

# University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

## Annual General Meeting

November 22, 2018

Arts 146

Chairperson Phillips acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on Territory 6 and the Homeland of the Métis and that learning has taken place on this land before this institution was created.

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

### 2. Call for Quorum

Quorum was present.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

Move to adopt the agenda.

**AGMMotion001:** VP Kobes/VP Moellenbeck

**Carried**

### 4. Adoption of AGM Minutes

Move to accept the AGM minutes from the previous year's meeting into the official record.

**AGMMotion002:** VP Kobes/VP Moellenbeck

**Carried**

### 5. President's Report

President Baldhead noted that VP Kobes has been dedicated to expanding user accessibility to campus club services. VP Kobes has been developing programs to help campus groups with governance and liability training. VP Kobes has been active dealing with Saskatoon Transit and advocating for students regarding BRT.

President Baldhead noted that VP Moellenbeck has been continuously working in his role as an academic advocate and resource for students. VP Moellenbeck sits on various university-level committees. VP Moellenbeck has been advocating for the elimination of mandatory online homework systems. He has also been leading various initiatives, including Face To Face, where the USSU Executive connects directly with students in all colleges. He has also been advocating for more open educational resources.

President Baldhead noted that VP Wu has been coordinating many USSU events. She organized the first River Clean Up, in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability. She has organized monthly Farmers Markets and Clothing Swaps. VP Wu brought table tennis to Welcome Week, as well as a Speed-Friending event. Further events proposed for the winter term include Speed-Friending, American Sign Language Workshop, Holiday Card Making and Carbonless Concert.

President Baldhead noted that, since being elected in the by-election, he has been attempting to catch up to the demands of the position. He will continue to advocate for students. He noted the Executive is organizing critical meetings to lobby the provincial government regarding the importance of funding of postsecondary education. He noted that he has been working on a proposal for an in-house Elder for the USSU. He stated that, ultimately, everything the Executive does leads back to the student experience. President Baldhead acknowledged that it is crucial that the provincial government recognizes the need to make education more accessible to students.

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

### **6.1 Presentation of Audited Financial Statements by KPMG**

The auditor introduced herself as a manager at KPMG. She began by presenting the auditor's report and stated that it is a clean report and that it fairly represents the financials of the USSU for the last financial year.

She then presented the financial position. She noted that total assets are \$6.7 million. This is an increase from \$6.5 million in the previous year. She noted that total long term liabilities are currently down by \$100 000. The USSU has a total cash and investments on hand of \$6.5 million.

She then presented the statement of operations. The current revenue for the previous year is \$6.38 million, up from \$6.31 million. Total expenses were steady at \$6.4 million. The USSU incurred an accounting loss of about \$34 000, largely due to amortization.

Member Macnab asked what the monthly payment made on loans is by the USSU?

The auditor said she would have to check and get back to her.

Member Macnab asked if she knew the interest rate on the loan?

The auditor said she can get the number to her.

GM Cottrell said that the aggregate interest rate on the loan is about 6.85%. The monthly payments on the loan are about \$113,000.

### **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, 2017, as presented.

**AGMMotion003:** VP Kobes/President Baldhead

**Carried**

### **6.3 Auditing Firm Resolution**

Be it resolved that the auditing firm of KPMG Chartered Accountants be appointed for the 2018/2019 audit.

**AGMMotion004:** VP Kobes/Councillor Bell

**Carried**

## **7. Special Resolution to amend the USSU Non-profit Corporation Act Articles of Continuance**

VP Kobes noted that, upon reviewing Articles of Continuance, they were no longer in alignment with the operations of the USSU. The USSU lawyers went through the Articles to realign them with the Non-profit Corporation Act and the operations of the USSU.

Move to amend the USSU Non-profit Corporation Act Articles of Continuance.

**AGMMotion005:** VP Kobes/Councillor Muñoz-Pimentel

**Carried**

## **8. Proposed Amendments**

### **8.1 Proposed Amendment to Section 15 (USSU Executive)**

President Baldhead said that the amendment would delete section 15.1, merging 15.2 with 15. It would also remove “may” in 15.2 to “are required to”. The purpose of this amendment is to require Executive members to take classes while in office.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 15.

**AGMMotion006:** VP Kobes/VP Moellenbeck

Councillor Akingbehin noted that he does not agree with this amendment as it would be nice for Executives to have the freedom to work at their own pace.

**Carried**

### **8.2 Proposed Amendment to Section 16 (USSU Executive)**

VP Kobes said that the amendment would add criteria for impeachment of an Executive regarding the number of classes that they can take in Section 16, and would also change the required number of undergraduates on a petition to begin the impeachment process from 7.5% to 5%.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 16.

**AGMMotion007:** VP Kobes/VP Moellenbeck

Member Prokopchuk asked what would happen if an Executive failed a class?

VP Kobes clarified that as long as an Executive is registered in the minimum number of classes, they cannot be removed from office for failing a class.

**Carried**

### **8.3 Proposed Amendment to Section 21 (USSU Executive)**

VP Kobes noted that this amendment removes the requirement for constituencies represented on University Students' Council to be ratified as certain constituencies are not currently ratified, like the International Students.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 21.

**AGMMotion008:** VP Kobes/VP Moellenbeck

Member Ratt-Misponas stated that VP Kobes is wrong. He said that just because the Indigenous Students are not ratified, does not mean that they are not a functioning constituency.

VP Kobes said that he was specifically making a motion regarding the International Students' Association.

**Carried**

### **8.4 Proposed Amendment to Section 24 (USSU Executive)**

VP Kobes noted that this amendment aligns the petition requirement with the earlier amendment by changing the 7.5% requirement to 5%.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 24.

**AGMMotion009:** VP Kobes/VP Wu

**Carried**

### **8.5 Proposed Amendment to Section 26 (USSU Executive)**

VP Moellenbeck noted that this amendment would add April and December to the list of months wherein University Students' Council is not required to meet to suit the schedules of Councillors.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 26.

**AGMMotion010:** VP Moellenbeck/President Baldhead

**Carried**

### **8.6 Proposed Amendment to Section 57 (USSU Executive)**

VP Moellenbeck noted that this amendment clarifies the meaning of abstentions in elections. This amendment will clarify that an acclamation is valid when there are more yes votes than no votes, rather than more yes votes than no and abstentions.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 57.

**AGMMotion011:** VP Moellenbeck/VP Kobes

**Carried**

### **8.7 Proposed Amendment to Section 82 (USSU Executive)**

VP Wu noted that this amendment replaces the President with the Chairperson of University Students Council as the head of the Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Tribunal to prevent any conflict of interest.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 82.

**AGMMotion012:** VP Wu/VP Moellenbeck

**Carried**

### **8.8 Proposed Amendment to Section 83 (USSU Executive)**

VP Wu noted that this amendment would add cannabis to the list of intoxicants that an Executive cannot be under the influence of at work, following the legalization of cannabis.

Move to accept the proposed amendment to Section 83.

**AGMMotion013:** VP Wu/VP Moellenbeck

**Carried**

### **8.9 Confirm Amendment to Section 85 (University Students' Council)**

VP Moellenbeck noted that this amendment was approved by University Students' Council in the previous year, however, amendments to the Bylaw need to be ratified at an AGM. This amendment allows the Executive to decide whether a Councillor should face impeachment or not. This is to allow the Executive to judge whether the Councillor has valid reasons for facing impeachment without bringing it to USC every single time. If the Executive believes the Councillor should face impeachment, a vote will then go to USC.

Move to confirm the amendment to Section 85.

**AGMMotion014:** VP Moellenbeck/VP Kobes

**Carried**

## **9. Questions and Comments for the Executive**

Member Macnab asked if groups no longer have to ratify under the USSU based on the amendment passed to Section 21?

VP Kobes said that that is only in regard to constituencies sitting on University Students' Council.

Member Macnab asked if that would include SUNTEP, who ratifies separate from the ESS?

VP Kobes said that SUNTEP would be represented under the College of Education on USC by two Councillors.

**10. Any Other Business**

**11. Adjournment**