposium follow-up and enjoyed taking in some of the events of Aboriginal Achievement Week.

4. Business

4.1 International Women's Day

CFCR want sponsorship for sound and lighting for March 7th for their International Women's Day event at Louis'. They would like \$300.00 from Executive Sponsorship.

Move to approve \$300.00 for International Women's Day event.

EXECMotion045: VP Saddleback/President FineDay **Carried**

4.2 Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan

They would like sponsorship for an awards night on May 6th and also assistance to advertise via social media. Awards are given out by application. They are looking for up to \$250.00. The Executive agreed they will promote it.

4.3 India Students' Association in partnership with the Pakistani students

The India Students' Association in partnership with the Pakistani students are planning the Cricket World Cup is on February 14th and 15th at the Grad Commons. No alcohol will be served. Would like us to sponsor \$250.00 for room rental, chairs, and miscellaneous. The Pakistani students cannot ratify with the USSU because they are primarily graduate students and the India Students' Association has maxed out their money.

Move to approve \$250.00 for the Cricket World Cup.

EXECMotion046: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.4 High Voltage Classic:

They are coming for money in addition to the \$500.00 cash they have already received through Campus Groups funding and need additional money for the event. They do not want to dip into their reserve funding.

Move to approve extra money for High Voltage Classic.

EXECMotion047: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58p.m.

Student Affairs Committee Minutes
January 16, 2015
3:30 pm
USSU Second Floor Meeting Room

Present: VP Saddleback, Councilor Jones, Councilor Iron, Member Iron, Member Carey, Councilor Robertson, Member Roth and Jason Kovitch.

Regrets: VP Steele, Felipe Del Campo-Donoso.

1) Approval of agenda

Motion: Councilor Iron/Member Iron

2) Mental Health Summit update

- Terry Fitzpatrick has organized the Mental Health Summit for March 2nd, 2015 – VP Saddleback has been able to secure 3 spots for undergrad students.
- Terry went to U of A and talked to Chancellor Ralph Young to ask for funding for mental health initiatives and received a funding to hold a mental health summit and release a mental health resource list to the U of S
- President Barnhart, Vice Provost McDougall, and Vice President Saddleback will be there to give opening remarks and to partake in the days activities.
- Taking place in the Exeter Room and VP Saddleback will invite 2-3 students in mind (Haylee)
- Councilor Iron to join alongside Haylee

3) Mental Health initiatives update

- Scrawl on the wall will take place February 23rd to 27th in a few key places across campus. The event will pose a general question about mental health and then you write your statement. The finding will be put up during the mental health summit is taking place on March 3rd.
- Sleep in – VP Saddleback is looking at creating an event to bring awareness to the connection between sleep and mental health
- Stressless – student health does this first week of April

4) Sexual Assault Policy information

- Background: university has not been very well at managing sexual assaults on campus, both allegations and reports.
- VP Saddleback: approached Patti and the Women's Centre to talk about it. Asked what was the feasibility of having a Sexual assault policy on campus. After a discussion, we found that it is possible but will take time. VP Saddleback travelled to the University of Ottawa's Human Rights

Office to look at their policy. Asked questions to the U of O HRO about what they would have done differently in the beginning, U of O HRO expressed that they would have asked the committee that came together to have a shared knowledge of what sexual assault means and focus on how the university could legally deal with it.

- CASA has drafted up a first rendition for Patti's office to work off of. VP Saddleback will insure that there are proper consultations. Is there going to be a specific officer/office to deal with these types of policies and complaints around this issue.
- The policy would give a clear path of reporting, along with the procedures by which the community is currently left in the grey on. By clarifying processes stigma around reporting will be alleviated.
- Looking at if it is individual, and the protection of these individuals, and looking at what happened to the entire hockey team was affected by it.
- Member Carey: some girls feel like they are unsafe walking around campus, a great way to make people safer on campus is if Peace Officers would be walking around. Protective service, would greatly want to help out with this, but there really is a budget shortage of resources that couldn't manage the great need to help it. SafeWalk has tried to fill the gap but there isn't really a way to figure out the greatest need to fill the gap in services.

5) Speed Friending date

- 27th of January 14, 2015 4-5pm
- Back space of the loft, help in developing relationships and help those that are not the best at meeting new people.
- Question around secret admirers happening this year, was possibly going to have in conjunction with (carnival of sex) there is now a new name for it.

6) Social Justice Week idea

- Bring awareness of the oppression that people are faced with, Aboriginal, climate, poverty, etc. looking at the beginning of march as a rough timeframe
- People from the foster care system, 3-4 thousand people that have been in some way in the foster care, young people in the care, section 56 where the care can be extended to the age of 21. Looking at the funding and how often this group has been over looked, there could be many people that are effected with this system and how does this effect their needs here at the university. Youth care and custody group that advocates to kids in the foster care system, involved with the public groups that handle these cases.
- Minor consultation at the student level you will need to be exclusionary, and they may come out of the wood work that could be incorporated into the following year's week.

7) Open floor for event ideas and going forward

- No ideas at this moment
- 8) Other business
- 8.1) Dodgeball
- Councilor Robertson: Councilor Robertson approached Councilor Senecal with Councilor Iron about a world record dodgeball tournament. The first game is proposed to coincide with the first football game of the year, either the 4th or 11th of September and hoping to happen during welcome week before the actual football game. Upper admin love the idea. Currently working on contacting huskies athletics.
 - Kovitch: loves and idea and agrees that it will help create a sense of community. He is also looking to have a giant human fooseball for welcome week.
- 9) Next meeting is February 6th, 2015, at 3:30 pm in the Council Chambers
- 10) Adjourned at 4:30 pm

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, February 26th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Cam Broten, MLA Saskatoon-Massy Place**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – February 12th, 2015**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – February 24th, 2015**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Lower Place Riel Washroom Renovation**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday February 12th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Katrina Barth, WCV
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Dillan Radomske, Nursing

Absent

Guest List

Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Felipe Del Campo-Donoso, USSU
Academic & Governance Assistant
Charlie Clark, City Councilor

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion048: President FineDay/Councilor Andreas

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced Anna-Lilja Dawson from The Sheaf and Felipe Del Campo-Donoso, USSU Academic & Governance Assistant.

He then introduced City Councilor Charlie Clark.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality until Council Address is done. Then Council will assume formality.

3. Council Address

3.1 Charlie Clark – City Councilor

Mr. Clark thanked Councilors for inviting him to present at Council. He noted that he is coming to Council today to talk about Transit and that this was the first time he has visited Student Council. He called VP Nelson mentioning that he would like to talk to Councilors about this topic.

He started by mentioning that the project for the city is to see how to make the city function. The city has been adding neighbourhoods and adding routes to the city, however, it has not worked very well. Therefore, there is a plan to transform Transit into a system like Calgary. The reform of this system needs to happen or Transit is going to end up overspending money on overpasses.

He noted the problems with the Lockout during the fall affected students, who are one of the main users of Transit, approximately 35% of the users.

In April Transit is having an event called “10 Days for Transit” where people who are not users of Transit can sign up and ride the bus for 10 days. Also, Transit is going to ask people to tell their views and stories about Transit, and ask if Saskatoon can become a Transit city. They are trying to get Huskies, and people that are part of the Downtown Partnership, and corporate executives to help with the initiative. He noted that this is not an initiative from the City of Saskatoon but rather a project from the bus riders of Saskatoon, Better Transit YXE, and other members such as Councilor Clark. He added that the Downtown Partnership wants to join the initiative as well.

On March 3, there is going to be a series of meetings to discuss some of the plans to create a better Transit system. The idea is to see how to implement the new system and

what quarters are being picked, such as 8th Street, 22nd Street, and Broadway among others.

He invited Councilors to ask him any questions they may have.

VP Nelson noted that the main three (3) things he hears from political decision makers are that Transit is not a priority; Transit is a priority if it is built right; Transit is a priority but it is not wanted to be built. He added that this produces a “chicken and egg discussion”, where there is the debate on what to invest. He asked if Mr. Clark could explain these debates and how political decision makers conflict on their views making their decision on this topic.

Mr. Clark replied that most of the voters do not use the bus. Only 5% of the population uses the bus, and therefore there is no a strong voice. He noted that we are in a city where public transit is not considered an important topic for people. Moreover, Saskatoon is a small city. He added the question of how Saskatoon becomes a Transit city.

He then added that parking is another issue. People in the University have said that parking passes are expensive but the Transit system does not work for them, creating a problem for them.

Mr. Clark noted that they need to prioritize investment on bettering the system. It is going to take time for it to become a really good Transit system. That is why the initiative “10 Days for Transit” is going to take place. He added that Transit spending has been added to the priority list of investment that goes for approval to the federal government.

The City of Saskatoon has made market studies about Transit. He added that they are not trying to get everyone to ride the bus but rather the most likely group. Some of these groups are baby-boomers and young people. The group that is less likely to ride the bus are parents with kids. They are going to try to work with the most likely bus-rider group and try to generate interests through these groups.

VP Steele asked if Mr. Clark could talk about the prioritization happening at the moment in terms of what is going to improve first.

Mr. Clark noted that during this week the real-time Transit website will be launched. That is that when people are at a bus stop, they can check with their phone to see where their bus is.

One of the problems of the system right now is it is not working 100% accurately because it relies on long routes that covers bigger zones, known as the coverage model. As a result, Mr. Clark added that they would like to change the bus system to a quicker one, which has more routes during the hour and quicker trips. They would like to change 3rd Ave. to a bus quarter. There have also been talks about adding a two-way bus lane on College Drive on the University side of the street. These are some of the plans the City

has for improvement. He added that this is the moment for Councilors to provide feedback.

VP Steele noted that Transit should add more bus-shelters at the bus stops. They should also add target group conversations and focus discussions.

Councilor Rogowski asked about the LRT system on 8th Street and if the City of Saskatoon has any plans on the development of 8th Street.

Mr. Clark replied that 8th Street is a palace that has the potential for improvement. However, they have to figure out how to create the conditions for LRT to succeed, therefore creating a better system for buses, living and walking.

Councilor Prebble asked if there are future ideas related to new developments in new and existing neighbourhoods; if there is an idea for a city-light rail.

Mr. Clark replied that this is part of the discussions. For example, looking at Stonebridge, the neighbourhood is built in way that it is hard for Transit to accommodate. That is why neighbourhoods have to be oriented to a more main street cross-section. He added that in order to have a city-light rail, the density of the neighbourhoods would have to increase but Saskatoon is a city with low density.

Councilor Munro noted that the area where she lives it takes 45 minutes to get to University with the bus or 7 minutes driving. She asked if there could be a focus on improving the current system on pre-existing areas before expanding the service.

Mr. Clark replied that the model they are planning on using puts a bus stop around 450 meters from someone's house. They also need to look from where are the bus-riders coming. This is the advice they have to build a better system, maybe not for everybody but for most likely users.

Councilor Arcand noted that her bus to university used to take 50 minutes and now it takes 80 minutes. She asked the ways in which Transit is going to facilitate transportation in neighbourhoods that are apart from the city, such as the ones in the west side of the city; and how Transit is going to secure safety for people that take the bus during the night.

Mr. Clark answered that 22nd Street is another important quarter order noted in the plan for Transit. Another development plan focuses on 33rd Street and Idylwyld. He noted that there are people on the west side o the city that take around two (2) hours with the bus to get where they need to. Therefore, they have to make sure that the system is meeting the needs of the people using it. In relation to safety, Mr. Clark argued that that goes along with more shelters and lighting. He added that at the Confederation Mall bus stop, they have added supervisors given the security concerns of people. However, this cannot work for every bus stop, Transit could only provide supervisors at the main terminals.

Councilor Rogowski asked if there are any ideas for new payment systems, such as tickets or pre-paid system.

Mr. Clark noted that the pre-paid system exists but people still have to scan their card. The option is possible but he is not sure how it could be implemented in the city.

Councilor Labrecque noted that sometimes bus drivers just let students into the bus so they do not delay the bus route.

Councilor Senecal added that Transit could have stations at buildings where people can just pay there and once the bus arrives they can just get into it.

Councilor Prebble pointed out that there should be consultations with the bus drivers in the implementation of a new system.

Mr. Clark agreed with Councilor Prebble. He added that there have been committees but bus drivers feel that they are not being heard. They have to make sure that bus drivers are heard.

He added that on March 3 there is going to be an Open House at TCU Place to discuss different initiatives, such as the building of a new bridge.

Mr. Prebble thanked Mr. Clark for coming to Council and for answering questions.

Member Dawson commented that maybe routes should be every 20 min rather than 30 min; and if there is a chance for heated bus shelters.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would go back into formality.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – February 5th, 2015

4.2 Executive Committee – February 10th, 2015

Member Dawson noted that VP Saddleback met with Protective Services and Consumer Services about issues with the U Lot. She asked if there were any responses with respect to any solutions they are working on.

VP Saddleback replied that with regards to the amount of crime that has occurred in the U Lot, Protective Services is looking at the environmental aspect of U Lot and how to make it safer through environmental factors, such as lighting and updating cameras.

VP Nelson noted that his roundtables on the Minutes are the same for the two weeks. He submitted the roundtables, so he requested that his roundtables are updated.

4.3 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – January 16th, 2015

VP Saddleback made a friendly amendment to the minutes by adding Councilor Jones to the list of members present at the meeting.

Councilor Labrecque added that VP Saddleback should also be added to the list of members that attended the meeting.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports into the official record.

USCMotion049: President FineDay/Councilor Labrecque **Carried**

6. Business

6.1 Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation

VP Saddleback pointed to the paper he gave Councilors (attached). The report points out the questions and recommendations that have been made. The decision will be put on hold to be discussed on Council in the Fall of 2015 to hold a referendum in the Fall 2015.

Move to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

USCMotion050: VP Saddleback/Councilor Haines **Carried**

GM Cottrell noted that usually this kind of debate about fees might have a conflict with the Non-profit Corporation Act, whether or not fees can be collected, especially if they are going to be 3rd party fees. She added that the lawyers articulated a concern with regards to this as well. The lawyer noted that there is nothing specific under the Non-profit Corporation Act that would prohibit the USSU from seeking a levy. However, the lawyer did articulate some concerns he had. Some of these concerns were that the University and the Board of Governors might be troubled by this fee; the concept of perception that if Council chooses SWITCH for this fee, what would happen with other groups and initiatives on campus; it might be problematic if a group becomes dependent of the funding in a long term context. The lawyer suggested that before calling a referendum, the USSU should have a conversation with the University.

GM Cottrell added that President FineDay has expressed concerns about talking with the University about it, because they might not approve the collection of the fee. Moreover, the timeline for the decision of a referendum is really tight. As a result, consultation should take place before placing the referendum. She remarked that there is no legal impediment to call a referendum and to approve a levy.

Member Dawson asked if it would be better to consult the University first to see if they would collect the fee and then hold a referendum; or if it would be better hold the referendum and then consult the University.

President FineDay replied that he feels very strongly about this. In his opinion, Council cannot be waiting for the University to say what they are and are not allowed to do. Council has the power to vote a levy, therefore they should not be asking permission to apply a levy. However, the willingness of the University to collect the fee is an issue that has to be considered. If after a referendum the students decided to apply the levy but the University refuses to collect the fee, the University would be stepping on the way of students.

VP Nelson added a remark that the University might not give a formal response at this point of the year because the Fee Revision Committee does not meet until November 2015. As a result, there would not be a formal application until that point of time.

VP Steele noted that if the referendum is being thought to be moved to the Fall, the discussion about the fee should be discussed by Council in the last Council meeting of the academic year 2014-2015. This is because for the next academic year there will be a new Council, therefore in this way there will be some sort of background on what was being discussed.

Councilor Labrecque noted that the committee noticed the timeline problem and the fact that Council would change for the school year. Therefore, the goal of the committee was to gather the information they had, so the new Council would not start from scratch. This way, the new Council can build from this or make the changes that they feel have to be made.

GM Cottrell said that she will make sure that the next meeting of Council for the next academic year receives this information, so it is on the agenda.

VP Steele requested that besides adding the report to the agenda, there could also be a report from SWITCH of how they are doing financially and what funding they have found at the time of the Council meeting.

GM Cottrell pointed out that one of the easiest way to bring this procedurally up again, it should be discussed on the last Council meeting for this academic year. This way, it becomes the minutes that the new Council looks in the first meeting next year.

Move to table this motion until the last meeting of Council academic year 2014-2015.

USCMotion051: Councilor Labrecque/Councilor Prebble

Carried

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

President FineDay noted that on February 12 the USSU posted the call for nominations for new Executive, Student Council and Senate. He invited Councilors to bring this information to their constituencies. All the information is on the USSU website, www.ussu.ca/elections.

Councilor Li pointed out that she received an email from an Arts & Science student with regards to U-Pass opt-out. She was not sure why the email was sent to her but she was not sure what to do with it. She asked if the Arts & Science Councilors also received the email.

Councilor Senecal replied that he did not receive anything.

VP Saddleback commented that after Council the “Sexhibiton” is taking place at Louis’. He invited Councilors to attend the event.

Councilor Labrecque realized that budget week involved a lot of consulting and looking at different things considered for the budget. She asked how was the process of budget going for VP Nelson.

VP Nelson replied that the consultation is mostly with the Executive with the exceptions of the elections lines, which are consulted with Jason Ventnor, and USC lines, which were consulted with the Budget and Finance Committee. There are different points that are consulted. He noted that he is almost done with the written part; then comes meeting per department to discuss each budget line.

Member Del Campo-Donoso noted that the amended bylaw has been posted on the USSU website.

Councilor Robertson pointed out that at the AGM there were a few things referred to Council. He asked what has happened to those amendments.

President FineDay replied that the Executive will look at those issues. They have to see if this Executive is going to deal with them or they are going to leave it to the next Executive to discuss it at the next AGM.

Councilor Robertson noted that there were amendments dealing with elections, therefore with elections coming up he asked what would be the implications for next year.

President FineDay replied that until the bylaw is changed, the bylaw stays as it is. As a result, if Council decides not to change it, the threshold would stay the same and the election’s implications.

Councilor Senecal said that this discussion should be brought forward in Council.

GM Cottrell mentioned that Council can change the bylaw, with two-thirds of Council but the problem that could occur is that if Council makes changes to the bylaw, on the next AGM students could override the changes made, therefore, every change made after Council’s decision and the AGM would become problematic. She suggested Councilors to be cautious about changing the bylaw outside the AGM. She noted that Council could

call an Special General Meeting (SGM), which allows those changes to be made with the context of the membership as a whole, rather than the membership of Council.

Councilor Robertson pointed out that the membership of the AGM allowed for the changes to be discussed in Council.

VP Steele recalled the amendment passed by the AGM members talking about a threshold for a third Councilor for Arts & Science. She said that the threshold was decided to be determined by Council.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Schwab – STM – reported that on February 25 at 4:00p.m. STMSU is hosting the John Thompson Lecture Series: Managing the Chaos of Climate Change in the room STM 1001. After the event there is going to be wine and food.

Councilor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that on February 23 the Pharmacy & Nutrition students' council is having a guest speaker, Jaris Swidrovich, and her mother, professor of Native Studies. He is coming to Council to talk about Aboriginal history, health and cultural safety supporting culturally safe care. This event will take place at 5:00p.m. in room HLSC E1150 and it is free for everybody.

Councilor Rogowski – Engineering – reported that there are going to be four (4) new per-term student levies propose at a SGM on February 27. Also, SESS nominations opened on February 9 and moving will take place March 6 to March 9. The improve debate team and innovative design team will be competing in the Canadian Engineering Competition at Memorial University in Newfoundland from March 5 to March 8.

Councilor Labrecque – Engineering – clarified that there are different competitions and different categories. The team that is going to the competition is a very experienced team.

Councilor Prebble – Education – reported that the College of Education is hosting the WestCAST conference during reading week. This conference is for all western educators in Canada that are just finishing their internships or in their first year in the college. They can come to the conference and learn how to teach. This is the first time in 20 years that the University has hosted it.

Councillor Labrecque added to her report that the National Mining Competition is taking place during reading week in Saskatoon. Teams from across Canada are coming to the city to participate.

VP Nelson noted that the competition is actually called the Canadian Mining Games. This is the first time that it is being hosted in Saskatchewan.

Councilor Arcand – Medicine – reported that some Medicine students are considering ways to increase physicians in rural Saskatchewan. One of the ideas was to engage other colleges that also have rural issues, such as Education and Agriculture. She invited Councilors to bring this to their constituencies.

Councilor Munro – ESB – reported that the “5 Days Campaign for the Homeless” is taking place from March 8 to March 13. ESB is trying to spread the word across campus; therefore, she invited Councilors to tell their constituencies. Lunch and Learn is taking place on February 25 at the ESB reading room. ESB is also getting some renovations, such as the hallway of ESB. There are also making a boardroom for students. The EBSS room is also being renovated. The downside is that they are loosing their Club Office, going from having two (2) offices to one (1).

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting
February 24th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Saddleback, and VP Steele

Regrets: VP Nelson, GM Cottrell.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

Feb. 9 – Feb. 13

Fee appeal committee meeting

Reviewed financial appeals submitted by students and made recommendations to the registrar as a committee.

Sexhabitation

Attended a very well-run and well-attended Sexhabitation at Louis.

Feb. 16- Feb. 20

Chamber of Commerce

Attended President Barnhart's address to the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce on *The State of the University* where he spoke about how the university has adapted in the past year, and what the goals are for the future.

On Holidays

VP Nelson:

Feb.9 – Feb. 13

Budget 2015-16 - I completed the process of budgeting for 2015-16 Student Governance line and began the process of budgeting for the Student Grants line. (These are the lines for which the Vice-President has direct authority). Student Grants includes campus group ratification revenue and funding expenses. From my analysis of a number of measures such as frequency of ratification application (submitted and completed), frequency of funding application (submitted and granted), and frequency of event date, I have noticed a shift in campus group activity toward Term 1. I hypothesize that this shift is largely due to the campus club Meet & Greet held in late September, which has proven to excite groups and communicate more effectively with them than the website. This is supported by the observation that September was largely unaffected by this trend. With current trends I also anticipate that the frequency of funding applications will continue to increase. While the \$38,000 currently budgeted is a lot, I will leave it to the Budget & Finance Committee to decide whether we should increase this amount, make the Committee review process more rigorous, or both. Additionally, I consulted with the Executive regarding the Executive Projects, Events, and Sponsorship lines.

Feb. 16 – Feb. 20

Budget 2015-16 - As promised in my election campaign, I began to design the written and visual component that will accompany the budget. This is along the theme of communicating more effectively, given that not all students find meaning in spreadsheets. The written and visual component will highlight continued success and areas of improvement and contextualize the 2015-16 budget within a multi-year plan. Other than routine business, the budget took up the bulk of my time for the last two weeks.

VP Steele:

Feb. 9 – Feb. 13

This week, I spent a lot of time around campus tabling for USSU Teaching Excellence Award nominations. Either my committee and I put in more effort than usual or students are more enthusiastic this term, because we got almost twice as

many nominations as last term, which is the opposite of what usually happens.

Meetings included a few with students regarding academic grievances; going over my position's budget lines with VP Nelson; getting an update from the university's Undergraduate Research Initiative; and meeting with law students interested in setting up a student advocacy service.

Feb. 16 – Feb. 20

I began to plan the Experience in Excellence Award Ceremony with Felipe and GM Cottrell. I'm looking forward to working with the Academic Affairs Committee on recognizing some deserving individuals at our campus. Felipe and I also worked on clarifying the Bylaw amendments from our AGM - there seems to have been a mix-up triangulating the various sources reporting on what the membership voted for. The Bylaw version online now reflects the events of the AGM.

Meetings attended: the working group to increase experiential learning opportunities; the Academic Programs Committee; and, in Calgary, meeting with the Mount Royal University student association executive about progress toward open texts and the role of student evaluation of teaching; and meeting with Hana Kadri, VP Academic of the U of C, about their undergraduate research symposium, provincial lobbying efforts and tuition, and their ombudsperson.

VP Saddleback:

4. Business

4.1 CASA

VP Saddleback mentioned that he has been meeting with CASA and they have made some recommendations about Sexual Assault Policy. The recommendation centres on a Sexual Assault Centre.

He added that after Patty MacDougall's sexual assault Open House, he will have conversations about the policy. He would like to discuss it because it calls for a Sexual Assault Centre. He believes that this should lead to ask what students want.

VP Saddleback asked the Executive to re-word the posters proposed by CASA before they go out.

President FineDay noted that he likes the idea of a campaign about this policy but it might be problematic. This campaign deals with recommendations about the sexual assault policy.

VP Steele noted that the posters have valuable assets but they need to be changed.

President FineDay suggested that VP Saddleback should present a campaign run by USSU. He should keep working with CASA as well.

4.2 Ombudsperson

VP Steele noted that the USSU could benefit from having an ombudsperson to deal with academic and other grievances. She asked the Executive about their opinion.

VP Saddleback replied that RVP is lacking right now, therefore having an ombudsperson could be necessary. This person would be neutral and from outside the University, therefore it would be beneficial for the University and the USSU.

President FineDay said that the Executive should figure out how to propose this in a different way that GSA did because their proposal was shut down.

VP Steele mentioned that she would like to propose support for a student – an advocacy service. She noted that having an ombudsperson would likely not be applied at the University until three (3) to five (5) more years. She added that having an advocacy group could be good while there is no ombudsperson. She asked if the Law Students idea could be a good idea. A group of Law students has requested if the USSU could give them partial funding for this initiative.

President FineDay pointed out that Budget will go to Council very soon for discussion, therefore if funding proposals need to be proposed as soon as possible.

VP Steele noted that she would like to propose funding for this Law students service but she is not sure if her proposal would be strong enough to be funded. She is going to talk with Scott Hitchings about this idea.

4.3 Social Justice Week

VP Saddleback asked for many for a scroll on the wall for the Mental Health Summit. The total for the scroll is \$85. He also requested money for a banner for the Social Justice Week and it costs \$131.40.

Move to approve \$85 for Mental Health Summit.

EXECMotion048: President FineDay/VP Steele **Carried**

Move to approve \$131.40 for Social Justice Week.

EXECMotion049: Saddleback/ Steele **Carried**

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26p.m.

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, March 5th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
 - 3.1 Student Advocacy Service**
 - 3.2 WUSC**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – February 26th, 2015**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – March 3th, 2015**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
 - 9.2 Bylaw s. 23 (c) – AGM Amendment**
 - 9.3 Budget Documents**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday February 26th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Katrina Barth, WCVM
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Marian Nwabuniwe, International
Students

Absent

Guest List

Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Cam Broten, MLA for Saskatoon-Massy
Place

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced Cam Broten, member of the legislative assembly (MLA) for Saskatoon-Massy Place. He is the leader of the official opposition. He brought with him Eric Anderson.

He then introduced Anna-Lilja Dawson and Rainer Kocsis from The Sheaf.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality until Council Address is done. Then Council will assume formality.

3. Council Address

3.1 Cam Broten – MLA for Saskatoon-Massy Place

Mr. Broten thanked Council for the invitation to present. This opportunity is important for him and he encouraged discussion after his remarks. He would like to hear the ideas of Councilors. He said that he is going to talk about who he is, and the priorities the Opposition has right now.

Mr. Broten noted that he was a student at the University of Saskatchewan. He convoked in 2002 with an International Studies degree. He then moved to Vancouver, where he did a masters Degree in Political Science. He spent every summer of his undergraduate and graduate studies in the north of British Columbia planting trees.

Mr. Broten added that he then moved to Saskatoon and got a job with the Saskatchewan Medical Association as a Health Policy Manager. He ran for politics for the first time in 2007, the year the NDP ceased being the governing party.

The focus he has on politics is recognizing that it is not good enough to have the province doing well, not good enough to have good GDP numbers, but it only matters if people are doing well. The topics they have been talking about are seniors' care, health care, and education.

His party believes in the need to improve education for everyone in the province, especially First Nations education. He noted how children on Reserves receive only 60% of the money that children in public schools do. He thinks that this needs to be fixed and the province needs to be looking at these concerns. Childcare is another concern in the province, as well as housing.

The party has also called for better economic diversification so the province is not as dependent on natural resources. This way the province can use the prosperity it has to allow for better diversification. That is why the elimination of the Film Employment Tax Credit does not work very well for the province. One of his concerns is for the province

to look at climate change, recognizing that it is real and that the province plays its part. He added that in 2009, the Saskatchewan Party promised to introduce a technology fund and have a price on carbon emissions. However, this is not being acted upon.

Mr. Broten then moved to talk about post-secondary education. The focus that his party has is ensuring affordability and accessibility is enhanced and improved for students, specially focusing on tuition. On TransformUS he noted that the opposition asked a lot of points in relation to it. He complimented the USSU for its approach to TransformUS.

He then talked about budget. He noted the oil prices dropping and mentioned that we should pay attention to its effects. However, it is important to keep the broader picture and context in mind while the government talks about cuts. In 2007, revenues for the provincial government were at \$7.8 billion. Last year, the budget was put at \$14.2 billion. In the course from 2007 to last year, there has been an increased of 82%. In the context of the resources available to the province, revenues have changed a lot through the natural resources that the province has and the hard work of people in the province. This has increased to revenue of the province. He has been asked lately where is the money being spent. He added that government debt has not dropped, but it has going up, which is currently at \$19.1 billion. He argued that the right's economic approved has not been the appropriate one. There has not been an increased in the use of renewal power.

He added that tuition has not gone down in that last two (2) years, even though provincial revenue has gone up. This is the discussion the party is having with people in the province. He argues that this has to do with the choices on where to allocate the money.

He thanked Councilors for the invitation and invited them to ask him any questions they may have.

Councilor Jones asked if the NDP has a plan for student loans with regards to funding.

Mr. Broten replied that we should look for a system that ensures students pursue post-secondary studies. The programs of the government should answer to these problems and be structured in way that benefits students. This should focus not only on getting the money for tuition, but the money necessary to live during studies.

Councilor _____ asked if the opposition is currently working on student loan programs and if they are actually planning to do something with the program.

Mr. Broten answered that the advanced education critic, Warren McCall, has been meeting with a lot of students to get the right information to provide the legislature member of the as opposition. It is not in the ability of the opposition to change the policies fast, but rather they are able to ask the right questions and apply pressure. He said that if through USSU pressure and motions, Councilors should bring them to the party so they can apply pressure.

Councilor Prebble noted the point Mr. Broten made about helping education for First Nations, Metis and Inuit in reserves. He asked if the party could look at tuition freeze of some sort, where the government can help student with the process through University.

Mr. Broten pointed out to different situations on different reserves he has visited. Most problems he noted have to do with amenities and the amount of students actually going to school. Proper school with the appropriate equipment, good teachers and enough resources is the kind of focus that should be taken. He added that the complexity in the classroom has changed. He noted how schools have not reserved enough resources for schools even though the revenues of the province have gone up. In his opinion, it is wrong for students to not receive the same amount of funding. Therefore, over the long-term it is better to level the field in terms of letting everyone in the province have the ability to reach their full potential.

VP Steele asked about open textbooks and explained to Mr. Broten what the USSU has been working on. She noted how British Columbia and Alberta support this initiative and provide funding for it. However, Saskatchewan has not provided funding yet for this. She asked what would Mr. Broten do to facilitate the adoption of open textbooks.

Mr. Broten noted how expensive textbooks are and the huge expense they are for students. He asked the amount of funding the USSU would be looking at to support this project.

VP Steele replied that around \$20,000 would help the initiative to begin. Part of it includes resourcing professors and faculty for reviewing the material to see if it is good and relevant for their classes. The money is to provide incentives for professor to do this work. She added that the provincial government would not be considered the only supporter.

Mr. Broten replied that he would like to have conversations about this with the USSU and VP Steele to see how to approach this project.

Councilor Prebble said that he believes that the Government needs to support post-secondary education with significant funding. He asked what the NDP could do to help more people get into post-secondary education; and what would they do for existing students.

Mr. Broten answered that it is an actual necessity in the province to make education accessible. He believes that tuition should be going down to make post-secondary education affordable for people.

Councilor Labrecque noted that 25% of the University's budget comes from tuition. She added that to balance the budget, the University looks at government funding. Therefore, when the money is not there, the University needs to let people go and raise tuition. She noted how people from out of province are hired in Saskatchewan instead of hiring people from the province, which affects the graduate retention program.

Mr. Broten pointed out that the fact about tuition presented by Council Labrecque is absolutely true. He said that it is important to recognize the support students give to the University's budget. Also, professionals play an important role in the University. He added that the USSU spoke very well during TransformUS to make the voice of students heard.

VP Steele pointed out that students carefully watch the University work. She encouraged Mr. Broten to take time to look at University funding. She added that the USSU is pushing for tuition predictability system to be put in place. She hopes for support from the government that will help the project to succeed.

Mr. Broten said that he believes that the province has not paid much attention to tuition and what has happened in the University. He noted that the provincial government could have done more with regards to TransformUS.

Councilor Jones mentioned that it is important to provide funding for the students that the Saskatchewan institutions train. She added that a lot of students that are in Education usually plan to stay in Saskatoon and do not want to go in rural communities. However, when they do stay in these communities, everyone benefits from it. Therefore, she noted that funding should be also provided for students that come out of province and that help rural communities.

Mr. Broten mentioned that he agrees with Councilor Jones's point.

Councilor Haines noted the conversations that USC has been having about providing sustainable funding for SWITCH and other student-led initiatives on campus. She asked if Mr. Broten could explain the conversations that SWITCH has had with the provincial government about funding and other grants that they have not been able to apply to.

Mr. Broten mentioned that SWITCH is an excellent initiative from students that provides medial care for communities. He added that it is a wise investment to support SWITCH. He has raised questions within the government and better funding is necessary.

Councilor Radomske pointed to Mr. Broten's comment about health care system in the province. He asked what the provincial NDP has in mind waiting times and to increase the quality service prevision in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Broten replied that the provincial government has put an incredible amount of money into implementing John Black Lean Project version of health care. One must ensure to listen to the ones affected by this but also look at where the resources are going. This project has focused on implementing workshops for professionals and infrastructure initiatives. He noted that one should look at the problems being faced by people and see the best way to allocate resources.

Councilor Radomske asked where would Mr. Broten spend the money being used right now for health care in Saskatchewan, around \$120 million, if he were the leader of the government.

Mr. Broten replied that these kinds of details are the ones that come close to election time. However, he identified areas where changes would accord right away. The first point would be seniors' care. This should focus on proper care for seniors, therefore a high performance program. The provincial government implemented the CEO Tour, and they implemented a one-time payment fund of \$10 million for urgent issues.

Councilor Prebble mentioned that it is important to increase care for people in need of health care. He noted how the NDP government of the 1990s gave funds to prevention and overall Medicare costs. He suggested that legislators should consider this.

Councilor Labrecque noted that health care should be a priority in the province. Therefore, she asked if Mr. Broten foresees the John Black Lean Project still happening even though the program does have the main person teaching it.

Mr. Broten explained that the Lean Project is a philosophy that has come from Toyota and Manufacturing from Japan and it is all gear with funding initiatives. The project is taking this philosophy and applying to different contexts. The philosophy was taken to a consultant, John Black. There are things that are not considered by Lean but there are other ones that are good. The rationale from the government changes depending from saving costs or increasing care. The savings of the project are low when asked the Health Region the amount. The program is still carrying on.

Councilor Nash asked how can the provincial government meet the needs of Aboriginal students if they have difficulties holding to current education initiatives, and what would these programs look like. He added how would the relationship between the provincial and federal government look like in the future given that the federal government provides most of the funding for Aboriginal trainings.

Mr. Broten answered that there are many good initiatives on their way but they need to be better resourced. He added that the province needs to have a much stronger voice and lobby with respects to the federal government and its obligations. For example, he pointed out to fire protection in reserves. Secondly, he pointed out that provincially we should have a real assessment on what are the province interests. He provided some examples to Council.

Councilor Senecal asked what could be done to increase rates of post-secondary education in Saskatchewan; and if the provincial government should focus on academic programs or training programs.

Mr. Broten replied that there are barriers to people to pursue post-secondary studies. Therefore, proving the means for people to access may engage people for post-secondary

studies. He added that academic and training programs are necessary to have a well-rounded society and have success overall.

Councilor Radomske pointed out that there has been a lot of discussion around scope alienation between LPMs and RNs. He asked what is the standing of the SK NDP on this issue.

Mr. Broten replied that the decisions being made around scope of practice should not be done from the top, that is around budget. He would not like to see people in the province going against each other within the same profession. They have to ensure that the right people are doing the right thing.

Councilor Radomske made reference to the issue of physician assistant death. He asked if it is important that the provincial NDP drafts a statement of position on this issue or perhaps push the provincial government to draw up its own legislation in terms of this issue.

Mr. Broten noted that people have strong opinions around this kind of issue. He respects whatever a person's opinion is on this. Given the Supreme Court ruling, it has come upon the federal government that it needs to be discussed around the country. He added that for the provincial level, clarity at a national level is necessary. Moreover, access and funding in the province to this service is a point to look for, including the proper care and accessibility services.

Councilor Radomske's question is inaudible from the recording.

Mr. Broten replied that the legislation has to come from both sides. There has to be federal legislation brought forward as the Supreme Court has indicated, and in the meantime the province needs to do a better job in funding care.

President FineDay thanked Mr. Broten for coming to Council and for answering Councilors' questions.

Mr. Broten thanked Councilors for the discussion and the questions brought forward by Councilors.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would go back into formality.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – February 12th, 2015

Councilor Haines made a friendly amendment to the minutes by saying that in her report the guest speaker was not Jared Serovich but Jaris Swidrovich. He is not a professor of Native Studies but his mother, who came to present with him is a professor of Native Studies.

4.2 Executive Committee – February 10th, 2015

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports into the official record.

USCMotion052: President FineDay/VP Saddleback

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Lower Place Riel Washroom Renovation

Move to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

USCMotion053: VP Saddleback/Councilor Radomske

Carried

GM Cottrell mentioned that the USSU Facilities Manager, Stefanie Ewen, came to talk to her about the washrooms in Lower Place Riel, which are “ugly”. Therefore, they are in need of upgrading. She went to see the washrooms and noted that they are “ugly” but they are still functional. There needs to be work done on the lightning and the money will come out of the capital budget if it is approved.

She added that on February 25 at the USSU Staff Meeting, they had an activity to brainstorm ideas for the future development of the USSU. An idea brought forward by VP Saddleback was the creation of gender-neutral washrooms in Place Riel. She said that there is not enough time before the budget is approved to see how much this would cost. Gender-neutral washrooms, however, are more expensive to build. She asked Council if there is an appetite to take the money out of the infrastructure fund sometime in the future.

VP Saddleback noted the proposal he made at the USSU Staff Meeting about the gender-neutral washroom. This might show in the future that there is more than binary gender differentiation accepted by the USSU. A person has the right to use the washroom in a safe environment. There are gender-neutral washrooms in the MUB but there should be more in accessible areas.

Councilor Radomske showed his support for this initiative. He noted that he has this conversation with other constituencies. This is highly supported on campus.

Councilor Arcand also agreed with the initiative. In September 2014, the Senate supported a motion to support gender diversity. She added that Council should push the University to do the same.

Councilor Jones also showed her support for the initiative.

GM Cottrell noted that she will bring the results of her research about this at the end of this term.

Councilor Barrett asked the purpose of having a gender-neutral washroom.

VP Saddleback replied that not everybody falls under the gender binary of male or female. This makes people who are transitioning or are gender queer feel unsafe under the situation of separated washrooms.

Councilor Labrecque asked if gender-neutral washrooms would be introduced or if they would be added to the male and female washrooms.

GM Cottrell replied that they would make the washroom a single space but within that space there would be individual cubicles with a toilet and a sink.

8. Questions and Comments

VP Steele thanked Councilors who attended University Council and for their participation.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that March is Nutrition Month and Pharmacist Awareness Month. The kick-off of the event is on Monday March 2. Information booths are going to be all over campus. There will be a mentorship night, where students can go around looking at different pharmacists. One of the big events is an inter-professional symposium in the E Wing of the Health Science Building. “Mr. Pharmacy Pageant” on March 13 at Louis’. It is a charity event to support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Councilor Barrett – Agriculture & Bioresources – reported that the College of Agriculture & Bioresources ran a Telemiracle campaign and raised \$1,800.

Councilor Radomske – Nursing – reported that SNSA is planning an event that is coming on the first week of April called Vegas in the Prairies.

Councilor Jones – Kinesiology – reported that the Huskies Men Volleyball Team is hosting Nationals on the weekend of February 28. Tickets for students are \$5.

Councilor Munro – ESB – reported that “5 Days for the Homeless” has expanded to other colleges, such as Arts & Science, Nursing, and Agriculture. The campaign starts on March 8 and there are going to be events during that whole week. On Thursday March 12 there is going to be a BBQ outside the Arts Building. Tickets are \$5 and people get a burger and a pop. On Friday March 13 there is going to be a Steak Night and Beer Night.

They are going to take place at the Sutherland Bar. All the money for these events goes to EGADZ.

Councilor Senecal – Arts & Sciences – reported that on Monday March 2 there is going to be a conversation with the Dean, where students are allowed to ask anything they want. The ASSU elections were going to take place but all positions were uncontested, therefore there were no elections.

Councilor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that SESS has its election going on. There are two (2) positions open. On February 27 they are having a SGM regarding student levies for the College of Engineering.

Councilor Haines added to her report that SPNSS has elections going on.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting
March 3th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Saddleback, VP Steele, and GM Cottrell.

Regrets: VP Nelson.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 2:45p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

VP Nelson:

VP Steele:

VP Saddleback:

Parking & Transportation Committee - Attended the Parking and Transportation Committee and made strong recommendations that the committee be focused on the U Lot safety concerns. The committee has put the U Lot and S Lot on the top priority going forward. Under the U Lot, lights and a security camera upgrade are put on the high priority list.

Childcare Expansion Project - Met with the Childcare Expansion Project Committee to discuss the next steps regarding the new childcare build and the expansion of the USSU childcare centre. The details will be released soon and I am more than happy to note that the asks and recommendations given in previous years are being implemented. A kudos should

go out to the Executives and Councils who have worked hard on this initiative.

4. Business

4.1 EIE Policy

VP Steele mentioned that two (2) new awards were added to the Experience in Excellence Awards (EIE). These ones are the USSU Food Centre and USSU SafeWalk. She requested if the EIE could be amended to include these awards.

Move to include both awards into the EIE policy.

EXECMotion050: VP Steele/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.2 Budget Day

President FineDay mentioned that he is going to Regina for Budget Week. He added that he was the only one provided with a ticket, therefore other Executive members would be able to attend.

4.3 Last Council Meeting

VP Steele noted that the last USC meeting is Holy Thursday. Also, it is the day before the long weekend. As a result, she proposed to change the last USC meeting to April 9, 2015.

President FineDay said that this has been an issue in the past, but Council has met anyway.

4.4 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD)

VP Saddleback noted that IDERD is happening on the week of March 16. He would like to have a week for this event. He proposed to have a photo booth in the Arts Tunnel and a panel discussion on March 20. He requested three (3) gift cards for \$20 each, and \$60 for posters.

Move to approve the costs for IDERD Week.

EXECMotion051: VP Saddleback/ President FineDay

Carried

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53p.m.

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, March 12th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
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 - 4.1 USC Minutes – March 5th, 2015**
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 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report – February 3rd, 2015;
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27th, 2015; March 5th, 2015**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Budget**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday March 5th, 2015

Present

Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Max FineDay, President
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Katrina Barth, WCVM
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology

Absent

Marian Nwabuniwe, International
Students

Guest List

Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
HenryTye Glazebrook, The Sheaf
Emily Klatt, The Sheaf
Regan Ratt
Anita Yuk, College of Law
Jessica McKee, College of Law
Cam Klein, College of Law
Andrew Campbell, College of Law
Jessica Shirley, WUSC
Anna Tsui, WUSC
Jessica Brown, WUSC

The meeting was called to order at 6:13p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion054: VP Nelson/Councilor Radomske

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Steele introduced Jessica McKee, Anita Yuk, and Cam Klein. The three (3) of them are Law students.

VP Nelson introduced Reagan Ratt.

VP Steele introduced Jessica Brown and her colleagues, who are in Council to talk about WUSC. She also introduced the members of The Sheaf Anna-Lilja Dawson, Emily Klatt and HenryTye Glazebrook.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality until Council Address is done. Then Council will assume formality.

3. Council Address

3.1 Student Advocacy Service

Cam Klein noted that he and his colleagues have been working to create an advocacy service for students accuse of academic misconduct. They feel like this is a gap in the services the University offers. He added that Scott Hitchings was trying to bring back a service called Campus Legal Services (CLS). This service used to provide legal services and academic advocacy.

He then said that this group is looking for funding to start this initiative and they are going to present to Council for them to know what the service is about.

Cam Klein mentioned that CLS stopped operating around five (5) years ago due to lack of a succession plan. He and his colleagues are going to present what this new service is and why it is important for the University.

Scott Hitchings explained that the bank account of CLS still exists and the College of Law has kept it because they would like CLS to come back. Prior to CLS disappearing, it operated for over thirty years. This group has a great affinity with the College of Law and many of the Alumni feel like they are connected with CLS. However, five (5) years ago, the CLS supervisor retired, making it hard for the group to continue. Also, at the same time CLASSIC was starting at the University. CLASSIC is the Community Legal Advice Services for Saskatoon Inner City and helps people who do not necessarily have the resources to access law services. The idea at the time CLASSIC started was that it would take on the things CLS had been doing.

However, now CLASSIC is overwhelmed with the amount of people who go to it. As a result, CLASSIC wants to focus on its mandate, which is the Inner City. In addition, it is turning away Law students who want to volunteer at it because there are not enough positions for them. As a result, Mr. Hitchings noted that now would be a good time to re-open CLS on campus.

Cam Klein explained that CLS is volunteerism for the students of the College of Law. These students would provide advice on legal and academic matters for other students at the University with the supervision of a lawyer or professor, who is licensed by the Law Society.

Andrew Campbell noted that CLASSIC wants to focus on the Inner City; therefore CLS would offer a service on campus where students can come and can ask any issues regarding legal matters. It would be accessible for students and it would offer volunteer opportunities for Law students. This would also enhance the attractiveness of the University as a U15 university. The University of Saskatchewan is one of the few universities without campus legal services.

Mr. Hitchings explained that one the biggest areas that SLS would cover is academic appeals. There are lots of students that fall through the cracks in terms of getting any of their issues dealt with. A lot of students that get charged with plagiarism do not know what to do and are not awarded of the consequences. SLS would guide students on what to do with academic grievances situations. This would also help the USSU VP Academic Affairs. Once CLS is working again, it would work in collaboration with the USSU VP Academic Affairs and CLS.

Another area of CLS would be concerning any legal issue that a student may face. A lot of students have traffic court violations or have been charged with minor criminal matters. CLS would be able to help students with these concerns. OnCampus News has a section that shows how CLS helps students with regards to legal matters.

The final area of concern of CLS is residential tendency. This is something that a lot of students have to face throughout the year, and therefore SLS can help with this as well.

Mr. Klein noted that CLS did not necessarily fall apart but there was no successor in place once the supervising professor retired. The following year, the professor that was supposed to take over CLS was unable to commit to it. There were no other professors that had the necessarily licensing requirements to supervise CLS.

Mr. Hitchings added that for this time they are going to try to have a better succession plan. They already have a few professors that are willing to act as the faculty supervisors. Other legal offices also have a list of lawyers that are willing to work with CLS.

Jessica McKee explained the Dalhousie University process and how it has offered a great deal of assistance for students with academic matters. Their external director for advocacy services has offered a great deal of help and assistance to CLS. Their process

deals mostly with academic issues, such as plagiarism, academic dishonesty and misconduct, and inappropriate collaboration. Their structure is very inclusive with students from different levels. They are mostly student run but they do have outside members that can come and help. They are willing to help CLS set up and to provide information, as they need to get CLS running, such as training methods.

Mr. Klein added that in terms of feasibility, there are professors willing to have CLS on campus again. The big thing there is that in first year, a lot of law students apply for volunteer experience and the College of Law has to turn people away. As a result, opening CLS will open more volunteer opportunities for students.

Mr. Hitchings mentioned that the biggest obstacle that CLS is facing right now before it is up and running is funding. In order for CLS to provide legal advice, they need to get insurance from the Law Society of Saskatchewan. This insurance is only for the CLS supervisor. The actual cost of running CLS is unknown but the insurance costs \$1,600 per supervisor. CLS used to have a budget line in the USSU budget lines and an office in the MUB. They are looking at the USSU to provide some financial support on an ongoing basis. They are looking to at a budget around \$5,000 to start CLS. The group can bring more specific information on another day.

Councilor Senecal asked if CLS has information on how much the USSU contributed to this group in the past.

GM Cottrell replied that it was \$1,500 per year plus the office space in the MUB. The USSU also did all the bookings through the receptionist's office.

Councilor Labrecque noted that not having a centralized location for CLS as inhibiting the re-start of this service because students might not be aware of it.

Mr. Hitchings mentioned that they hope to mitigate that by having an online presence. He contacted ICT to see how to make a Usask website for SLS. Students could contact CLS through this website and then meet with students anywhere on campus.

Councilor Arcand asked if there was ever funding from the College of Law and if there is any interest from them to fund CLS now. She then asked if this service is only open to students or can faculty and staff use it as well.

Mr. Hitchings answered that they are meeting with the Dean of the College of Law soon to see funding options. The College does have a fund to start-up for one-time initiatives. He then said that the service would be only open to students. This service is for people who cannot afford a lawyer, and therefore faculty and staff should be capable of affording one.

Councilor Barrett asked if CLS is going to push advertising if they re-open the service.

Mr. Klein replied that it would be done by using posters and advertisement.

Mr. Hitchings added that part of the USSU funding is to get ratification as a group in order to be able to use the USSU plasmas for advertisement.

VP Steele noted that in order for students to be able to access this service there should be a lot of effort put into the strategy to advertise CLS. There is a campaign during the Fall called “Know Your Rights” that would definitely help people be aware of this initiative. This is also important because it makes students aware that they have rights and it would improve academic advocacy in general. If the USSU were to provide on-going funding, there would be an accountability factor on it. As a result, the USSU VP Academic Affairs and VP Student Affairs would have oversight over CLS, making sure that the service is being utilized and it is serving the population.

Mr. Hitchings added that having a financial oversight from the USSU would help CLS to maintain the service throughout the years. CLS should provide reports to the USSU to show what it is doing with the funding.

Councilor Senecal asked the amount of money CLS has in its bank account at the moment.

Mr. Hitchings replied that they have \$215.

Councilor Nash asked if students pursuing mental health services would be allowed to be directed to the program if the professional sees a fit.

Mr. Hitchings replied that he does not see a problem why not. As long as the issue they have fits under CLS.

VP Saddleback mentioned the process of DHPS and any sort of complaint going forward. He asked if there have been conversations with administration and how have CLS and DHPS worked together in the past.

Mr. Hitching replied that he was not sure about the process but he will meet with Patty McDougall and other members of administration to talk about what relations would be form between these services.

VP Steele explained that DHPS is Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Services.

Mr. Hitchings thanked Councilors for letting his group present at Council.

3.2 WUSC

Jessica Shirley thanked Council for inviting them to present today. She mentioned that they were called upon by the USSU to provide an update what WUSC has been up to during the year.

Jessica Brown introduced her colleagues from WUSC, Jessica Shirley and Anna Tsui.

Mrs. Shirley began by explaining what WUSC does. WUSC has approximately 15 local committees across Canada. WUSC meets every Thursday, where they go over how the students are doing, plan events, and plan for the upcoming year.

The main focus of WUSC is the student refugee program. The local committee is responsible for easing Canadian settlement. They usually sponsor three (3) students per year. The program helps the student refugees settle into Canada, such as getting used to the culture.

Throughout the year, WUSC keeps providing support to the students. During second term, they help the students find summer jobs and writing resumes among other assistance. Right now, for example, they are helping the students with their tax forms and student loans.

WUSC plans a lot of community events to include students into the culture. Some of the events include potlucks, camping trips, and bowling nights. These events are not paid through the funding. They showed some pictures of the events to Council.

In November, they had a chance to connect with WUSC from the Regina Campus. They spent a weekend in Regina visiting the other committee of WUSC. They had different events throughout the weekend. They are planning a similar event for the weekend of March 14 with the Regina Campus.

They also had a fundraising event in October. They raised \$910; and this money does not go to the local committee but towards WUSC headquarters, and they distribute to local communities that they work with in the refugee camps.

Their biggest event of the year was the Shine a Light Gala, which took place on January 29. It is an annual fundraising event to support girls' education in refugee camps. Right now, they are raising money for Remedial High Schools, so girls can go to school. The third part of the fundraising focuses on scholarship for good quality secondary education outside the camp. This brings awareness about WUSC. Fundraising came from across the city. The events bring together the community by promoting solidarity and education.

WUSC is the only program in the world that matches refugee settlement with post-secondary education. This allows student refugees to contribute to their future and to take their families out of poverty.

During the year there are two (2) conferences where WUSC participates. One is from the Uniterra Leadership Meeting, which takes places during the summer and WUSC gets the opportunity to send two (2) students. The money to send students to the conference comes from outside sponsor and not from the USSU levy fund. The second conference is the International Forum, which took place in Montreal. In this conference, the Annual General Meeting takes place and there are different workshops. Again, the funding for this conference came from outside sponsor, such as ISSAC and WUSC headquarters.

The plan for WUSC next year is to welcome three (3) new students. They want to keep their community events and try to increase them. Something new that they want to try next year is Mock-geography Camp. They hope that the USSU could help them set up the event for next year. The event plans to show how a refugee camp looks like, and to make it more interactive to people to know more about WUSC. For next year they would also like to work with more student groups and try to reach more undergraduate students.

Ms. Brown then moved to explain the budget. In 2009, WUSC has its last levy increase, which did not increase until 2015. In 2014, WUSC noticed that there were large budget items that increased, such as residence and the WUSC headquarters fee. As a result, they had to take money from other budget lines in order to pay for the increases. Students' expenses are paid completely during the first year, either through a tuition waiver or the levy money from the USSU. During the second year they used to provide a \$10,000 scholarship to help the students transition from full support to no support with a time frame of two (2) years. However, giving the increases on expenses, they had to take some money away from these funds. Now, when students get into their second year, they will only get \$8,000. That is why WUSC asked for a levy increase in 2014 to come into effect in the fall of 2015. They were short of money because of increases on expenses and because they put money in a contingency fund.

Nevertheless, USC approved the levy increase for 2015 to \$4.00 per term. The total money that they raise through the levy has increased by \$15,000 per year. Their budget for this year is \$120,000. Then, Ms. Brown explained how much WUSC budgets per student. Last year, they budgeted \$33,000 per student. This year, they are looking at \$35,000 per student. The increase deals with the cuts and increases to balance the budget. Having the budget per student at \$35,000 brings the budget to the level of 2014-15 levels, which still has not counted the inflation increase levels between 2009 and 2014. They are going to be working with their new executive, Peggy Pfeil from the USSU Accounting Department, and their other partners to re-develop the budget in the next couple of months in order to deal with the inflation rate. This would help to balance the budget.

Finally, Ms. Brown explained the contingency fund. They take what is leftover from the student refugees' budget and they put it into the contingency fund. However, the fund is not sustainable and they would like it to be more. The budget is low right now because a few years ago they sponsored a fourth student and that dropped the fund. With the levy increase, they are looking at a \$13,000 deposit into the fund.

Ms. Shirley then noted different instances where WUSC members have been recognized within the community. One of these instances is Humans of Saskatoon. She read the quote from one of the students that was part of this. They also showed some pictures about different community events.

Councilor Prebble asked about the timeframe they see for more women taking advantage of this program.

Ms. Shirley replied that they are just starting to see the first women using the program to go to university. She added that they have not had a large amount of female students because they are usually sent to larger communities with larger financial support. Moreover, WUSC headquarters is enforcing a new initiative next year to double the number of students that every campus takes. The average is around 80 students per year and they want to double that to 160 students.

VP Steele thanked WUSC for coming to Council and for presenting.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would go back into formality.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – February 26th, 2015

4.2 Executive Committee – March 3rd, 2015

VP Steele noted that VP Saddleback has requested that the USSU amends the amount of sponsorship requested for IDERD posters from \$20 to be \$60. She explained that on the minutes it says \$20 but it should be \$60.

VP Nelson asked if the requested is because it is wrong quoted or because he is asking for the money.

VP Steele noted that this was actually for the knowledge of Council so they know how much money is going to be needed.

VP Nelson mentioned that if the amount is wrong on the minutes, then the minutes just need to be amended. However, if the amount changed from the one stated in the minutes, then it has be changed in the Executive Committee meeting.

VP Steele replied that this could be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting.

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports into the official record.

USCMotion055: VP Nelson/Councilor Senecal

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

Councilor Labrecque noted that on the Executive Minutes it is stated that the last USC meeting was going to be on Holy Thursday. She asked if this is actually going to be the last Council meeting.

VP Steele replied that it is required by the bylaw to have at least one (1) meeting in April. She would like to propose to have the last USC meeting on April 9 instead of April 2. She noted that this should not be a problem.

Councilor Arcand noted that she was part of the Election Committee but she resigned to pursue future election. As a result, the committee is missing a Councilor to fill out her position. She noted that if someone is interested they should volunteer to be part of it.

Councilor Radomske nominated himself for the position.

VP Steele seconded the nomination for Councilor Radomske.

Move to close nominations.

USCMotion056: VP Steele/Councilor Iron

Carried

VP Nelson asked if Council would like to have a social and go to APEX on a Saturday.

Councilor Labrecque noted that if the last USC meeting is on April 9, the social could take place before Council.

Councilor Arcand noted that she has class that day during the day.

Councilors were invited to contact VP Nelson with the availability for the event.

VP Steele noted that on April 8, the General Academic Assembly (GAA) will take place. All Councilors are members of the GAA.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Munro – ESB – reported that there are still (5) more spots for “5 Days for the Homeless”, which starts on March 8. The kick-off event is to collect socks, students can bring socks and they get a free sunday. The event will take place at ARTS 241 at 4:15p.m. Students can also bring non-perishable items. She explained other events that will take place during the week. The last events will be on Friday March 13 and they will be a Steak Night and a Beer Night.

Councilor Schwab – STM – reported that on March 4, STM had its John Thompson Lecture. For St. Patrick’s Day, STM is having a pub. They are also planning their Banquet and Ball for Match 31. Tickets are \$20, which includes dinner. On March 12 ad 13, the STMSU elections are taking place.

Councilor Arcand – Medicine – reported that on March 4, Match Day took place with the fourth year students of the College of Medicine.

Councilor Li – Education – reported that the Education Grad Banquet is taking place on March 6. The elections of the Education Student Association are taking place on the week of March 9.

Councilor Prebble added that they had a successful WestCas conference.

Councilor Barrett – Agriculture & Bioresources – reported that the Telemiracle sponsor fundraising will be ending on the week of March 2. The expected contribution is of \$8,000. Elections at the College of Agriculture & Bioresources are taking place during the week of March 2.

Councilor Andreas – Law – reported that on March 5 the Law Grad Auction is taking place. This is for the third year students to finance their banquet. On the week of March 9, Challenge Cup Hockey Tournament is taking place and it is a free event.

9.2 Bylaw s.23 (c) – AGM Amendment

VP Steele noted that this amendment that Councilor Robertson brought forward in a USC meeting. It deals with the amendment referred to Council at the AGM. It deals with the amount of Councilors that get elected to each college. According to the bylaw amendment that was calculated, it was a threshold of 5000 students for a third member. The only change that would happen is that International Students would get a second Councilor. There will be no change to STM or Arts & Science representation, which were the main colleges of concern. She suggested to leave the bylaw at 5000, which was the number suggested at the AGM as long as there is no objection.

9.3 Budget Documents

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting
March 10th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Saddleback, VP Steele, VP Nelson, and GM Cottrell.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32p.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

VP Nelson:

Illness - I was sick for a number of days and it was frustrating. However, I was sufficiently organized and nothing fell apart.

SESS Fee Proposal - The Saskatoon Engineering Student Society (SESS) is proposing a levy, which if approved by the University or the College would apply only to engineering students. I met with Conor Kerslake and Ben Fahlman to advise them on the fee review committee process and timeline as well as the opposition that they can anticipate from the University.

VP Steele:

Last week included a lot of surveying for TEAs. I appreciate all the help from Felipe, Jack, and my committee!

I was pleased to attend the A&S Dean's conversation on Monday night, where a large group interested students came to

learn and offer suggestions about the future of the college of Arts and Science.

Jack and I both presented items at the last meeting of Student Forum, he on the Mental Health Summit and I on tuition consultation. We finished the year with preliminary small group discussions on sexual assault issues and policies on our campus, which will help to inform the policy being drafted by the office of the Vice Provost Teaching and Learning.

Among a few other meetings this week was one with representatives from IPA and SESD to direct work toward a tuition predictability model. Although discussions are very preliminary, I would welcome students' thoughts on what kind of model they would find helpful in budgeting for their studies.

VP Saddleback:

4. Business

4.1 USSU resources for Political Parties

VP Nelson noted that there are federal and provincial elections taking place soon. Some campus groups have been rejected for asking money, such as one that requested money to have a NDP event at Louis. Giving money to this group would make the USSU a partisan entity and it would not represent the whole student body. VP Nelson added that this is a concern.

President FineDay noted that this is a concern that the next Executive needs to deal with since the Elections are until fall.

4.2 Stress Less

VP Saddleback noted that Stress Less is taking place from April 13 to April 15. He proposed to sponsor the North Concourse for \$30 an hour from 11:30 to 3:00 for April 13-15

President FineDay noted that this is a good initiative and the USSU supports it every year.

Move to sponsor the North Concourse for \$30 an hour for Stress Less.

EXECMotion052: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

4.3 Eco Bash

VP Saddleback mentioned that the Executive received an email from Environmental Studies Students' Association (ESSA) about Ego Bash for Earth Hour to receive money for incentives.

Move to give two (2) gifts cards for \$50 each for Ego Bash.

EXECMotion053: Saddleback/Steele

Carried

4.4 Campus Legal Services (CLS)

CLS presented at Council last week. They would like to request funding from the USSU to start this initiative. VP Nelson said that this would fall under the Executive Sponsorship budget line. This will require a motion in Council to be added to the budget.

President FineDay added that CLS is a good idea.

VP Steele will contact Scott Hitchings to talk about more details with regards to the CLS budget.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42p.m.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
03 February 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Émilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Preston Thomson
Also present: Caroline Cottrell
Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:06pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present as were cupcakes provided by Councilor Munro.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 Archaeology Students' Association – “Post-APALA Banquet”

3.2 International Studies Students' Association – “Carnival of Solidarity”

3.3 International Studies Students' Association + Socialist Students' Association – “Dominican Republic Speaking Tour”

3.4 USask Student Leadership Conference Committee – “Ignite: A Student Leadership Conference”

3.5 Indigenous Students' Council – “Aboriginal Achievement Week Gala Celebration”

4. Review of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meeting of 27 January 2015.

BFC Motion 082 – Councilor Munro / Member Thomson Carried

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

5.1.1 African Students' Association

Motion to ratify.

BFC Motion 083 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Munro Carried

5.1.2 Economics Student Society

Motion to ratify on the condition that the Economics Students' Society resolves to restrict executive eligibility to undergraduate students.

BFC Motion 084 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 AIESEC Saskatoon – “MASS 2015”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to table due to lack of explanation of how the \$500.00 cash (cheque) requested will specifically offset expenditures and lack of specification of other funding sources; and on the condition that AIESEC present at the next meeting of

the Committee.

BFC Motion 085 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2.2 Indigenous Student Council – “Aboriginal Achievement Week Gala Celebration”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit, \$400.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant \$100.00 XL credit and \$900.00 Louis’ credit given that the \$500.00 cash (cheque) requested was to go toward the cost of the dinner.

BFC Motion 086 – Member Rajapaksa / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.2.3 Archaeology Students’ Association – “Post-APALA Banquet”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$300.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant the \$500.00 cash (cheque) and not the \$300.00 Louis’ credit requested given that the event date has passed.

BFC Motion 087 – Member Thomson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.4 International Studies Students’ Association – “Carnival of Solidarity”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 088 – Member Thomson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.5 International Studies Students’ Association + Socialist Students’ Association – “Dominican Republic Speaking Tour”

Ask: \$1,000 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant \$500.00 cash (cheque) and \$500.00 Louis’ credit given that no funding request is eligible for more than \$500.00 cash (cheque).

BFC Motion 089 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Munro Carried

5.2.6 U of S Kin Club – “Curl for Telemiracle”

Ask: \$200.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 090 – Member Thomson / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.2.7 University of Saskatchewan Women in Law – “Legal Aid Mixer”

Ask: \$140.00 cash (cheque), \$40.00 Pepsi product

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 091 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.8 USask Student Leadership Conference Committee – “Ignite: A Student Leadership Conference”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$250.00 XL credit, \$250.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 092 – Member Thomson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.9 Engineers Without Borders – “How Saskatoon Eats”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to table indefinitely given that the application was not submitted before the date of the event.

BFC Motion 093 – Councilor Munro / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.10 Malaysian Students’ Association – “Chinese New Year Banquet”

Ask: \$150.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit, \$100.00 Pepsi product

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 094 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Munro Carried

5.2.11 International Studies Students’ Association – “Stephen Lewis Foundation Movie: African Grandmother Tribunal”

Ask: \$75.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 095 – Member Thomson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.12 International Studies Students’ Association – “ISSA Alumni Panel”

Ask: \$150.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to table until the next meeting of the Committee.

BFC Motion 096 – Member Thomson / Councilor Chan Carried

6. Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee to consider.

7. Questions & Comments

Councilor Senecal suggested that the Committee explore the possibility of dividing its responsibilities between a Campus Group Funding Committee and a Budget & Finance Committee in the proper sense of that responsibility. The Chair agreed to schedule that conversation for a future meeting of the Committee.

Member Thomson reminded the Chair to request a breakdown of the salaries and benefits by position for each of the USSU administration and Louis’. The Chair agreed to do so and report back to the Committee.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
10 February 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Émilie Chan, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal

Also present: Caroline Cottrell, Amanda Mitchell

Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback, Jessie Munro, Preston Thomson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum as present, as were ice cream and apple pies baked and provided by the Chair.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 Management Students' Association – “Capstone Management Consulting Gala”

3.2 USask Model United Nations – “Annual Model United Nations Conference”

3.3 AIESEC – “MASS 2015”

3.4 Canadian Mining Games – “2015 Canadian Mining Games”

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meeting of 03 February 2015.

The Committee lost quorum when Councilor Senecal left to fulfill another responsibility. The Chair noted that Councilor Senecal could not have anticipated this consequence because it was not known to him that Member Thomson would be away on a business trip and that Councilor Munro would be sick.

There was no motion nor was there any discussion on the remaining business. It was decided that the Committee would meet on 11 February 2015 at 7:30am to conduct the remainder of its business.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There were no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Management Students' Association – “Capstone Management Consulting Gala”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$500.00 XL credit

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.1.

5.2.2 USask Model United Nations – “Annual Model United Nations Conference”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$500.00 XL credit

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.2.

5.2.3 AIESEC – “MASS 2015”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.3.

5.2.4 International Studies Students’ Association – “ISSA Alumni Panel”

Ask: \$150.00 Louis’ credit

The ISSA is only eligible for \$125.00 Louis’ credit, having already been granted a

Total of \$875.00 in 2014-15.

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.4.

5.2.6 Canadian Mining Games – “2015 Canadian Mining Games”

Ask: \$1000.00 XL credit

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.6.

5.2.7 IEEE Student Branch – “High Voltage Classic”

Ask: \$200.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.7.

5.2.8 Arts & Science Students’ Union – “Valentine’s Day Movie Night”

Ask: \$375.00 Louis’ credit

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.8.

5.2.9 Ukrainian Students’ Association – “Zabava: Ukrainian Culture Night”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.9.

5.2.10 University of Saskatchewan Innovative Energy Team – “Seattle Maker’s Faire”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.10.

5.2.11 5 Days for the Homeless, U of S – “5 Days for the Homeless 2015”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$300.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product

There was no motion regarding item 5.2.11.

6. Other Business

6.1 Breakdown of USSU administration and Louis' salaries by position

6.2 Tracking Expenditures

6.3 Snacks / Meals for the Remainder of the Term

6.4 Amendment to the Campus Groups Policy

6.5 Bifurcation of the Committee's Responsibilities

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there any comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
11 February 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Émilie Chan, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal

Also present: Caroline Cottrell

Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback, Jessie Munro, Preston Thomson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38am.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meetings of 03, 10 February 2015.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There were no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Management Students' Association – “Capstone Management Consulting Gala”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$500.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 097 – Councilor Robertson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.2 USask Model United Nations – “Annual Model United Nations Conference”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$500.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 098 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.2.3 AIESEC – “MASS 2015”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque) and maybe more from what I hear

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 099 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.4 International Studies Students' Association – “ISSA Alumni Panel”

Ask: \$150.00 Louis' credit
Motion to grant \$125.00 Louis' credit due to the ISSA having already been granted \$875.00 in 2014-15
Motion to grant.
BFC Motion 100 – Councilor Robertson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.5 Canadian Mining Games – “2015 Canadian Mining Games”
Ask: \$1000.00 XL credit
Motion to grant.
BFC Motion 101 – Councilor Senecal / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.6 IEEE Student Branch – “High Voltage Classic”
Ask: \$200.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product
Motion to grant.
BFC Motion 102 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.2.7 Arts & Science Students' Union – “Valentine's Day Movie Night”
Ask: \$375.00 Louis' credit
Motion to grant.
BFC Motion 103 – Councilor Robertson / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.8 Ukrainian Students' Association – “Zabava: Ukrainian Culture Night”
Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product
Motion to table given that a presentation is required.
BFC Motion 104 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.9 University of Saskatchewan Innovative Energy Team – “Seattle Maker's Faire”
Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)
Motion to grant.
BFC Motion 105 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.10 5 Days for the Homeless, U of S – “5 Days for the Homeless 2015”
Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$300.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product
Motion to grant given that a presentation is required.
BFC Motion 106 – Member Rajapaksa / Councilor Senecal Carried

6. Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee to consider.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there any comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14am and the Committee migrated to Louis' for breakfast and informal discussion.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
24 February 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Émilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Preston Thomson
Also present: Caroline Cottrell, Amanda Mitchell
Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present, as were truffles and peanut butter balls crafted and provided by Councilor Robertson.

3. Board Presentations

3.1 Red Cross Student Association – “Red Cross Day of Pink 2015 (celebrations + Promotions)

3.2 5 Days for the Homeless, U of S – “5 Days for the Homeless”

3.3 Ukrainian Student Association – “Zabava: Ukrainian Culture Night”

3.4 International Women’s Movement – “Visible Majority”

3.5 Women in the Legislature – “International Women’s Day / Trip to the Legislative Assembly: Meet & Greet”

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meetings of 03, 10, 11 February 2015.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There were no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Red Cross Student Association – “Red Cross Day of Pink 2015 (celebrations + Promotions)

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$300.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product

Motion to grant \$300.00 XL credit and \$200.00 Pepsi product but not the \$500.00 cash (cheque) requested because Mrs Vanelli’s Pizza has a contractual monopoly on pizza sales in the Place Riel area.

**BFC Motion 107 – Member Thomson / Councilor Chan
Carried**

5.2.2 5 Days for the Homeless, U of S – “5 Days for the Homeless”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$300.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product
Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 108 – Councilor Chan / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.3 Ukrainian Student Association – “Zabava: Ukrainian Culture Night”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque), \$200.00 XL credit, \$200.00 Pepsi product

Motion to grant \$200.00 XL credit and \$200.00 Pepsi product due to the Committee’s discomfort with the method by which funds raised by the event will be transferred to the benefactor.

BFC Motion 109 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.4 International Women’s Movement – “Visible Majority”

Ask: \$135.00 cash (cheque), \$600.00 XL credit, \$265.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 110 – Councilor Chan / Councilor Robertson Carried

5.2.5 Women in the Legislature – “International Women’s Day / Trip to the Legislative Assembly: Meet & Greet”

Ask: \$100.00 cash (cheque), \$52.26 XL credit, \$418.64 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 111 – Councilor Robertson / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.6 Association for Exchange and International Students (AXIS)

Ask: \$400.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 Pepsi product

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 112 – Councilor Robertson / Councilor Senecal Carried

5.2.7 Environmental and Bioresources Student Association – “Friday the 13th Pubcrawl”

Ask: \$24.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 113 – Councilor Robertson / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.8 U of S New Democrats – “Diversity in Politics”

Ask: \$80.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 114 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Chan Carried

5.2.9 Catholic Christian Outreach – “CCO Coffee House”

Ask: \$495.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant.

**BFC Motion 115 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson
Carried**

5.2.10 Linguistics Student Association – “Humanities and Fine Arts
Week”

Ask: \$500.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

**BFC Motion 116 – Councilor Senecal / Councilor Robertson
Carried**

5.2.11 U of S New Democrats – “New Democrats Candidate Forum”

Ask: \$500.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to deny due to the event being partisan to the extent that
it is an inappropriate application of students’ money and more
appropriately within the purview of a political party to support
financially.

**BFC Motion 117 – Councilor Chan / Member Thomson
Carried**

6. Other Business

6.1 Breakdown of USSU administration and Louis’ salaries by position

Non-voting Member Cottrell made the case for why she could not disclose the
breakdown of the USSU administration and Louis’ salaries by position. (See
Appendix 1). Alternatively, the aggregate breakdown of line 100-5550-00
(administrative salaries, wages and benefits) was given as 83.17% salaries,
14.83% benefits, and 2% administrative fees to the University.

The Committee judged this to be an acceptable compromise.

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there any comments of direct relation to the
Committee’s business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

Appendix 1: Non-voting Member Cottrell's Case

Non-voting Member Cottrell made the case for why she could not fulfill the Committee's request for a breakdown of the USSU administration and Louis' salaries by position. Of the arguments present, what follows are the cogent ones.

1. As per her contract as General Manager, Non-voting Member Cottrell has the "authority to manage and direct the affairs of the USSU as outlined in the description of 'Key Responsibilities' contained in the document entitled 'University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Position Profile – General Manager'". Among the responsibilities listed is to "oversee administration of the staff compensation structure and salary implications".
2. It is the legal opinion of our legal team at Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher that Non-Voting Member Cottrell, in her capacity as General Manager, could be held personally liable for the disclosure of the requested information if a staff member were to challenge such an action.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
27 February 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Émilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Preston Thomson
Also present: Caroline Cottrell, Amanda Mitchell
Regrets: Max FineDay, Jack Saddleback

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:57pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present, as were donuts left over from the prior and informal proceedings of the budget review.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meetings of 03, 10, 11, 24 February 2015.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There were no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Chemical Engineering Students' Society – “Weekly Food Sales”

Ask: \$170.00 cash (cheque), \$100.00 Pepsi product
Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 119 – Councilor Munro / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.2 Chemical Engineering Students' Society – “Year End Meeting and Introduction of New Executive”

Motion to deny given that “the private use of a few individuals” and “year-end banquets” are ineligible for campus group funding (GCP III 2.3, 2.4) and that this event has a strong semblance to both.

**BFC Motion 120 – Councilor Robertson / Member Thomson
Carried**

5.2.3 Just Rights – “Painting Justice Art Auction”

Ask: \$500.00 Louis' credit
Motion to grant.

**BFC Motion 121 – Councilor Munro / Councilor Chan
Carried**

6. Other Business

6.1 Budget Review

The prior and informal proceedings of the Committee began at 11:00am and consisted of a line-by-line walkthrough of the 2015-16 operating and capital budgets as presented. The sole amendment by the Committee was to raise the yearly total for line 130-5310-00 “Grants Expense (Cash/Credit) – Campus Groups” from \$38,000 to \$40,000.

Motion to accept the 2015-16 operating and capital budgets as presented.

BFC Motion 118 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

7. Questions & Comments

There were no questions nor were there any comments directly relating to the Committee’s business.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.

Budget & Finance Committee Minutes
05 March 2015
Romanow Council Chamber

Present: Elias Nelson, Émilie Chan, Jessie Munro, Danusha Rajapaksa, Jordan Robertson, Gabe Senecal, Jack Saddleback
Regrets: Max FineDay, Caroline Cottrell, Preston Thomson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm.

2. Call for Quorum

A quorum was present, as was coffee provided by Councilor Munro.

3. Board Presentations

There were no presentations for the Committee.

4. Review of Minutes

There was no motion to adopt the minutes from the Committee meetings of 03, 10, 11, 24, 27 February 2015.

5. Business

5.1 Ratification Applications

There are no ratification applications for the Committee to consider.

5.2 Funding Applications

5.2.1 Students for Free Palestine – “Art in Palestine”

Ask: \$180.00 cash (cheque)

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 122 – Councilor Munro / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.2 U of S Stockman’s Club – “Stockman’s Pub 2015”

Ask: \$425.00 cash (cheque), \$75.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 123 – Councilor Robertson / Member Rajapaksa Carried

5.2.3 Economics Student Society – “Career Information Night”

Ask: \$320.00 Louis’ credit

Motion to grant \$200.00 for 8 appetizer platters because “the cost of alcohol” is ineligible for campus group funding (CGP III. 2.4).

BFC Motion 124 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

5.2.4 Do Something – U of S – “Feed Their Legacy Charity Food Drive”

Ask: \$12.00 XL credit

Motion to grant.

BFC Motion 125 – Councilor Senecal / Member Thomson Carried

6. Other Business

There was no other business for the Committee to consider.

7. Questions & Comments

The Chair inquired as to whether the Committee would like to set a final meeting date of 07 April 2015, similarly to what was done in Term 2. The Committee agreed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28pm.

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, March 19th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – March 12th, 2015**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – March 17th, 2015**
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- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
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- 7. New Business**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Andreas, Taylor | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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P - Present; R - Regrets; A - Absence; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting

University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday March 12th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Katrina Barth, WCVM
Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager
Amanda Mitchell, Controller

Regrets

Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Regan Ratt
Justin Chander

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion057: President FineDay/Councilor Radomske

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced the USSU Controller, Amanda Mitchell. He also introduced Justin Chander, member from Nursing; Reagan Ratt, member of Arts & Science.

VP Nelson introduced Rainer Kocsis.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – March 5th, 2015

4.2 Executive Committee – March 10th, 2015

Councilor Senecal noted that the event on the minutes is not called Ego Bash, but Eco-Bash.

4.3 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report - February 3rd, 2015; February 10th, 2015; February 11th, 2015; February 24th, 2015; February 27th, 2015; March 5th, 2015

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports into the official record.

USCMotion058: President FineDay/Councilor Radomske

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Budget

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality until the budget presentation is done. Then Council will assume formality.

VP Nelson noted that for this meeting he is going to present the USSU budget. The Budget & Finance Committee has already approved the budget. He added that if there are any amendments required on the budget, they could either add them in this Council meeting or the next meeting.

Starting with the general overview, this year is unique because the USSU is projecting a surplus of \$170,000, which is a historical budget. After renovations took place in Place Riel, there was a projection that the USSU was going to have a surplus after the fifth year, and the 2015 budget is the proof of this.

He pointed out to the investments table (attached). He explained the concept of depreciation, which is a concept of accounting to calculate the cost of a capital asset as it results on the operating budget; it is a non-cash expense. There is a projected surplus without depreciation for next year for \$187,000. In past year, when there was no surplus, often the difference between deficit and surplus was depreciation itself.

He then moved to explain administration, which is a service-driven category. It is almost all expenses, but balanced by student fees. There is an increase from year to year, which increases with enrolment. Communications is a more revenue-driven line. The Facilities line is a net-contributor to the USSU budget. Then, the Centres do not present a huge change from year to year; their operations are very consistent. The Information Centre is a net-contributor to the budget, which comes from U-Pass and table rentals among others. Louis' continues to improve, which is driving revenue and keeping cost down. Marketing, which is similar with Communications, essentially offsets the Communications budget.

He then explained student governance and student grants. These are the very core of political activities. Student governance covers USC, the Executive, and elections. Student governance does not bring any revenue; it is purely a service. Student grants do have some revenue and it includes campus groups funding, Pepsi product, the travel fund, and student services event. He added that XL has experienced a growth in business, which this year has experienced a decrease in net but only because they hired another full-time employee in order to continue to grow.

He pointed to the historical prospective of the budget to see the long-run trends that have led the budget to where it is (look at table actuals analysis, attached). It is a list that from year to year, starting on 2002-2003 and it shows what the actuals were. The budget is proposed based on the actuals from the previous year.

The five (5) major factors in the return to balance have been Facilities, Louis', Browsers, Copy Central, and XL. Looking at Facilities, there is an increase on the 2011-2012 year given the renovation that took place on 2009-2010, which presents a deficit on the budget for those years. Louis' has historically been a net-none-contributor to the budget. The goal for Louis' is to hit \$2 million on revenue in the next two (2) years. Throughout the period of time presented, Louis' has been in the negative because costs have been driven down and revenues are going up. The removal of Browsers also affected the budget because it used to have a big deficit. As a result, it was closed and renovated into Louis' Loft, which allowed for host weddings, and also the flat space that allows for flexibility of events. Copy Central, which was a net-none-contributor to the budget. The USSU saw a decrease in the use of printing services by students. As a result, the need of students for this service was not sufficient to subsidize this service with students' resources. Finally,

the continued growth of XL also has influenced the budget. Further, because of the close of Copy Central, XL has experienced an increase on printing demand.

VP Steele asked the process of how Louis' would bring \$2 million into the budget in the next two (2) years.

VP Nelson noted that the \$2 million will be on revenue.

Councilor Robertson added that right now Louis' brings around \$1.8 million on revenue.

Councilor Andreas asked what was the general consensus among Councilors to make amendments to the budget.

Amanda Mitchell said for the next USC meeting, the budget will be reviewed and passed after all changes are made. Therefore, amendments should be done at this meeting.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council will assume formality.

Councilor Andreas pointed out that the Campus Legal Services (CLS) proposed the re-establishment of funding for CLS. As a result, he proposed to add to the budget the re-establishment of funding for CLS for \$5,000.

Move to add \$5,000 under the Student Grants Line for CLS. Move to debate.

USCMotion059: Councilor Andreas/Councilor Radomske

Carried

Councilor Munro asked if this grant is only for this year or is it to be added for a continued budget.

Councilor Andreas replied that it would be a continued budget grant.

VP Steele spoke in favor of the amendment. From what she has seen, there are a lot of students that do not know what to do when they have academic problems. As a result, having an extra body to help would be a great help for students and the USSU VP Academic Affairs.

Councilor Radomske asked what type of oversight will the USSU have over CLS to see if the funding is being used properly.

Councilor Andreas replied that that is more detailed information he has not information about. He added that his involvement has to do more with the academic misconduct side. They are approaching the College of Law for funding as well, and they are planning on approaching college level student societies.

VP Steele mentioned that the oversight could be a semi-annual report to the USSU. In addition, report on activities, caseload, case types, in order to provide a status on what the needs of students are.

Councilor Arcand asked if the grant for CLS should be a separate budget line instead of being under Student Grants, given that the group would be given the money each year.

VP Nelson replied that if it is budgeted, the money will be guaranteed to the group, rather than if it is not used under a budget line, it would have to be justified. Following precedent, VP Nelson expressed that it would be possible for CLS to maintain the funding. Adding the money under Student Grants follows the precedent of CLS in the past. This also helps to keep a historical track of expenses. Moreover, there are subcategories within Student Grants, therefore funding for CLS would be another subcategory.

Councilor Munro added that the only reason to not provide the funding for CLS would be if the Budget & Finance Committee saw an issue with the group and the budget.

Councilor Radomske asked if there could be a chance for CLS to draft a written amount of funding, and a detailed report on how oversight will occur.

VP Nelson replied that it would make more sense to budget for the amount of money and make the amendment. Then, the USSU administration would make sure that the money is being budgeted. For example, CLS requires \$1,600 for insurance, therefore the USSU will check if CLS used that amount for insurance. The Executive and administration would then keep the oversight.

VP Steele added that there is a drafted budget for CLS. She said that she will bring it to Council for the next meeting.

Councilor Radomske mentioned if Council could ask for formal documentation that shows that CLS would come to Council to present every year regarding funding, caseload, case type, and any other sort of information.

Councilor Andreas clarified that the request is \$5,000. He then added that CLS has existed for decades and it fell apart a few years ago. As a result, they are bringing it back to campus. He noted that CLS would be more willing to agree to report to Council.

VP Nelson encouraged Councilors to look at the budget documents that were sent out.

8. Questions and Comments

VP Steele noted that she has a meeting with the presidents of different student societies on March 11 to talk about tuition consultation in their colleges. She told Councilors that if they are members of the colleges that were not present in the meeting, such as

Engineering, Agriculture & Bioresources, WCVN, and Medicine, to please talk to her after USC to let her know how to best reach each college president.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Schwab – STM – reported that on Tuesday March 17, STM is having its St. Patrick's Pub at 3:30p.m. It will be a toonie-bar. Also, Banquet & Ball will be taking place on March 21. Tickets are \$20 for students, and \$25 for everyone else.

Councilor Jones – Kinesiology – reported that the Kinesiology Grad Committee is having a Steak Night on March 19 to raise funds. She added that is March 13 is Life and Health Sciences Research Day in the Atrium of HLSC.

Councilor Munro – ESB – reported that the total until Thursday for “5 Days for the Homeless” is \$14,000. She thanked the sponsors for this event. The event ends on March 13. Their goal is \$17,000.

Councilor Chan – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU contributed to “5 Days for the Homeless”. They also are planning their Annual Talent Show on March 19. She invited Councilors to sign up for the show. The first place prize is \$300.

Councilor Robertson – ESB – reported that Councilor Haines asked him to report on her behalf. Mr. Pharmacy is taking place on March 13 at 7:00p.m. and tickets are \$15 at the door.

Councilor Schwab added to his report that STM is having its presidential election going on. Before USC there were five (5) who voted. He encouraged Councilors to invite all STM students to vote on PAWS.

Councilor Andreas – Law – reported that the College of Law had its AGM on March 11. Elections are also tacking place in the college. On March 18 at 5:00p.m. in Law 30 the forum is taking place. On March 13 the College has its Challenge Cup event.

Councilor Prebble – Education – reported that the College of Education is having its elections during the week.

Councilor Li – Education – added that the college had its graduation on March 6.

Councilor Radomske – Nursing – reported that the College of Nursing is also having its elections right now.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting
March 17th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Saddleback, VP Steele, VP Nelson, and GM Cottrell.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05a.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

VP Nelson:

VP Steele:

Last week's work included organizing the nominations and some event details for the Experience in Excellence Awards coming up at the end of March. I continue to be blown away by the fantastic work and volunteerism that thrive on our campus!

The rest of the Executive and I were pleased to meet with representatives from college societies across campus to hear their perspectives on tuition consultation in their colleges. I greatly appreciate their feedback to strengthen the USSU's report to the University on what it needs to improve.

VP Saddleback:

March 2-6

Mental Health summit- I attended and spoke at the Mental Heath summit on March 2nd. This is the very first of its kind here on campus and I was honoured to work with students,

student counseling, and administration to make it happen. The attendees came from a number of different colleges and departments. The information collected is currently being consolidated.

Social Justice week - the overall week went well and topics the presenters touched on were very engaging to the students at the events. I'd love to see this week continue

March 9 - 13

Association of College Presidents - I attended the AOCP with the whole exec as VP Steele led a constructive conversation around tuition consultation. The consultation varied from college to college

International Affairs Committee - I attended the IAC meeting and heard a number of updates from various ongoing projects. One in particular interest was the presentation from Derek Tannis from ISSAC and the struggles that international students groups face when looking for event funding. The students are comprised of both graduate and undergraduate and find it difficult to choose, whom to ratify with. As well, the groups are unaware of a number of funding avenues available to them through the USSU, GSA, ISSAC, and the administration.

4. Business

4.1 Sexual Assault Forum

VP Saddleback mentioned that CASA would like to make a Sexual Assault Forum. They will be bringing different Universities on board from across Canada. They will present what Sexual Assault policy looks like and what needs to be done. This will take place on March 30 at 4:30. They will use Skype to connect with different bodies across Canada. VP Saddleback asked if the Executive agrees to have this forum and to be a partner with CASA. VP Saddleback added if the USSU could provide posters and support.

Move to approve \$60 for posters for CASA.

EXECMotion054: VP Saddleback/VP Nelson

Carried

4.2 Endorsement

VP Saddleback pointed out that Tyler Levitan from Independent Jewish Voices is asking the USSU to sign an endorsement to oppose the Canadian Government's Threat to Silence Criticism of Israel.

The Executive decided not to sign the endorsement because they do not have time to investigate the organization and see what they do.

4.3 Votes

VP Steele noted that the U of C is running a campaign across Canada to encourage students' participation. She thinks that it is something that the USSU should do for next year.

4.4 Seager Wheeler

President FineDay said that Seager Wheeler is planning a Gala for a fundraising. They are requesting gift-cards as sponsorship. President FineDay proposed to provide two (2) gift-cards for \$25 each.

Move to provide two (2) gift-cards for \$25 each.

EXECMotion055: President FineDay/VP Nelson

Carried

4.5 MSA Proposal

MSA contacted President FineDay with regard to females of their group. They would like to exercise but they are not comfortable to do it at the PAC. He will talk about this with Patty McDougall. VP Saddleback requested to see the email from MSA.

4.6 Generentum Momentum Proposal

They have requested funding for U of S students that go on a trip to a conference at U of A. The Executive feels like this is not the kind of funding that the USSU provides.

4.7 Stress-less Board Games at the Loft

VP Saddleback said that he has been talking to Crystal about a gaming tournament to relief stress. He requested \$60.00 for advertising and then

possible cosponsor for prizes. First prize \$50, second \$25, and third \$10. It will take place on April 10th at 3:00 p.m. in the Loft.

Move to approve sponsorship for stress-less.

EXECMotion056: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

4.8 Provincial Budget

President FineDay will attend the provincial budget. It may be a difficult budget for post-secondary education. President FineDay wants to know what he will say. VP Nelson suggested there will be three scenarios - a decrease, zero, and a small increase. VP Steele suggested that the Executive could phrase it in terms of the damage to post secondary.

4.9 International Day for the Elimination of Racism

VP Saddleback requested equipment for the panel, which is \$210; ten posters \$10, and gift cards - 3X\$20.

Move to approve \$280 in sponsorship for IDERD.

EXECMotion057: VP Saddleback/VP Steele

Carried

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34p.m.

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, March 26th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Chan, Emilie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Iron,Monica | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Jones, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday March 19th, 2015

Present

Max FineDay, President
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Wendy Li, Education
Michael Prebble, Education
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
Joshua Nash, Indigenous Students
Katrina Barth, WCV
Marian Nwabuniwe, International Students

Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Kirsten Jones, Kinesiology

Absent

Guest List

Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
Katherine Fedoroff, The Sheaf
Regan Misponas

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion060: President FineDay/Councilor Prebble

Carried

2. Introductions and Announcements

President FineDay introduced Rainer Kocsis, Anna-Lilja Dawson, and Katherine Fedoroff from The Sheaf. He also introduced Regan Misponas.

President FineDay added that Anna-Lilja Dawson will have a piece in the StarPhoenix about gender neutral washroom.

VP Saddleback noted that on Saturday March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (IDERD) will take place. On March 20 there will be an event at 9:00a.m. in Convocation Hall and the University is looking for student leaders to show kids around campus. He invited Councilors to attend the event. Also, on the same day, there will be a panel discussion at noon in Arts 202 about the elimination of racial discrimination.

3. Council Address

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – March 12th, 2015

4.2 Executive Committee – March 17th, 2015

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports into the official record.

USCMotion061: President FineDay/Councilor Andreas

Carried

6. Business

6.1 Budget

VP Nelson pointed out that last week he presented the budget, which was reviewed. He said that if Councilors have any questions they should ask questions before voting.

Move to accept the USSU Budget for the year 2015-2016. Move to debate.

USCMotion062: VP Nelson/Councilor Labrecque

Carried

VP Steele noticed that Student Grants included a line of \$5,000 for CLS.

7. New Business

8. Questions and Comments

President FineDay mentioned that on March 18 the province unveiled its budget. There were a number of things that impacted the University. The University asked for an increase of 2% on its operating grant, and the province only gave 1%. Also, \$20 million was taken away, which will ultimately come out of the University's reserve. What was the most prevalent, for students at least, were the changes made to the Graduate Retention Program (GRP). The province change the GRP so now it is a non-refundable tax-credit, which means that there will not be any cheques mailed out to any students upon graduation. This is problematic for a number of reasons. One of them is that many students will not benefit from the tax-credit anymore.

He noted that he received a lot of emails from students asking what is going to happen. He spoke with Devon Peters, U of R Students' Union President, about this issue. They were debriefed about the 1% and the \$20 million, but the changes to the GRP came out of nowhere. President FineDay has been in contact with the ministry since the budget was released expressing that students are disappointed, and that students were not given the chance to lobby to keep the GRP as it was. However, other groups were able to lobby to keep their sharing agreements with the province, such as the Urban Municipalities and Rural Municipalities. He will continue to bring this up to the Minister and try to make sure that these changes are temporary. He understands that the province is in a bad financial spot right now but it is not something that students should be affected by. Students drive the provincial economy once they get into the workforce, and the provincial government needs to reevaluate the value of the University. He encouraged Councilors to reach out to their constituencies and ask how students feel about this.

Councilor Prebble pointed out that the College of Education has organized a rally on March 24 at 11:30a.m. to tell the University, the provincial government, and the federal government that the changes on the budget are unacceptable. The fact that tuition keeps going up and the budget goes down is affecting students. Education is a basic right that everyone should have. Post-secondary education is the right way to get a good job, and everyone in the province should have that opportunity. This rally is about talking about this.

Councilor Andreas asked where the rally is going to take place.

Councilor Prebble replied that it will take place at the Bowl at 11:30a.m.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that Mr. Pharmacy was a fantastic success. The event ended up raising over \$8,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The SPNSS elections are happening during the week. She added that it is

still Pharmacists Awareness Month, so there are still booths in the Tunnel and other events going on.

Councilor Rogowski – Engineering – reported that SESS was going to have a referendum on March 20 and March 23 to see if students would support a levy to create an endowment fund. The referendum was postponed and decided to be expanded to a college level instead of just SESS level. They will have a committee investigate the levy over the summer to get more information about it.

Councilor Iron – STM – reported that STM had its St. Patrick’s Day Pub on March 17. The Banquet and Ball will take place on March 21 and tickets are still available.

Councilor Schwab – STM – reported that the STM AGM will take place on March 24 at 2:30p.m. There will be free pizza.

Councilor Haines added to her report that SPNSS is having its AGM on March 23 at 5:00p.m. in THORV 110. There will also be free food for students.

Councilor Nwabunike – International Students – reported that on March 19 is Black History Awareness Day. Events are happening throughout the day. There is also the Indian Students Week taking place in ISSAC.

Councilor Chan – Arts & Science – reported that the ASSU Talent Show is taking place on March 19 after Council. The event will take place at the Capitol.

Councilor Labrecque – Engineering – reported that Pi Day took place at the beginning of the week. She added that Pi-Throw is an event where people can donate money. People buy a Pie with the money they donate. The Pie can be delivered everywhere the person wants. The money goes to a charity and this year they are donating it to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart for Kids and Engineers Without Borders. They raised around \$3,000. The SESS also completed its elections and they will have by-elections on March 25 and 26.

VP Steele noted the discussion that was brought up a couple weeks ago about the Council meeting on April 2. She proposed a motion to change the last meeting to April 9.

Move to change the last USC meeting to April 9. Move to debate.

USCMotion063: VP Steele/Councilor Arcand

Carried

Councilor Robertson asked if there would still be a meeting on April 2.

VP Steele replied that the meeting from April 2 would be moved to April 9. Therefore, there would be no meeting on April 2.

Member Dawson noted that The Sheaf just finished hiring for the next academic year. They have two (2) new positions hired, one is an Outreach Director, and the other one is a Staff Writer. The applications for these two (2) positions are due on April 15. They are

looking for a Cover Letter, and Resume. For the Staff Writer they are also looking for five (5) samples of their work; and the Outreach Director a presentation of what they would do throughout the term.

10. Adjournment

Academic Affairs Committee

Minutes for Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Present: Desirée Steele, Chair; Councillor Haines, MSC for Pharmacy and Nutrition; Councillor Daniels, MSC for Arts and Science; Councillor Li, MSC for Education; Member Peggy Anderson, SAL; Member Geneva Houlden, SAL; Felipe Del Campo-Donoso, USSU Confidential Student Support Officer.

Regrets: Member Noelle Bouvier, SAL; VP Saddleback, Vice-Chair

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:20a.m.

2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of the Minutes - November 4, 2014

There was a motion to approve the minutes; it was carried.

4. Business

4.1 TEA

The committee discussed the upcoming tabling to gather TEA nominations; location suggestions were solicited, with the following results:

- Health Sciences
- Arts and Science tunnel
- Upper Place Riel
- Agriculture and Bio-resources
- Engineering

4.2 EIE Policy

Given confusion last term about what kind of instructional support staff can be nominated for the Teaching Assistant award, the committee agreed that the EIE Award policy needs to be updated. There was also a suggestion to add the formula to be used to calculate winners, especially when some survey's categories are marked N/A while other surveys score them.

4.3 Tuition during internships

Committee members in Education and Pharmacy & Nutrition noted their confusion and sometimes frustration over how much tuition they are asked to pay during off-campus internships with no University instruction. There is also widespread misunderstanding about who is eligible to opt in to Student Care coverage and when that becomes necessary when internship takes students off campus. This was agreed to be a topic that students need to continue to bring up at the college and University level.

4.4 Class scheduling

The Registrar had asked at Student Forum what students thought of changing class scheduling. The AAC found the consensus that it works fairly well the way it is. It also agree that, while understandably inconvenient for scheduling, the Fall Reading Week was SUCH a great thing. One member noted that she would prefer it to be earlier; others

added that professors and colleges should do a better job of coordinating midterms and due dates in light of the shortened schedule.

There was also discussion on a potential clause in the Academic Courses Policy, presently under revision, that would prevent any major assignments from being due in the last week of classes. This was met with mixed reviews from members in different colleges and programs.

4.5 Student Advocacy Service

The idea of a student advocacy service was brought up to the committee. While receptive to the potential benefit of an expanded service for students, committee members flagged concerns about the necessity of a new service and the quality of service offered by this student-run program. These would be brought forward in future talks on the potential service.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02a.m.

**University Students' Council Agenda
Thursday, April 9th, 2015
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 2. Introductions and Announcements**
- 3. Council Address**
- 4. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 4.1 USC Minutes – March 26th, 2015**
 - 4.2 Executive Committee – April 8th, 2015**
 - 4.3 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.4 Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.5 Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.6 Elections Committee Minutes and Report – March 26th, 2015**
 - 4.7 External Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.8 Budget & Finance Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.9 Student Affairs Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.10 Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**
 - 4.11 Association of College President Minutes and Report**
- 5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
- 6. Business**
 - 6.1 Sprinkler Deficiencies**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1 Dodge Ball**
- 8. Questions and Comments (30 Minutes)**
- 9. Any Other Business**
 - 9.1 Councillors Reports**
 - 9.2 Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation**
- 10. Adjournment**

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| Arcand, Jaylynn | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Barrett, Jennifer | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Barth, Katrina | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
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| Daniels, Kristen | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| FineDay, Max | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Haines, Aleina | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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| Labrecque, Jamie | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Li, Wendy | P | P | P | P | R | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM | P | NM |
| Munro, Jessie | P | R | P | P | P | P | NM | A | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Nash, Joshua | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NYA | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nelson, Elias | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Nwabuniwe, Marian | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | R | NM | A | NM | A | NM |
| Prebble, Michael | P | R | P | R | R | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Radomske, Dillan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Robertson,Jordan | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Rogowski, Kamil | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Saddleback, Jack | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | R | NM |
| Schwab,Benjamin | P | P | P | P | P | R | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Senecal, Gabe | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
| Steele, Desirée | P | P | P | P | P | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM | P | NM |
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University Students' Council
Minutes for Thursday March 26th, 2015

Present

Desirée Steele, VP Academic Affairs
Elias Nelson, VP Operations & Finance
Jaylynn Arcand, Medicine
Gabe Senecal, Arts & Science
Kristen Daniels, Arts & Science
Jessie Munro, ESB
Jordan Robertson, ESB
Taylor Andreas, Law
Monica Iron, St. Thomas More
Aleina Haines, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Jennifer Barrett, Agriculture &
Bioresources
Dillan Radomske, Nursing
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Michael Prebble, Education
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Also Present

Scott Hitchings, USC Chair
Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Regrets

Max FineDay, President
Jack Saddleback, VP Student Affairs
Emilie Chan, Arts & Science
Kamil Rogowski, Engineering
Jamie Labrecque, Engineering
Benjamin Schwab, St. Thomas More

Absent

Guest List

Patti McDougall, Vice-Provost, Teaching
and Learning
Rainer Kocsis, The Sheaf
Anna-Lilja Dawson, The Sheaf
HenryTye Glazebrook, The Sheaf
Regan Misponas

The meeting was called to order at 6:13p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion064: Councilor Radomske/VP Nelson

Carried

Councilor Robertson made a friendly amendment to add Dodge Ball under any other business as 9.2.

2. Introductions and Announcements

VP Nelson introduced HenryTye Glazebrook, Rainer Kocsis and Regan Misponas.

VP Steele congratulated all the candidates who ran in the USSU Election.

VP Nelson welcomed Patti McDougall.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would assume informality until Council address is done. Then Council will assume formality.

3. Council Address

3.1 Patti McDougall – Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning

Patti McDougall thanked Council for inviting her to present. She noted that she has been the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning for about two-and-half years. She added that she was invited to talk about two (2) issues.

She began by talking about Sexual Misconduct and Violence. In the fall, post-secondary education institutions started mobilizing to see if they had the right sexual assault policies and procedures in place. One thing noted in the fall was that only nine (9) Canadian post-secondary institutions actually had specific policies. The University has had for many years a section on sexual assault under the non-academic misconduct policy. Dr. McDougall has been working on three (3) things with regards to the policy. She has focused on policy and procedures; awareness, education and training; evaluating our support.

Dr. McDougall mentioned that the policy is like a starting point for how to take action when people are target of sexual assault. She wants to use this document to build awareness on campus, and to make connections to other policies. The elements that go into this can be picked from other policies that have been built by other groups. Some of the elements include conduct, definitions, information about communication and record keeping, among others. The policy and procedure will not change the disciplinary guidelines of the University, such as the non-academic misconduct regulations. Instead, she is working to create parallels between the policies. She is trying to get this policy by June 2015 to be approved by the Board of Governors.

She added that on Monday March 30 there is going to be a Sexual Assault Forum hosted by the Coalition for Sexual Assault. It will take place at 4:00p.m. in the Neatby-Timlin Theatre. They are trying to get the University to create a Sexual Assault Centre. On Tuesday March 31, Dr. McDougall is hosting a discussion at Convocation Hall at 3:30p.m. to talk about these policy issues. She wants to get feedback from people around campus with regards to this policy.

Dr. McDougall noted that from 2009 until 2013 the University has had ten (10) sexual assaults formally on record. She thinks that there have been more but there are barriers to go forward and report the assault. She wants to work on methods to get people to report. One example for this is the bulletins on PAWS that describe the situation. However, in some situations there are problems on how to inform the whole campus about an assault. These kinds of issues are the ones Dr. McDougall is working on. She also wants a bigger online presence. A good website would be beneficial for this and consultation with people on campus is necessary to design the website.

She invited Councilors to ask any questions or if they have any comments with regards to the questions she presented.

Councilor Nash asked if a warning to students could be given if someone feels like their sexual partner is a threat to the campus.

Dr. McDougall replied that they have always warned students. The University should try to do a threat assessment test to see how to deal with the warning.

GM Cottrell noted that one conflict that may exist is with regards to accommodation and confidentiality, and how one navigates maintaining confidentiality when you have to request accommodation for particular student.

Dr. McDougall answered that the way that this issue has been handled is to always keep confidentiality. In the case for academic accommodation, some disclosure might be required. She believes that the control should be in the hands of the target.

GM Cottrell added that one should look at what the legal system does when a sexual assault case appears, where a case might take up to four (4) years to be dealt with.

Dr. McDougall replied that she is not sure what the University might be able to do with regards to that but the University's internal process better be good and fair, and better not fall under the same traps.

Councilor Munro noted that the bulletins are a good idea to report these cases. However, in some cases it might put the person who reported the assault in more danger. She believes that in the future it would be necessary to assess if a bulletin is necessary or not.

Dr. McDougall mentioned that the policy says that everything must be reported to members on campus. However, she feels torn about this because it is not always the case that it can be reported to everyone.

Councilor Arcand thanked Ms. McDougall for coming to Council. She asked what will the policy do to protect the targets of sexual assault.

Dr. McDougall replied that if there is a complaint that goes under the non-academic misconduct policy, it depends where the events happened in order for the policy to work. However, if the assault happens outside the purview of the University, the University has to find ways to protect the target through different means, such as academic accommodation. The University would not be able to act against a perpetrator if the assault happened outside the University purview. It all depends on the situation to see how the University can help protect the target.

VP Steele noted that the University should think to commit with legal services to provide more support for the targets.

Dr. McDougall added that the University uses a natural justice system where the target has to be in a position to face the accuser, either for academic and non-academic misconducts. The University is trying to find a fair way to keep this process going.

Councilor Radomske noted that while developing this policy, the University creates a policy that recognizes all genders. He added that in other years the campaign for sexual assault policy has shifted more towards the female gender.

Dr. McDougall agreed with Councilor Radomske's point.

Dr. McDougall then moved to talk about student-based evaluation of teaching and courses. There is one (1) University sanction instrument called the SEEQ, which is not used by every college but they can use other instruments as long as they meet the criteria. The SEEQ is the one that supports the platform of the University.

Dr. McDougall noted that when she started her position there were no guidelines for sanction instruments. Hence, in the policy they stated the principles for student-based evaluations. These principles are that the University believes that Faculty seeks feedback, and that students want to provide that feedback on their learning experiences. Collect the evaluations to improve program quality. The process has to be transparent and fair. Aggregate information should be available to students. This process was started with VP Sherbino, and Dr. McDougall noted that it has to be made voluntary for faculty members to share their summary information.

The policy document also has responsibilities. One of them is to maintain the system to make it work. One key responsibility is for students to do the evaluations. If the response rate is not good, then faculty members do not receive good information. Therefore, it does not represent the whole group.

The policy on which Dr. McDougall is working has to do with the numeric data. One of these regulations deals with students' comments and when it is necessary to remove them. Other changes deal with the access to the data. Some of this data was only available to the instructor and not the University administration; therefore there was a change on who has access to the data. Finally, the procedure spells out changed on how to share the data with students. Dr. McDougall is working to create a mechanism to do this. Sharing data with students might create transparency and it will give students more reliable information. This will focus on three main categories of questions, such as the overall quality of the course and the instructor. Rather than seeing the mean of score, students will have access to the distribution of scores. Also, instructors will be able to add comments. Historic data will be added as well. The idea was to create a policy that could pass because it still needs to be approved by University Council.

Councilor Munro mentioned that more time for students to fill out the SEEQ evaluations would be better.

Councilor Radomske noted that when students know that a professor has tenure, they might find it useless to fill out the SEEQ evaluations.

Councilor Senecal said that students are more likely to do the evaluations if they are shorter.

Councilor Arcand pointed out that depending on the instructor and the class might influence the willingness of a student to complete the evaluation.

Dr. McDougall noted that the online SEEQ evaluation comes with a lower response rate. She has been talking about allowing students to do the online evaluations in-class time. Another important point is that instructor should explain to their student how they use the data of the evaluations.

VP Steele asked what is in the procedures right now at the University level that talks about how evaluations are different and how they should be administered.

Dr. McDougall replied that when evaluations are done online the issue of who administers the evaluation is not significant. She wants to reinforce the procedures that exist once the policy is in place.

Councilor Andreas asked if he could get a copy of Dr. McDougall's presentation for the interest of Campus Legal Services. (Note: Presentation is attached)

VP Steele asked about the timeline to start looking at different instruments for the SEEQ to make it more flexible.

Dr. McDougall replied that the University has had SEEQ instrument since 2007. It is easier to call for a review of this rather than getting a new system right away. She thinks

that for the Fall or Winter of the next academic year she should have a report. The system that she is interested in comes from the University of Toronto. This system involves data sharing. It has around twenty (20) items; there is a cluster of five (5) to six (6) items that are institutional; there is another cluster at the college level; then there is a cluster at the department level; and finally there is a cluster that the instructors can add themselves to the evaluation. The challenge for SEEQ is that it does not fit for seminar classes or performing Arts classes, among others.

VP Steele noted that the USSU is happy to collaborate to make students understand their rights and responsibilities with regards to classes. She added that in other Universities there is a system called Midterm Evaluations where students can provide feedback in the middle of the term for things that could be improved before the term is over.

Dr. McDougall mentioned that there have been talks about this given that it is an informal process that any instructor can do and it is meant to help shape the class. She added that this is done in the College of Law.

Councilor Arcand asked if Dr. McDougall could give the dates for the events mentioned at the beginning of the presentation.

Dr. McDougall replied that on Monday March 30 there is going to be a Sexual Assault Forum hosted by the Coalition for Sexual Assault. It will take place at 4:00p.m. in the Neatby-Timlin Theatre. On Tuesday March 31, Dr. McDougall is hosting a policy discussion on sexual misconduct in Convocation Hall at 3:30p.m.

Councilor Barrett noted that in the College of Agriculture & Bioresources the process of midterm evaluation is very informal between students and professors.

Dr. McDougall mentioned that it depends on the college how this process is done.

VP Steele said that it would be important for students to see aggregate data. It would be a good idea to bring it up at University Council. She also thanked Dr. McDougall for coming to Council.

Chairperson Hitchings noted that unless there was an objection, Council would go back into formality.

4. Minutes and Reports for Information

4.1 USC Minutes – March 19th, 2015

4.2 Academic Affairs Committee Minutes and Report – March 13th, 2015

5. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to accept the Minutes and Reports into the official record.

USCMotion065: Councilor Radomske/Councilor Andreas

Carried

6. Business

7. New Business

7.1 Sprinkler Deficiencies

Move to give GM Cottrell speaking rights.

USCMotion066: VP Steele/Councilor Radomske

Carried

GM Cottrell said that in 2011 Place Riel was opened. Then, a few weeks ago she received a message from Gino saying that Place Riel has Sprinkler Deficiencies in the building and they must be taken care of immediately. She contacted FMD and the Architect of the building. The total to fix the sprinklers is about \$15,000. She has been in conversations with the University and they are willing to pay part of it. She said that if Councilors want specific data about this she can bring it for the next meeting. She can also ask the USSU Facilities Manager, Stefanie Ewen, to come to Council to speak with more clarity about this issue.

Councilor Senecal asked if this is related to the flooding problem in January.

GM Cottrell replied that the sprinklers that broke in January were not part of the renovation of Place Riel, and their problem has to do with cold.

Councilor Haines asked what is the specific problem with the sprinklers.

GM Cottrell answered that there are little specs. She said that the specific details can be brought for next Council.

Move to have the specific details about the sprinkler deficiencies for next Council Meeting.

USCMotion067: Councilor Radomske/Councilor Daniels

Carried

Councilor Arcand asked why this was not noted before if the building was renovated in 2011.

GM Cottrell replied that she was surprised that this was not noted before. She would like to hold someone accountable for this but architects charge \$400 per hour to try to find the problem. Nevertheless, they sprinklers still would have to be fixed.

Councilor Arcand asked who noted the deficiencies in the sprinklers.

GM Cottrell replied that his name is Gino, who works for FMD. This person is responsible for sprinkler inspections.

VP Steele asked if there is a way to know how these inspections take place in order to prevent this from happening in the future.

GM Cottrell replied that she is unsure on how this would happen because the project was done in pieces in a timeframe of two-and-half years. As a result, moving into Place Riel was a process of two (2) years. An option could be for the USSU to pay someone to come to the building and do these inspections in an ongoing basis.

8. Questions and Comments

Councilor Munro noted that there was a comment made on Facebook about an ESB representative and how it is difficult to find Edwards' students that care about Aboriginal Issues. She found this comment disrespectful because she and Councilor Robertson, joined USC to represent all students. She noted that this might not be the person's intent. ESB has a lot of initiatives that support Aboriginal issues.

Councilor Nash said that on behalf of the Indigenous Students he is willing to rectify this issue with both ESB Councilors.

9. Any other Business

9.1 Councillors Reports

Councilor Haines – Pharmacy & Nutrition – reported that the SPNSS had its AGM during the week.

Councilor Iron – STM – reported that STMSU had its Banquet and Ball. They also had their AGM on Tuesday March 24.

Councilor Daniels – Arts & Science – reported that ASSU is hosting the ASSU picnic in the Bowl on April 2.

Councilor Senecal added that the ASSU picnic is free to attend.

Councilor Robertson reported on behalf of both Councilors from Engineering by saying that all SESS positions have been filled up for the upcoming academic year. Moreover, their referendum on the Engineering levy has been postponed to increase awareness among the student body.

He added that in ESB, the GDC is looking for director roles and it is not necessary to be an ESB student.

Councilor Radomske – Nursing – reported that SNSS elections took place. He added that members of his constituency brought some issues forward, such as the option to get a U-Pass for those students in summer classes or for colleges that start/end classes at different times than the rest of students. He also noted that students are concerned if they are going to be charged for the new Childcare centre.

GM Cottrell mentioned that this has been an issue in the past and she has tried to work with Transit to find a solution. On all occasion the USSU has been turned down to fix this

issue. She added that she is not sure if there is going to be a fee for Childcare but if there were one, it would be assessed by the University and not by the USSU.

Councilor Jones asked why the Spring/Summer U-Pass cannot be made available to students that start/end classes at different times during the year.

GM Cottrell replied that there is a Spring/Summer U-Pass for students taking classes in those terms. However, other students who have classes that end in May, or begin classes in August, are not technically registered in Spring or Summer sessions, therefore the University has no mechanism to trigger a fee for those extra weeks.

Councilor Arcand asked if the University is unwilling to charge fees for those extra weeks or if the problem is with Transit.

GM Cottrell answered that the University needs to have a mechanism through registration to trigger a fee. For example, for Medicine students, whose term starts in August and ends in May, the University's system cannot add the fee for those extra weeks in those months. There were different ideas to fix this, but the City of Saskatoon refused to change the system or data sharing to improve this issue.

Councilor Radomske asked if it would be possible for the USSU to provide the colleges affected by this with funding to subsidise their U-Pass.

GM Cottrell replied that it would not be possible with the current U-Pass because the chips in the U-Pass sticker are remotely activated and deactivated. She thinks that the City would also not allowed the USSU to activate those passes for that extra period of time.

Councilor Radomske clarified that the subsidy would be for students to purchase a Transit Bus Pass.

GM Cottrell noted that it could work but it is not under her jurisdiction. It is a political decision.

Councilor Arcand clarified that first year Medicine students end classes the second week of May and comes back to class two (2) earlier than the rest of Undergraduates. She then explained for how long the upper year classes go for.

9.2 Dodge Ball

Chairperson Hitchings noted that Council will assume informality.

Councilor Robertson noted that this idea began with the EBSS having a dodge ball tournament. He added that the University of Alberta and University of Calgary had this huge event and he thought he would bring the idea to the University in order to create

more of a community on campus. This event was has a world record of participants. He showed a video to Councilors to show how big this event is.

He noted that the proposed time to have this event is during Welcome Week.

Extra comments from Councilors are inaudible from the recording.

Councilor Robertson showed the budget to Councilors, which includes T-Shirts, balls and prizes. The approximate amount for this event is \$42,000.

VP Steele asked what Alcohol company could sponsor the event.

Councilor Robertson replied that different companies in Saskatoon could be sponsor for this event.

Councilor Daniels asked what was the budget for the events at the other universities.

Councilor Robertson replied that he did not know the budget.

GM Cottrell asked when this event took place at the University of Alberta.

Councilor Robertson replied that U of A had this event in 2011 and U of C was in 2012.

GM Cottrell mentioned that she could contact the General Manager of U of A to ask them questions about their event.

Councilor Arcand asked if someone has talk to the University about this event, and if they already made the first-year t-shirts for Welcome Week.

Councilor Robertson replied that he talked to the person in charged of making the t-shirts and it will depend on the way they want to go with it.

Councilor Haines asked how this event will deal with insurance.

Councilor Robertson replied that he has talked with Jason Ventnor so it can be a USSU event and can receive insurance. The other way to do it is to ratify the event as a campus group and apply for insurance. The University mentioned that they are comfortable with this event happening as long as it happens on University ground.

Councilor Senecal added that the main cost for this event are the t-shirts for each team.

Councilor Robertson asked if Council would like this event to be part of the USSU.

VP Steele noted that a group could get together during the summer and work on the logistics of this event. However, she said that the budget for the event will not come out

of the USSU budget. She believes that more work needs to be done for the specifics of this event.

10. Adjournment

Executive Meeting
April 8th, 2015

Present: President FineDay, VP Saddleback, VP Nelson, and GM Cottrell.

Regrets: VP Steele.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present

3. Roundtables

President FineDay:

March 16 – March 20

Presidential Search Committee

Much of what is discussed in this meeting is confidential. If the committee remains on schedule there is hope to release a selected candidate to the campus community by mid-fall.

Youth in Care

Met with the registrar to discuss a scholarship (tuition waiver) for youth in care. This initiative is rolling along and I'm confident that it will be available at the beginning of term one 2016.

March 23 – March 27

Board of Governors for 2.5 days

Much of what is discussed in this meeting is confidential. I will be working with the board to ensure a smooth transition with President-elect Saddleback.

March 30 – April 3

Met with the Presidents Executive Committee with the newly

elected USSU executive. Informal introductions were made and the administration updated the executives on the progress for various initiatives that will carry over into the next year.

Childcare Announcement

Attended the childcare announcement with government and university admin. This was a big piece of my year, making sure that the government dollars were going to support the construction of a new childcare facility. There is still a major shortage of childcare on campus but I am hopeful in the longer term plan the university is looking at. It will remain the job of the USSU Exec. to keep pressure on the university to see further progress.

VP Nelson:

VP Steele:

March 16 – March 20

I spent this week mostly on keeping up with the USSU elections and putting together the Experience in Excellence Awards Gala. There were also a couple committee meetings, including Planning and Priorities and my Academic Affairs Committee. Thanks to my committee for being so committed and productive with Teaching Excellence Award work!

March 23 – March 27

In the week before the EIE Awards Gala, I discovered the multitude of details that only seem to emerge right before an event. Aside from figuring out how to do or delegate tasks for that event, I also helped adjudicate the Provost's Teaching Awards, pushed forward experiential learning with the TLARC working group, and provided input on how to make financial planning resources more helpful and accessible on the Usask website.

March 29 – April 2

The EIE Gala held on Sunday the 29th was a raging success, thanks to the wonderful members of the USSU staff and committees. All the award recipients, especially the teachers, were highly honoured to receive recognition for their various

efforts. It reminded me how proud I am to be part of a union that so values and celebrates excellence in a variety of forms.

On Tuesday morning the present and incoming executives attended the monthly breakfast meeting with the President and his executive team. A topic of concern for us was the provincial budget, both particularly the changes to the Graduate Retention Program and the withholding of \$20,000,000 from project funding that was committed by the province earlier. All parties at the table agreed that this is not sustainable and must not happen again.

VP Saddleback:

March 16 – March 20

Breakfast meeting with president and execs – Attended with the fellow executive our monthly meeting with the interim president, his executive team, and the GSA executive. During this meeting I brought up concerns regarding safety at U Lot and the ongoing work of a sexual assault policy.

Meeting of the President’s Service Award Selection

Committee – I was invited to be on the President’s Service Award Selection Committee to choose this year two new award recipients. One name will be released later this summer and the other one will be released in the fall.

March 23 – March 27

Childcare Board Meeting – Attended the childcare board meeting to discuss upcoming changes within this next year and to go over financials. Much talk during the meeting was around the new childcare centre build and the partnership that the USSU childcare and the university have. The USSU childcare centre will oversee the running of the daycare while the university will oversee the build.

Holly Labrecque – I had the good fortune of meeting with Holly Labrecque who is the owner of a small counselling office called “The Youth Guru”. They are located on campus in St. Andrew’s College. When looking to ease the wait times for

students having alternatives on campus are vital to ensuring accessibility and affordability.

March 30 – April 3

Flag Raising – I attended the Trans* Flag Raising on campus in convocation hall for Trans* Awareness Week; the event was organized by the Pride Centre and the Avenue Community Centre.

Childcare – I attended the new Childcare build media event with President FineDay, many were in attendance and the new build is set to open in late 2015/ early 2016. A big congratulations to all of the past executives and councillors involved in getting the build moving forward!

4. Business

4.1 GAA Membership

VP Steele has talked with the Executive about this issue. The Executive members are not considered full –time students, therefore they are not members of the GAA. GM Cottrell will contact Russ Isinger to see what is the problem with the status of the Executive as students.

4.2 Charlie’s Transit

VP Nelson mentioned that he would like to support the initiative 10 Days for Transit.

Move to sponsor \$500 for 10 days for transit.

EXECMotion058: VP Nelson/VP Saddleback

Carried

4.3 Campus Political Clubs

In order to get around the problem of campus political clubs booking table space for candidates, Adam Nobel will need to ask if they are doing this when they approach him. If they are the third parties booking fees apply.

4.4 CFCR Membership

VP Saddleback mentioned that the USSU’s membership on CFCR is coming to an end, therefore it has to be renewed in May.

5. Adjournment

Elections Committee Minutes

March 26, 2015

Present: Gillian Gough (CRO), Scott Hitchings (ACRO), Caroline Cottrell (GM), Aleina Haines, Ross Gadzella, Katerina Iron

Regrets: Dillan Radomske

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Business

a. Complaints

Complaints were received and considered by the committee.

b. Ratification of Results

The results as tabulated and posted on the USSU website for the positions of USSU Executive and Councillors is approved.

Motion to approve the results of the 2015 USSU General Election. Moved by Aleina Haines, Seconded by Katerina Iron. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:39 P.M.



University Students' Council


The Double-Feature

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March 26, 2015
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Sexual Misconduct/ Violence

- 
- § Policy and Procedures
 - § Building on Education, Awareness, Training
 - § Evaluating Supports

❖ Policy (and Procedures)

§ Launching point (further actions)

§ Direction for targets (reporting, supports)

§ What can someone expect?

§ Sending a clear message

§ Building awareness

§ Connection to other policies

Elements in Policy/ Procedures

- § Purpose and Scope
- § Commitments
- § Reporting and responding
- § Complaints
- § Confidentiality
- § Accommodations
- § Definitions
 - § (e.g., sexual assault, consent, coercion, stalking)
- § Communication and record keeping
- § Links to supports, other relevant policies
 - § Non-Academic Misconduct Code



Emerging Questions

§ What should the university's commitments be?



Emerging Questions

§ How can we encourage people to report?

Emerging Questions

§ Under what circumstances do we announce to the whole campus, immediately?

§ Threat risk, community awareness, privacy?

§ Tracking numbers?



Emerging Questions

- § What is important about how the website is developed and presented?
- § Reporting option?

Final comments (Part 1)



Student-Based Evaluations of Teaching and Courses

§ Policy and Procedures

§ Review of our current common
instrument (SEEQ)



Policy

§ Principles

§ Faculty seek feedback and students want to provide feedback on their learning experiences

§ Collecting evaluations to improve program quality

§ Protect rights and dignity

§ Reliable and valid instrument

§ Process fair and transparent

§ Aggregate information available to students (when volunteered by faculty)



Policy (con't)

§ Responsibilities

§ Institution

§ College and Divisions

§ Academic Administrators

§ Instructors

§ Students



Procedures

- § Making changes to numeric information
- § Removing student comments
- § Minimum number of responses for release
- § Minimum number of courses/sections for comparison
- § Data usage by department, college, and/or university

Data Sharing with Students

- § Sharing of evaluation data must be voluntary
- § University needs to provide a mechanism
- § Creates transparency
- § Provides students with more reliable information
- § Increase student capacity to properly interpret data by using:
 - § NSID access
 - § High level global indices
 - § Distribution of scores (versus mean or median)
 - § Instructors can add comments
 - § Present historic data
 - § Link to teaching profile page

Open for questions and comments

