

USSU report to University Council

June 2022

For the Academic year 2022-2023, USSU onboarded its newly elected executives on May 2, 2022. For a smooth onboarding of the USSU executives, we had two weeks of orientation to learn about the organization and the different services it offers. And during those two weeks, USSU executive team learned about USSU operations, accounting & finances, communications & marketing, facilities management, IT support, student care & empower me program, USSU centre, USSU childcare centre, and transit. In addition to these information sessions, USSU senior managers organized various learning sessions and workshops like student governance, event and project planning, roles and responsibilities of directors, risk assessment & management, bylaw overviews, and communications. We are grateful to our USSU senior managers, Amanda Mitchell (Controller), Jason Ventnor (Communications and Marketing Manager), Jason Kovitch (Business and Services Manager), and Stefanie Ewen (Facilities Manager), for a smooth onboarding process. Due to their continuous support and experience, we are able to navigate our way through easily.

Goals and priorities

Executive campaigned on various goals and objectives. But we came together and set some of our key priorities for the year. Some of the key priorities for the year will be **Accessibility** - physical & virtual spaces, educational resources, student services & support and leadership, and mental health resources.

Affordability - Academic resources, student services.

Action with consultation - Engaging our student community in decision making

Engagement - Due to the covid pandemic, our campus community life has been significantly impacted. As executives, we want to get back to student life.

Learning modules- Providing various learning modules for our student leaders (Member of Student Council, Association of Constituency of Presidents, student at large, and campus group executives) through canvas- USSU learning modules. Student

governance, Academic rights and responsibilities, student leadership, sexual violence and prevention, serve it right, EDI and ARAO, and other modules.

Campus Groups- resources and services for campus groups, project and initiative-based grants, Anti- Racism and Anti-Oppression, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, new campus group support grant, and campus group skill enhancement sessions.

Executives are currently working on finalizing the priorities that can align with the USSU’s mission, vision, and values.

Events

For the past two years, we could not come together and do students' in-person activities. Still, this year executive's priority is to get more student involvement and engagement. Each year USSU executives and Centres organize various events for student engagement and awareness. One of the biggest challenges identified by students on campus is communication. There is no common platform for students, staff, faculty, and alumni to identify resources and events in one place. And to overcome this challenge, President Goswami is working with the communication team at administration and colleges to collaborate and mediate a way to communicate the resources and events with one another. So far, President Goswami has spoken with the Library, College of Arts and Science, and the President's office for collaboration, and other meetings are underway.

USSU executives and centre coordinators have booked term one events for this first week.

	Event name	Date
1	USSU Summer Sports - 1	May 30th and May 31th
2	USSU Welcome week Fall	September 6th to September 9th
3	Campus Group week	September 12th to September 16th
4	Academic Awareness week	September 19th to September 22th
5	Truth and Reconciliation events	TBD
6	Sexual Violence Awareness week	September 26th to September 29th

7	Accessibility week	October 3rd to October 7th
8	Pride week	October 11th to October 14th
9	Qeerplaoza	October 15th
10	Sustainability week	TBD
11	Mental health Awareness week	October 24th to October 28th
12	Health and wellness day	TBD
13	Who needs feminism	TBD
14	Trick or Eat	TBD
15	Halloween	TBF(to be finalized)
16	Fall break - De-stress events	TBF
17	Christmas Photo events	TBF
18	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	TBF
19	USSU Summer Sports - 2	TBD

University Students Council (USC) & Association of Presidency of Constituency (AOCP)

USC members and AOCP members are the bridge between USSU and the student community. And collaboratively, they advocate for student support and services. University Students' Council Meetings are generally every **Thursday at 6:00 pm** in the Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber, with the exception of May, June, July, and August. President Goswami is working with Jason Ventnor, the USSU communications and marketing manager to finalize the USC and AOCP meeting calendar. Additionally, President Goswami is reaching out to different senior leadership teams to attend USC and AOCP. A finalized calendar will be available on USSU social media in the upcoming month.

2022-2023 MSCs

Constituency	Representative
Agriculture and Bioresources 1	Shelby Wakefield
Agriculture and Bioresources 2	Daniel Schuepbach
Arts and Science 1	Maria Haneef
Arts and Science 2	Kingslei Medina
Arts and Science 3	Alexis Salisbury
Dentistry 1	Tania Alazawi
Education 1	vacant
Education 2	vacant
Edwards School of Business 1	vacant
Edwards School of Business 2	vacant
Engineering 1	Shanleigh McKeown
Engineering 2	vacant
Indigenous Students 1	vacant
Indigenous Student 2	vacant
International Students 1	Kanika Gupta
International Students 2	Krunal Chavda
Kinesiology 1	Kathan Choksi
Law 1	Levi Perrault
Medicine 1	Moyin Onasanya
Nursing 1	Dalia Hassan
Nursing 2	Arriana Mclean

Pharmacy and Nutrition 1	vacant
St. Thomas More	John Cody
St. Thomas More 2	Elisabeth Bauman
WCVM	Haley Jenkins

2022-2023 Presidents

College/Constituency	President/Representative
Agriculture and Bioresources	Morgan Davey
Arts and Science	Zachary Digout
Dentistry	Gill Phillips
Education	Caet Nicholson
Edwards	Eljay Dungca
Engineering	Kasey Burgess
Indigenous	vacant
International	Agnes
Kinesiology	Jantz Sawatsky
Law	Phoenix Howe
Medicine	Zoher Rafid-Hamed
Nursing – Saskatoon Co-President	Nathan Lumsden
Nursing Saskatoon Co-President	Sarah Nickel
Nursing Regina	Nate Johnson
Nursing Prince Albert	Jillian Ottman
Pharmacy and Nutrition	Oleksandr (Sasha) Bendasyuk- Pharmacy Sarah Klaassen- Nutrition
St. Thomas More	Abbi Cross

Bike to Work Day

USSU organizes various sustainability events and awareness sessions throughout the year in collaboration with Matt Wolsfeld, the Community Engagement Coordinator from the Office of Sustainability. In May, the Office of Sustainability, the City of Saskatoon, and USSU collaborated on Bike to Work Day. Bike to work day was organized on May 19, 2022, to promote emission-free transportation and encourage the community to use bikes to work during summer. The initiative was a great success taking the rainy and windy weather into account. 143 participants stopped by the booth to support the initiative and get #YXEbike stickers, snacks, and resource guides.

USSU Summer Games

USSU organized its first-ever summer games on May 30 and May 31. Keeping the games inclusive, accessible, and diverse, we organized spike ball, Soccer, Tug of war, Capture the flag, cricket, and various board games. Combining both days there were more than 150 active participants from students in multiple games. President Goswami extended the game invite to staff, faculty and students for more engagement on campus. USSU executives are planning to bring back the summer games in early fall, and we would like to extend the invitation again to our students, staff, faculty, and alumni.

USSU Centres

One of the vital services that USSU offers are centres - a safe and inclusive space with essential resources for the campus community. Currently, USSU has five centres

- a. [Help Centre](#) - Centre Coordinator Rayna Rahman
- b. [Pride Centre](#) - Centre Coordinator Kseniah Pidskalny
- c. [Women Centre](#) - Centre Coordinator Yashica Bither
- d. [Food Centre](#) - Centre Coordinator Veronica Dirk-Pothier
- e. **Student Safewalk and Student Crew** - Centre Coordinator Lucas Kobashi

USSU offers its centre supports to everyone, including undergraduate and graduate students.

More information on the USSU centres can be found at www.ussu.ca

Meet & Greet

USSU executives are meeting with college Deans from most of the colleges, student affairs and outreach, administration, student wellness, AES, human rights commission, other student unions, City of Saskatoon, faculty association, huskie athletics, and other stakeholders. These introductory meetings will help the USSU executives to strengthen the existing relationships.

Additionally, the executives are looking forwards to collaborating with these stakeholders on different projects and initiatives.

Sincere thank you from USSU executives and the USSU team. Kindly reach out to Abhineet Goswami at president@ussu.ca or 306-966-6965 for any questions or suggestions.

With respect,

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