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**University Students' Council Agenda  
October 5, 2023  
Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers – 6:00 PM CST**

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call/Quorum
4. Adoption of an Agenda
5. Council Address
  - 5.1. Introductions
  - 5.2. Robyn Paches – StudentCare
6. Minutes and Reports for Information
  - 6.1. USC Minutes – 09.28.2023
  - 6.2. President's Report for Board of Governors
  - 6.3. Executive Event Reports
    - 6.3.1. Truth & Reconciliation
    - 6.3.2. Academic Awareness Week
    - 6.3.3. Campus Club Week & Social
    - 6.3.4. Trivia Night
  - 6.4. Academic Relations Committee Report
  - 6.5. Advocacy Committee Report
  - 6.6. Campus Group Committee Report
  - 6.7. Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee Report
  - 6.8. Elections Committee Report
  - 6.9. Finance Committee Report
  - 6.10. Governance Committee Report
  - 6.11. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Report
  - 6.12. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report
7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports
8. College/Constituency Report
  - 8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources
  - 8.2. Arts and Science
  - 8.3. Dentistry
  - 8.4. Education
  - 8.5. Engineering
  - 8.6. Indigenous Students
  - 8.7. International Students
  - 8.8. Kinesiology
  - 8.9. Law
  - 8.10. Medicine
  - 8.11. Nursing
  - 8.12. Pharmacy and Nutrition
  - 8.13. St. Thomas More
  - 8.14. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

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9. **Business**
  - 9.1. Final committees (+ selected SALS)
  - 9.2. Senate Elections
10. New Business
11. Questions, comments, and announcements
12. Adjournment

**University Students' Council Minutes  
September 28, 2023  
Zoom (online) – 6:00 PM CST**

**Present:**

**Ishita Mann**, President (she/her)  
**Nishtha Mehta**, VP Operations and Finances (she/her)  
**Gurbaz Singh**, VP Student Affairs (he/him)  
**Elisabeth Bauman**, VP Academic Affairs (she/her)  
**Eileen Knox**, Nursing (she/her)  
**Alexis Salsbury**, Arts and Science (she/her)  
**Shahmeer Ahmed**, Kinesiology (he/him)  
**Angi Patel**, Arts and Science (she/her)  
**Molly Servertson**, Agriculture and Bioresources (she/her)  
**Harkaranveer Pooni**, Nursing (he/him)  
**Maria Hirsi**, Indigenous Students (she/they)  
**Tianna Sangwais**, Indigenous Students (she/her)  
**Dhairya Mehta**, Arts and Science (he/him)  
**Cole Willmann**, Agriculture and Bioresources (he/him)  
**Hayley Jenkins**, WCVN (she/her)

**Also Present:**

**Inshal Anees**, USC Chairperson (she/her)  
**Jason Ventnor**, USSU Communications and Marketing Manager (he/him)

**Absent:**

**Aayush Choksi**, International Students (he/him)  
**Meghal Meghal**, International Students (she/her)  
**Jane Procyshyn**, Law (she/her)  
**Samina Valji**, Dentistry (she/her)  
**Kyungsoo Ryu**, Edwards  
**Kevin Lee**, Medicine

**Guests:**

**Dr. Devan Mescall**, Chief Financial Officer  
**Dr. Arini**, Provost and Vice-President Academic  
**Dr. Patti McDougall**, Deputy Provost (she/her)  
**Dr. Jerome Cranston**, Vice Provost (he/him)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM

**2. Land and TRC Acknowledgement**

Chairperson Anees made the following land acknowledgment: 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, have 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.

Chairperson Anees also stated that National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Saturday (September 30). It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussions about the effects of residential schools and about the legacy that they have left behind; and for the survivors to be reaffirmed about the matter. The USASK Indigenous Space and Visual Symbols and the Health Sciences Committee have partnered with ShopUSASK to provide orange shirts to help acknowledge Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

**3. Roll Call/Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**4. Adoption of an Agenda**

Corrections were made to the agenda, moving Senate Elections from Business to New Business, and adding Indigenous Students under College/Constituency Reports.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**USCMotion006: Councillor Knox / President Mann**

**CARRIED**

**5. Council Address**

Move to enter into informality.

**USCMotion007: President Mann / VP Singh**

**CARRIED**

**5.1. Introductions**

President Mann introduced the four guest speakers.

**5.2. Dr. Airini, Dr. Devan Mescall, Dr. Patti McDougall, and Dr. Jerome Cranston**

Dr. Patti McDougall, Dr. Airini, Dr. Jerome Cranston, and Dr. Devan Mescall presented on:

- People within the university and their roles
- Priorities they are working on
- Strategic planning and the University
- Allocating resources and making requests

Dr. McDougall then facilitated a discussion where she asked:

- What are the USC members' top priorities for the year?
- What top three “things” support their academic success at university?

President Mann went over the priorities of the Executives.

Councillor Salsibury raised a concern about having a good transition between student life and home life, particularly surrounding the lack of resources in student wellness services.

As a direct response to Councillor Salsibury's concern, Councillor Knox gave some insight from the College of Nursing. She then mentioned having more of a focus on rebuilding the community (social connections between students) would cover more areas than one.

Councillor Willmann noted that, unlike several other universities around Canada, USASK has no free workplaces (or makerspaces) for students where they can utilize equipment/technology and collaborate with other students on projects. He later asked questions specific to the College of AgBio, like class sizes, spaces, and unavailability of classes that fill up quickly.

Councillor Salsibury brought up scheduling timing as several classes are being offered only at the same time. Another concern was around sanitation. There is an issue with garbage cans not being emptied and noticeable mold growing. There are also putrid smells coming from certain classrooms.

Considering the time, President Mann mentioned that any concerns or suggestions the Councillors have for the Provost and the University (regarding, but not limited to: learning models, classes, university activities, and on campus resources) along with action items, will be put into a letter for the Provost.

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President Mann and Chairperson Anees thanked the guests for their presentation and discussion.

Move to enter back into formality.

**USCMotion008: Councillor Knox / Councillor Willmann**

**CARRIED**

**6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**6.1. USC Minutes – 09.21.2023**

**6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 09.25.2023**

**6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.4. Advocacy Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.5. Campus Group Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.6. Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.7. Elections Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.8. Finance Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.9. Governance Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.10. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

**6.11. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report**

Committee has not met yet.

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

Corrections were made to the September 21, 2023 USC Minutes, the SALs in the Advocacy committee should be 2 (not 3), and confirm who moved the motion in section 6.

Move to adopt the USC Minutes of September 21, 2023 into the official record as amended.

**USCMotion009: President Mann / Councillor Knox**

**CARRIED**

Move to adopt the Executive Minutes and Report of September 25, 2023 into the official record.

**USCMotion010: VP Bauman / President Mann**

**CARRIED**

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## 8. College/Constituency Report

### 8.1. St. Thomas More

MSCs have not been appointed yet.

### 8.2. Nursing

Councillor Knox stated there is a social being planned for the College of Nursing where students can meet the faculty. The goal is to build community within the College, as that has been brought up as a need. She mentioned they held a conflict engagement and resolution through an antiracism lens and it was very beneficial.

Councillor Knox had a direct comment for VP Mehta regarding the Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee. She recently met Sarah King from the City of Saskatoon who is interested in doing a housing needs assessment with the University and she wants to get connected with the students. With VP Mehta's permission, Councillor Knox will connect them via email.

### 8.3. Medicine

The College of Medicine MSC was not present.

### 8.4. Law

Councillor Procyshyn was not present.

### 8.5. Kinesiology

Councillor Ahmed stated they didn't meet this week. The focus in the College currently is on increasing awareness of careers available in Kinesiology.

### 8.6. Indigenous Students

Councillor Sangwais shared that their elections will take place this week, with voting ending on Friday. Election results will be posted on Monday. The new elective will meet on Wednesday.

Councillor Sangwais shared some insights regarding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. She said she was once told, "If Reconciliation feels good, you're not doing it right," because reconciliation is uncomfortable and is meant to generate those uncomfortable feelings and discussions. Councillor Sangwais shared some events happening around the city on Saturday.

Councillor Sangwais relayed a message from their president regarding following their social media platforms and participating in their upcoming events.

### 8.7. International Students

Councillor Choksi and Councillor Meghal were not present.

### 8.8. Edwards

The MSC for Edward was not present.

**8.9. Engineering**

MSCs have not been appointed.

**8.10. Education**

MSCs have not been appointed yet.

**8.11. Dentistry**

Councillor Valji was not present

**8.12. Arts and Science**

Councillor Patel shared that the VP stepped down and a new one will be appointed this week. according to their constitution. They will then hold a by-election at the beginning of next semester to formally fill that position.

**8.13. Agriculture and Bioresources**

Councillor Willmann stated that they started selling Drag tickets on Monday. The tickets are selling well. Additionally, they held a blood drive this last week.

Councillor Severtson relayed a message she received by a member. This member was approached by the Canadian Roundtable for (distorted audio) who made a documentary. They will be hosting a presentation at Louis' and would like to have it promoted to more than AgBio students. President Mann said, it is definitely possible to have the USSU promote it and to just send it to her via email and/or Instagram. Additionally, President Mann recommended making a PAWS announcement, which can be made by anyone once it has approval.

**8.14. Western College of Veterinary Medicine**

Councillor Jenkins' report will be shared next week due to audio issues on Zoom.

**9. Business**

**10. New Business**

**10.1. Senate Elections**

Senate Elections will be tabled for next week's agenda.

**11. Questions, comments, and announcements**

President Mann shared that next week there will be a guest presenter, Robyn Paches, who is the representative for Student Care. She stated that Councillors should prepare any questions they have regarding student health insurance.

President Mann mentioned that if Councillors know they will not be able to attend a USC meeting, to let herself or Chairperson Anees know at least 24 hours in advance.



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Councillor Willmann asked how Councillors could get in contact with the guest presenters from this meeting. President Mann answered that she would add their contact information at the top of the shared Google docs she is starting (and sharing with) the councillors.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

USC Attendance 2023-2024			
Representatives	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28
Inshal Anees	P	P	P
Ishita Mann	PG	P	P
Nishtha Mehta	P	P	P
Elisabeth Bauman	P	P	P
Gurbaz Singh	P	P	P
Cole Willmann	P	P	P
Molly Severtson	P	P	P
Dhairya Mehta	P	P	P
Angi Patel	P	P	P
Alexis Salsbury	P	P	P
Samina Valji	P	P	A
Shahmeer Ahmed	PG	P	P
Jane Procyshyn	P	P	A
Kevin Lee	A	A	A
Eileen Knox	P	P	P
Harkaranveer Pooni	P	P	P
Tianna Sangwais	A	P	P
Maria Hirsi	A	P	P
Aayush Choksi	P	P	A
Meghal Meghal	P	P	A
Hayley Jenkins	P	P	P
Kyungsoo Ryu	A	A	A
Pharmacy & Nutrition	NYA	NYA	NYA
STM 1	NYA	NYA	NYA
STM 2	NYA	NYA	NYA
Education 1	NYA	NYA	NYA
Education 2	NYA	NYA	NYA
Engineering 1	NYA	NYA	NYA
Engineering 2	NYA	NYA	NYA

Guide
<b>P</b> - Present
<b>A</b> - Absent
<b>PG</b> - Permission Granted
<b>NYA</b> - Not Yet Appointed
<b>NM</b> - No Meeting
<b>CE</b> - Communication Error