University Students' Council Agenda
September 15, 2022
Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers - 6:00pm

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

3. **Roll Call / Quorum**

4. **Adoption of an Agenda**

5. **Council Address**
   - 5.1. **Introductions**
   - 5.2. **Peter Stoicheff, University President & Cheryl Hamelin, VP University Relations**

6. **Minutes and Reports for Information**
   - 6.1. **USC Minutes - September 8, 2022**
   - 6.2. **Executive Committee Minutes and Report - August 29, 2022**
   - 6.3. **Academic Relations Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.4. **Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.5. **Appointments Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.6. **Association of Constituency President Minutes and Report**
   - 6.7. **Campus Groups Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.8. **Code of Ethics Disciplinary Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.9. **Elections Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.10. **External Relations Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.11. **Finance and Assessment Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.12. **Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.13. **International Student Advisory Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.14. **Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.15. **Student Experience Committee Minutes and Report**
   - 6.16. **Sustainability Committee Minutes and Report**

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

8. **College/Constituency Report**

9. **Business**
   - 9.1. **Committee Elections**
     - 9.1.1. **Appointments Committee**
     - 9.1.2. **Student and City of Saskatoon Connections Committee**
     - 9.1.3. **Academic Relations Committee**
     - 9.1.4. **Campus Groups Committee**

10. **New Business**
    - 10.1. **In Person Exams / How do you get feedback from your constituents?**

11. **Questions, Comments, and Announcements**

12. **Adjournment**

University Students' Council
Minutes for September 8, 2022
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber - 6:00pm

Present:
Lia Storey-Gamble, VP Operations and Finance (she/they)
Sharon Jacob, VP Academic Affairs (she/her)
Arriana McLean, Nursing (she/her)
Alexis Salsbury, Arts and Science (she/her)
Elisabeth Bauman, St. Thomas More (she/her)
John Cody, St. Thomas More (he/him)
Kingslei Medina, Arts and Science (he/him)
Tania Alazawi, Dentistry (she/her)
Daniel Schuepbach, Agriculture and Bioresources (he/him)
Shelby Wakefield, Agriculture and Bioresources (she/her)
Maria Haneef, Arts and Science (she/her)
Krunal Chavda, International Students (he/him)
Hayley Jenkins, Veterinarian Medicine (she/her)
Shanleigh McKeown, Engineering (she/her)
Levi Perrault, Law (he/him)
Punya Miglani, VP Student Affairs (he/him)
Abhineet Goswami, President (he/him)
Kanika Gupta, International Students (she/her)
Kathan Choksi, Kinesiology (he/him)

Also Present:
Estefan Cortes-Vargas, USC Chairperson (he/him/they/them)
Jason Ventnor, USSU Communications and Marketing Manager (he/him)

Absent:
Moyin Onasanya, Medicine
Dalia Hassan, Nursing (she/her)

Guests:
Joseph Naytowhow, USSU Indigenous Knowledge Keeper
Sharon O'Keeweehow

Please note that verbatim minutes are not produced. The full discussion can be heard on the audio recording.
https://ussu.ca/main-page/governance/university-students-council/usc-agendas-minute

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The council observed 30 seconds of silence to show respect for the recent tragedies within Saskatchewan.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**
Chairperson Cortes Vargas stated the land acknowledgement:
As a Council of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students we acknowledge that we gather on treaty 6 territory, the homeland of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Dakota people. We acknowledge the harm that colonial institutions, such as the University of Saskatchewan, has done. We remember that there were centuries of governance and education on this land before the settlers arrived and that these forms of education and governance are continuing today. We honour and reaffirm our relationships with one another and the land that we are on as we work to dismantle the systematic barriers to education that First Nations, Métis, Inuit and other marginalized people face.

3. **Roll Call / Quorum**
The roll call was completed and the list of attendees is listed on the first page of these minutes; quorum was present.

4. **Adoption of an Agenda**
Move to adopt the agenda.
USCMotion001: VP Storey-Gamble / Councillor McLean **CARRIED**

5. **Introductions**
President Goswami introduced Sharon and Joseph Naytowhow. Joseph is a singer/songwriter, storyteller, and voice, stage and film actor from the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Band in Saskatchewan. Joseph also serves as Indigenous Knowledge Keeper with the USSU, sharing his knowledge and teachings with the USSU and its membership.

6. **Council Address**
Move to enter informality.
USCMotion002: Councillor Bauman / VP Storey-Gamble **CARRIED**

Chairperson Cortes Vargas asked if Joseph had any advice to provide to the USSU in regards to stating land acknowledgements.

Joseph thanked Chairperson Cortes Vargas for asking this question. He noted that if questions don't get asked, then change or understanding won't take place. He provided some words/acknowledgement in his mother tongue. He emphasized the importance of acknowledging mother earth. Joseph talked about some of the different tribes and how acknowledgement of those different tribes may differ depending on who is asked. He then asked Sharon O'Keeweehow for her perspective.

Sharon said that the land acknowledgement is extremely important. She explained the importance of the land within the Indigenous community. Sharon read her story about the land and growing up that she had presented at an event in Toronto. Her story highlighted the importance of the land for medicine and wellbeing.

Councillor McLean noted that as a nursing student, she has had discussions within class about cultural safety. She asked what comes to mind when Joseph/Sharon hear cultural safety. Sharon shared that through her experience working with committees within health care, she has learned how to navigate systems and that she tends to gravitate towards individuals who bring positive advocacy and multi lens perspectives to health and life.

Joseph provided some perspectives on cultural safety based on his understanding.

Sharon said that from her perspective the federal and provincial governments need to take significant steps and make changes to systems to ensure tragedies like those that have recently taken place don't continue to occur.

Joseph and Sharon shared some additional stories from their upbringing with Council and thanked the Council for inviting them to speak and participate.

The Council thanked Joseph and Sharon for their time and knowledge.

7. Minutes and Reports for Information

7.1. Presidents Report

President Goswami shared that over the summer the Executive worked on planning events and initiatives for the year. During the summer the Executive got together to collaborate on shared areas of priority for the year. Through the Executives collaboration they came up with three pillars for their priorities within the year: Engagement, Innovation, and Wellbeing. Within summer they also focused on connecting with University administration, University staff, the City of Saskatoon leadership and staff, Provincial Government staff, and other student leaders across the country.

The Executive will be working with Constituency Groups and Deans to host town halls around tuition and student concerns within October & November.

Three provincial lobbying priorities that the USSU Executive are going to focus on for the year include: Career Development, Increased Funding for Students, and Mental Wellbeing.

President Goswami noted that in addition to the annual event weeks (such as pride week, sexual violence awareness week, campus groups week, accessibility week, sustainability week, etc.), the USSU will also be hosting de-stress events throughout the year. President Goswami shared that there will be two bike work stations within Place Riel for students to exercise where they study.

One of the events VP Jacob is working on within Academic Awareness Week is the Dean's Circle, which will provide opportunities for students to engage with various deans.

President Goswami and VP Storey-Gamble sit on the Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities; which is a federal lobbying group composed of the U15 Universities in Canada.

President Goswami shared that the USSU has partnered with Riipen to provide internships to students. Students are paid a $1400 CAD stipend on completion of the project, which is paid by Riipen.

Councillor McKeown asked how the USSU Executives plan to be accountable to the 3 themes of Engagement, Innovation, and Wellbeing; and if they have any key performance indicators assigned to their themes.

President Goswami explained that the Executive took the USSU Path Forward, Vision, Mission, and Values into consideration when they created their 3 themes for the year. VP Storey-Gamble added that they also looked at their position portfolios and identified various elements that aligned well with the 3 themes. VP Jacob added that within their event plans they do set objectives such as “having 25 participants within their event”, to meet the theme of engagement. Councillor McKeown thanked the Executives for their response and noted that what VP Jacob said was what Councillor McKeown was referring to for key performance indicators.

Councillor Alazawi asked where on campus bike desks would be located.

VP Miglani noted that for the USSU purchased Bikes will be placed within Place Riel. He added that the Library and Kinesiology are looking into them as well and he believes more will be on Campus later this year.

7.2. USC Minutes - March 31, 2022

7.3. Executive Committee Minutes and Report - April 12, April 26, May 9, May 13, May 26, June 2, June 13, June 22, June 27, July 4, July 11, August 2, August 8, August 22, 2022.

8. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

Move to adopt the President’s Report into the official report.
USCMotion00: President Goswami / VP Storey-Gamble **CARRIED**

Move to adopt the USC Minutes of March 31, 2022 into the official record as amended.
USCMotion00: Councillor Bauman / VP Jacob **CARRIED**

Move to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes of April 12, April 26, May 9, May 13, May 26, June 2, June 13, June 22, June 27, July 4, July 11, August 2, August 8, and August 22, 2022. into the official record.
USCMotion00: President Goswami / Councillor Perrault **CARRIED**

9. College/Constituency Report

Agriculture and Bioresources
The ASA held a meeting last Monday. They are organizing a farm tour for October 15th. The ASA will be hosting a ball tournament on the upcoming weekend. The ASA hosted a club day today which was a success.

Arts and Science
The ASSU's first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 5:30 PM in arts 231. They will be meeting there every Monday.

Dentistry
The Dentistry Students' Association is hosting a mouthguard fundraiser on September 18th. They will be for sale for a very reasonable price.

Engineering
Finishing up Orientation week. Navigating Insurance concerns with their design teams (Formula One team, Space team, Tractor team). Conference applications opening soon for national/international conferences. Space team is launching their satellite with the CSA in February.

International Students
Planning a trivia night for international students. They created a discord server for International Students. Planning a Halloween party and a movie night in October.

Law
Hosted a Backyard bash party this summer. Hosting a Beach Volleyball tournament this weekend.

Kinesiology
Terry Fox Run on Friday September 16th. Hosting a Welcome Barbeque tomorrow with KIN Life.

Nursing
SNSA is having their first meeting on September 15th in Health GB10. Hosting a welcome back barbeque on September 24th. Hosting a beer night on September 10th at Hose and Hydrant. Sarah Nickel will be continuing as SNSA President in the interim. College has a new

St. Thomas More
The Constituency had a meeting yesterday to start planning events for the year. Friday the 23rd hosting a round dance with the Authentic Indigenization Action Group.

Throwback Bowling night in the upcoming year. Ongoing bottle drive throughout the year - drop off bottles at STM Office. Lots of complaints about Saskatoon Transit routes. New students also wondered if the bus pass could be available a couple days before the start of the term so that they can come to campus and explore prior. Concerns about Health and Dental Insurance Opt-in form. Jason Ventnor said the form should be fixed or will be fixed shortly if it's not, he added that Councillor Bauman can reach out to him if this continues to be a concern.

VP Storey-Gamble noted transit concerns and will be communicating with the City.

WCVM

Welcome week went well. They had a club day on August 25th; lots of clubs within WCVM are looking to ratify with the USSU. First Committee meeting is on September 20th. AGM is on October 6th. Slo-Pitch tournament taking place this weekend. Councillor Jenkins asked who groups would speak with regarding the different fund categories (Pepsi, Louis, XL, etc.) for campus group grant applications.

VP Storey-Gamble noted that groups can speak with her. She also announced that the USSU no longer has a sponsorship/partnership with Pepsi currently; and for this year Campus Groups can ask for cash for buying non-alcoholic beverages.

10. Business

11. New Business

11.1. Committee Elections

President Goswami shared that committee elections will take place next week. He showed the listing of committees on the USSU website. He asked the Councillors to look through the list and think about which committee they'd like to sit on. He noted that CCR credit will be provided for committee work; as well as an honorarium.

11.2. Student at Large Applications

President Goswami shared that Student at Large Applications are live and the due date to apply is September 16. He encouraged Councillors to share the application amongst their peers.

Councillor Perrault asked if the honorarium is the same for SAL's as MSC's for committees. President Goswami said it is similar as far as he is aware, but he will double check.

11.3. University Council

President Goswami shared a brief description of the University Council. He noted that one member from each College has one voting seat on the University Council. The first meeting is on September 29th. President Goswami shared the list of University Council members.

Councillor Cody asked if they will get emails to their NSID or their new USSU MSC email address; and if they'll receive more information closer to the meeting dates.

12. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

VP Miglani shared that the USSU will be gathering students together on Campus to walk over to the Huskies homecoming football game. The USSU will also be hosting a scavenger hunt on Monday, September 12th and then team building activities afterwards.

VP Storey-Gamble announced that Campus Groups week is next week.

President Goswami announced that Councillors will be provided pizza and pop after the meeting and that the Movie in the bowl starts at 8:00 p.m.

President Goswami shared that President Stoicheff and Cheryl Hamelin will be at the next USC meeting.

President Goswami shared that a calendar of USC meetings for the year will be sent out from Dallas, which includes which nights will have socials after meetings.

VP Jacob shared that Sept 19-23 is Academic Awareness Week.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Executive Meeting
Minutes for August 29, 2022

Present: President Goswami, VP Storey-Gamble, VP Miglani, VP Jacob
Absent: Jason Ventnor

1. **Call to order**
   The meeting was called to order at 11:33 a.m.

2. **Quorum**
   Quorum was present.

3. **Approval of last meeting minutes**
   The Executive had no amendments or changes

4. **Roundtables**
   a. **President Goswami**
      i. Will be included in the next Executive meeting.

   b. **VP Storey-Gamble**
      i. **Meetings**
         1. Alena Young
         2. UCRU
         3. Isap
      ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
         1. Ripen job interviews
         2. Welcome week prep

   c. **VP Jacob**
      i. Out of office

   d. **VP Miglani**
      i. Will be included in the next Executive meeting.

5. **Email Motions**
   On August 23rd, VP Storey-Gamble moved, via email, to approve the cost of up to $45 to cover the printing fee for the USSU Tik Tok Challenge Signs.

EXECMOTION036	**VP Storey-Gamble / VP Jacob**	**Carried**

6. **New business**
   a. **Action Items from Past Meetings**
      Executive reviewed and updated their action items list.

b. Campus Groups

- Agros
- Environmental Bioresource Student Association (EBSA)
- Intervarsity
- Tennis Club
- USask Bridge Team
- Indigenous Business Students Society

Move to approve the ratification of the above student groups for the 2022-2023 academic year.

EXECMOTION037	**VP Storey-Gamble / President Goswami**	**Carried**

Move to approve $450 in Executive Sponsorship to the Indian Students Association for their Cricket Tournament.

EXECMOTION038	**VP Storey-Gamble / President Goswami**	**Carried**

Move to approve $225 in cash, $50 in XL Print and Design, and $125 in Louis credit to the UofS Pre-Med Club for their Luncheon event.

EXECMOTION039	**VP Storey-Gamble / VP Jacob**	**Carried**

Move to approve 50% of $500 reimbursement in EDI Funding to the Indian Students Association for independence day.

EXECMOTION040	**VP Storey-Gamble / President Goswami**	**Carried**

c. Centres

Volunteer applications are live and various Centre events are scheduled for the term. Applications are on the USSU website.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

University Students' Council Attendance 2022-2023

	Sept 08
Abhineet Goswami	P
Lia Storey-Gamble	P
Sharon Jacob	P
Punya Miglani	P
Shelby Wakefield	P
Daniel Schuepbach	P
Maria Haneef	P
Kingslei Medina	P
Alexis Salsbury	P
Tania Alazawi	P
Shanleigh McKeown	P
Krunal Chavda	P
Kanika Gupta	P
Kathan Choksi	P
Levi Perrault	P
Moyin Onasanya	A
Dalia Hassan	A
Arriana Mclean	P
Elisabeth Bauman	P
John Cody	P
Hayley Jenkins	P

P - Present; A - Absence; PG - Permission Granted/Absence Approved; NYA - Not Yet Appointed; NM - No Meeting; CE - Communication Error