

# University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

## Annual General Meeting

Minutes for Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Present: Everisto Mupanguri (Chair), Sandra Duncan (Ex-Officio), Sharla Daviduik (USSU Research & Policy Coordinator), Crystel Knihniskik (USSU Accountant), Angela Erickson (USSU Confidential Secretary), Ian Potter (USSU Communications Coordinator), Freda Salikin (USSU Facilities & Operations Manager)

Guests: Ray Kola (KPMG Auditor)

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05p.m.

### 2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was determined to be      voting members.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda as circulated.

**AGM MOTION 01:**      Jack Mason/Matthew Leisle      Carried.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes (November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003)

Move to adopt the minutes from November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003, as circulated.

**AGM MOTION 02:**      Matthew Leisle/Darcy Diachinsky      Carried.

### 5. President's Report

President Gardiner gave a brief summary of what has happened to date.

He noted that at the beginning of this Executive's term there was a Federal election campaign and unfortunately due to the timing there were no students on campus. The USSU did do a good job of getting students out to vote. The campaigning was successful.

There was a turn over in the Executive early in the term. Wendy Sharpe, past VP (Academic Affairs), resigned. A by-election took place in October with Malvina Gersher filling the position and has filled the role terrifically.

USC has been meeting for just over 2 months. Have recently endorsed a campaign along with the U of R Students' Union and the GSA. Lobbying the Provincial government for a tuition freeze. We are sending postcards on behalf of students to the

Premier. On each postcard a student will write what college they are from and how much debt they expect to incur while attending University. Will be talking with members on both sides of provincial government.

The USSU endorsed a motion to allow the organization to explore various lobbying efforts. The Executive are going to Ottawa to evaluate CASA, CFS and a third option is being reviewed as well that would remain unaligned and would set up an autonomous which would only lobby the government.

Currently dealing with increasing student representation within the University structure. VP Gersher is proposing a bylaw amendment, which will have at least 2 undergraduate students on each committee. She is unable to attend the Annual General meeting because she is presenting the bylaw change to University Council.

VP Gersher is looking into a book exchange. VP Stranden is working on U-Pass. VP MacDonald is currently working on a Public Interest Research Group.

## **6. Auditor's Report**

### **6.1 Auditor's Report**

Move to grant speaking rights to the Auditor.

**AGM MOTION 03:** Valerie Quintin/Katharine Kirkness Carried.

Ray Kola presented the Auditor's Report.

### **6.2 Financial Statement Resolution**

Be it resolved that the audited financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union be accepted for the year ended April 30, 2003, as presented.

**AGM MOTION 04:** Ashley Forbes/Beverly Wudel Carried.

Matthew Leisle asked why Student Governance had gone up.

President Gardiner noted that it was because of the provincial election campaign, which would have been around \$40,000 (shared with other groups/organizations). That would make up a significant amount.

### **6.3 Auditing Firm Resolution**

Be it resolved that the auditing firm of KPMG Chartered Accountants be appointed for the 2004/2005 audit.

**AGM MOTION 05:** Jack Mason/Matthew Leisle Carried.

## **7. Ratification of Bylaw No. 1: Governance Procedures**

Be it resolved that this meeting ratify USSU Bylaw #1, as amended by University Students' Council on March 11, 2004 and October 14, 2004.

**AGM MOTION 06:** Gardiner/Jessica Heath Carried.

President Gardiner noted that the bylaw has been amended twice. The standing committee was the CASA Board and it was changed this year to the External Affairs Board. The new board will focus on lobbying in general as the previous board was perhaps too focused towards CASA. He also noted that both amendments were passed and ratified by USC.

Jack Mason asked if the amendment from article 10.04 is being considered separately.

VP MacDonald noted that if there was going to be discussion on both amendments it could be split.

**8. Ratification of Bylaw No. 3: Code of Ethics**

Be it resolved that this meeting ratify USSU Bylaw #3, as amended by University Students' Council on November 4, 2004.

**AGM MOTION 07:** Stranden/??? Carried.

VP Stranden referred to the Code of Ethics, Bylaw #3, and that it was passed and ratified by University Students' Council.

Matthew Leisle noted that candidates are not officially ratified until Reading Week. People who want to run sometimes already have their nominations handed in. Does not know if it is a big concern that the ratification process does not happen until Reading Week.

VP MacDonald is also concerned that MSC's could also have a sway if they are going to run. It would mean that none of the Executive could discuss. May be more valuable to have during complaints period.

President Gardiner noted that the concerns are not valid enough to not pass the amendment. The ratified candidates issue; something had to be chosen. It is nothing to worry about, as it is the discretion of the Code and Ethics Disciplinary Committee

Jack Mason noted that there has to be something tangible. Ratification is the most suitable and logical choice

Jessica Heath noted that the Elections Board would use discretion to deal with anyone who breaks the rules.

**10. Questions & Comments**

Move to have questions and comments for 30 minutes.

**AGM MOTION08:** Matthew Leisle/Marlaina Hauser Carried.

Kai Cheong So asked why the plasma screens in Place Riel are only designated for USSU use.

VP MacDonald stated that there is a policy in place. Non-USSU based ads can now advertise. Advertising time on the screens will be sold at a 1:1:6 ratio.

Ashley Forbes asked about the Public Interest Research Group.

**VP MacDonald noted that PIRG's (Public Interest Research Groups) are common across North America. He hired a researcher to see if it was worth doing on campus or in the province. It is very popular across Canada.**

Kai Cheong So spoke about budget items. He got the understanding that all of the financial documents were not student accessible.

VP MacDonald noted that the Financial Plan is in the front office. Each councilor will receive one.

Move to grant speaking rights to USSU staff.

**AGM MOTION 09:** MacDonald/Gardiner

Carried.

Crystel noted that in a policy it states that any member of the USSU has access to the organization's financial statements.

Jack Mason asked about the CASA Conference coming up next week and who would be attending.

President Gardiner noted that exec and sharla would be attending. 3 exec attending both casa and cfs, sharla attending casa, ext affairs board has a member going as well. He has a list of questions like a job interview, what are 3 aspects of organization (best and worst); different ways of lobbying, public education. Very comprehensive and fair review. Process is casa starting Monday and goes to Friday, cfs wed-Saturday. A member will be going to all relevant motions to vote and it is the primary reason going to Ottawa. Nich ansaldo is going from external affairs board.

## 10. Other Business

Bylaw #3

Motion made by stranden

Seconded by Valerie Quintin

Jack Mason noted that pies were to be delivered to kim stranden and gavin gardiner

## 11. Adjournment

Move to adjourn

Brent Thomas/Valerie Quintin

carried.

