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**University Students' Council Agenda  
November 15, 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. Guests
    - 5.2.1. Jason Kovitch – Business & Services Manager
    - 5.2.2. Amy Remeshylo – Food Centre Coordinator
    - 5.2.3. Akanksha Ganguly – SafeWalk & Student Crew Coordinator
    - 5.2.4. Sara Islam – Help Centre Coordinator
    - 5.2.5. Kseniah Pidskalny – Pride Centre Coordinator
    - 5.2.6. Yashica Bither – Women's Centre Coordinator
6. Minutes and Reports for Information
  - 6.1. USC Minutes – 11.02.2023
  - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 11.13.2023
  - 6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report
  - 6.4. Advocacy Committee Report
  - 6.5. Campus Group Committee Report – 11.15.2023
  - 6.6. Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee Report
  - 6.7. Elections Committee Report
  - 6.8. Finance Committee Report
  - 6.9. Governance Committee Report
  - 6.10. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Report
  - 6.11. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report – Information Update
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. Edwards School of Business
  - 8.6. Engineering
  - 8.7. Indigenous Students
  - 8.8. International Students
  - 8.9. Kinesiology
  - 8.10. Law
  - 8.11. Medicine

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- 8.12. Nursing
- 8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition
- 8.14. St. Thomas More
- 8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- 9. Business
  - 9.1. University Council
  - 9.2. Update on Provost Recommendations Document
  - 9.3. Tuition Consultation Survey
  - 9.4. Annual General Meeting
  - 9.5. Advocacy Updates
    - 9.5.1. Mayor Charlie Clark
    - 9.5.2. Minister of Advanced Education. Gordon Wyant
- 10. New Business
- 11. Questions, comments, and announcements
  - 11.1. Trivia Night
- 12. Adjournment



## Executive Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2023

### Present:

Ishita Mann – President/Chair  
Nishtha Mehta – VP Operations and Finance  
Gurbaz Singh – VP Student Affairs  
Connor Rodriguez – AGA  
Jason Ventnor – Communications & Marketing Manager  
Elisabeth Bauman – VP Academic Affairs

### Regrets:

### Absent:

#### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M.

#### 2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

#### 3. Approval of last meeting minutes

EXEC 2023.10.30.

#### 4. Roundtables

##### a. President Mann

##### i. Meetings

1. Executive Meeting, VP Mehta + VP Singh + Stefanie E.
2. Stef X USSU Execs Brainstorming
3. Check-in, Ilona R.
4. USSU X Minister of Advanced Education
  - a. President Mann said they discussed where goals lie and budget submission. President Mann asked for clarity on submission dates to better prepare the next executives.
5. Check-in, Jason K.
6. Re-check-in, Jason K.
7. UCRU Bookings Check-in, VP Mehta + Jason V. + Amanda M.
8. Nursing Concerns, VP Bauman + Councillor Knox + Councillor Pooni



- a. President Mann shared that they discussed various approaches to addressing current issues and concerns in Nursing.
  9. Governance Committee Meeting, VP Bauman + Jason V.
    - a. President Mann mentioned that this meeting went well and lasted about 30 minutes (which appears to be an appropriate time).

Note to the executives: please send any potential governing/bylaw changes to the Governance committee by November 10 for AGM.
  10. Louis Riel Video Filming, Dominic T.
  11. President's Executive Committee X Student Executives, VP Bauman + VP Singh
  12. Bi-Weekly Mistatimōk Committee
  13. Pre-Council Meeting, Inshal A.
  14. University Student Council, VP Bauman + VP Singh + Inshal A.
  15. Dr. Susan Bens X ASSU X USSU, VP Bauman + Ashton F.
  16. 1-on-1, Dr. Susan Bens
  17. UCRU Logistics Committee, Katie T.
    - a. This is a small committee and will be a lot of work however, President Mann is looking forward to adding prairie perspectives.
  18. Mayor Charlie Clark X USSU, VP Singh + VP Mehta + Dr. Jerome Cranston
    - a. President Mann shared that there were productive conversations. They spoke of collective concerns around transit and housing needs.
  19. USask Senate
    - a. President Mann delivered an address that was well received.
  - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
    1. ISSAC X USSU Mental Health Event
    2. Louis Riel Video X Dominic T.
    3. Mental Health Lobbying Team
    4. The Sheaf Article on Sask Polytech moving to USask
  - iii. **Events**
    1. USask Senate
  - iv. **Other**
    1. Shannon Chinn has confirmed presence for February 15, 2024's University Student Council Meeting.
- b. **VP Mehta**
- i. **Meetings**



1. Exec Meeting
  2. Stef and Exec Brainstorming
  3. Insurance Meeting
  4. Meeting with Advanced Minister of Education
  5. Campus Group Committee
    - a. Should I have one this week?
  6. UCRU Bookings Meeting
  7. USSU Meeting with Mayor Clark
  8. UCRU Research Committee
- ii. Projects/Initiatives**
1. Changes to the hub
  2. UCRU Research Committee work
  3. Accountabilities
  4. Cheque Reqs
    - a. Check in with IT about potential privacy concerns. If it isn't a concern with IT, the executives are behind this.
  5. FRC Survey
  - 6.
- iii. Events**
1. N/A
- iv. Other**
1. Changing settings for USSU hub accounts
    - a. Group requested access to be able to create + share their google calendar
    - b. Would change the purpose of the account
  2. Labour and Employment Law requested \$109.41 for their AGM
    - a. Were approved for \$54.70 but are now requesting the full amount (EXECMOTION099)
    - b. LEL submitted an incomplete ratification, which they blamed the USSU for the delay.

Move to grant Labour and Employment Law Club \$109.41 of P and I funding (in cash sponsorship)

<b>EXECMOTION099</b>	<b>VP Mehta / VP Bauman</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**c. VP Bauman**

**i. Meetings (Update for 2 Weeks)**

1. ASSU + VP Bauman (ASSU President + VP Academic)
2. Comms meeting
3. Susan Bens (Oct 23)
4. Associate Dean Student Affairs A&S, Darrin Oehlerking



- a. Case by case tuition reimbursement conversations (re: comp classes/academic misconduct)
  5. Jordan Hartshorn
  6. Student case meeting (with Jordan)
  7. Another academic case meeting
  8. AOPC
  9. Meeting with Ishita
  10. Another student case meeting
  11. Another case (with Jordan)
  12. Minister of Advanced Education
  13. Meeting with Nursing MSCs + Ishita
  14. Meeting with Connor
  15. Exec/SM
  16. Governance Committee
  17. Assessment Working Group
    - a. Presented the document of student concerns with assessment policy. Current: drafted policy reflects/addresses student concerns.
  18. Academic Programs Committee
  19. PEC
  20. Talk with Danette
  21. Accompanying a student to a meeting with the college (academic case)
  22. Meeting with ASSU President Ashton
  23. ASSU + USSU + Jordan Hartshorn + Jason Ventnor
  24. RSAW Committee (Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work)
  25. USC
  26. Meeting with Jordan
  27. ASSU President, Susan Bens, President Mann
  28. Meeting with Jordan (Nov 6)
- ii. Projects/Initiatives**
1. Exam video with Dom
  2. Louis Riel Video with Dom
  3. Academic Relations Committee: meeting on-one-one
  4. Assessment Working Group: student document
  5. Assignment Working Group: Assessment policy review
  6. Strategy for Academic Misconduct
    - a. Meet with dr. cranston (wed) bringing up provost doc and susan convo
    - b. Arts and science check in (csss)
    - c. Cont. meetings with dr. bens
    - d. 20th - meeting with dr. cranstons (what happened vs. what's gonna happen)



- e. Long term: policies that need to change (amanda storey)
    - i. Timing concerns more than academic misconduct itself
  - f. Long term: various campaigns regarding rights and options available to students
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- 7. Connor taking on some student cases
  - 8. Excellence Awards
    - a. Nominations now closed
    - b. 120 responses exactly!
- iii. Events**
- 1. Indigenous Languages in Truth and Reconciliation
  - 2. English Meet the Profs
- iv. Other**
- 1. N/A
- d. VP Singh**
- i. Meetings**
- 1. USSU Exec Meeting
  - 2. Stef X USSU Execs Brainstorming
  - 3. Board Meeting Childcare
    - a. Mostly regarding hiring a new person
  - 4. Exec/SM Meeting
  - 5. USSU/ Residence Office
    - a. Promoting louis' events
    - b. Queer housing
    - c. Indigenous housing block
    - d. Wellness spaces within the residences themselves (including smudging spaces and having people to talk to)
    - e. Applications for "guaranteed housing" / ROAF (not in policy yet)
  - 6. PEC Meeting
    - a. Safe Walk went well and burnt light bulbs noted for replacement.
  - 7. USC Council Meeting
  - 8. USSU / Mayor Clark
    - a. VP Singh to send Mayor Clark a survey report by the end of November on housing related concerns and needs.
- ii. Projects/Initiatives**
- 1. Sustainability Grant promotion
  - 2. Campus Cup
  - 3. Trivia Night
  - 4. Survey for Housing crisis and possible solutions



**iii. Events**

1. Trivia Night
2. Huskie Volleyball Game

**iv. Other**

1. N/A

**5. New business**

- a. Remembrance Day Ceremony, November 11
  - i. Details to be emailed out to the executives by President Mann.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.





## Executive Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2023

Present:

- Ishita Mann – President/Chair
- Nishtha Mehta – VP Operations and Finance
- Elisabeth Bauman – VP Academic Affairs
- Gurbaz Singh – VP Student Affairs
- Connor Rodriguez – AGA
- Jason Ventnor – SM Communications & Marketing

Regrets:

Absent:

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 09:05 A.M.

### 2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

### 3. Approval of last meeting minutes

EXEC 2023.11.06.

Mover: Ishita

Second: VP Mehta

### 4. Roundtables

#### a. President Mann

##### i. Meetings

1. Executive Meeting, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh
2. Governance Committee, Julian D.
3. AGM Information, Jason V. + VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh
4. Faith Leaders X USSU, VP Mehta + Jocelyn O. + Rita H.

##### ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. University Council Report, November 2023
2. The Sheaf Interview on Sask Polytechnic

##### iii. Events

1. Fall Convocation
2. Convocation Dinner
3. Remembrance Day Ceremony



4. ISA Diwali Dhamaka
- iv. **Other**
  1. Tuition Consultation Survey Post
  2. ISSAC X GSA X USSU Holiday Supports
- b. **VP Mehta**
  - i. **Meetings**
    1. Weekly Exec Meeting
    2. Meeting with Abd-Funding Request
    3. Student Meeting with Yash
      - a. Wants to restart the conservative group
    4. AGM Information, Jason V. + VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh
    5. Faith Leaders X USSU, VP Mehta + Jocelyn O. + Rita H.
    6. Finance Review Meeting
  - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
    1. Fee Review Survey
    2. Monthly exec report
    3. Accountabilities
  - iii. **Events**
    1. N/A
  - iv. **Other**
    1. N/A
- c. **VP Bauman**
  - i. **Meetings**
    1. Weekly exec
    2. Jordan
    3. Emily
    4. Student's Hearing / college meeting
    5. Jordan
    6. Student + Jordan
    7. Financial Review
    8. Meeting with a student
    9. Meeting with Tracy
    10. Jerome Cranston
    11. Jordan
    12. AGM Prep
  - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
    1. Excellence Awards - 57 nominations
    2. Assessment Working Group Policy
    3. Monthly reports
  - iii. **Events**
    1. Remembrance Day
  - iv. **Other**



1. N/A

**d. VP Singh**

**i. Meetings**

1. Weekly Exec
2. AGM meeting with Jason V.
3. Financials Meeting

**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

1. Marvel Trivia
2. USSU goodie bags for exam Season

**iii. Events**

1. ISA Diwali event

**iv. Other**

1. Setting up 1st Committee meeting this week
  - a. Idea about coming up with incentives for attending committees for SALs and MSCs

**5. New business**

- a. Fill the USSU chambers fridge - (Jason Kovitch)

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 09:30 A.M.

**University Students' Council Minutes  
November 02, 2023**

**Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers – 6:00 PM CST**

**Present:**

**Ishita Mann**, President (she/her)  
**Elisabeth Bauman**, VP Academic Affairs (she/her)  
**Gurbaz Singh**, VP Student Affairs (he/him)  
**Eileen Knox**, Nursing (she/her)  
**Maria Hirsi**, Indigenous Students (she/they)  
**Norah Jacob**, St. Thomas More (she/her)  
**Hayley Jenkins**, WCVN (she/her)  
**Shahmeer Ahmed**, Kinesiology (he/him)  
**Dhairya Mehta**, Arts & Science (he/him)  
**Meghal Meghal**, International Students (she/her)  
**Harkaranveer Pooni**, Nursing (he/him)  
**Cole Willmann**, AgBio (he/him)  
**Molly Severtson**, AgBio (she/her)  
**Aayush Choksi**, International Students (he/him)  
**Tianna Sangwais**, Indigenous Students (she/her)  
**Lamisha Rahman**, Pharmacy & Nutrition (she/her)  
**Angi Patel**, Arts & Science (she/her)  
**Samina Valji**, Dentistry (she/her)

**Also Present:**

**Inshal Anees**, USC Chairperson (she/her)  
**Amanda Mitchell**, USSU Financial Controller (she/her)

**Absent:**

**Kyungsoo Ryu**, Edwards (she/her)  
**Nishtha Mehta**, VP Finance and Operations (she/her)  
**Kaitlin Proudfoot**, Education (she/her)  
**Ajak Madit Deng**, Engineering  
**Jane Procyshyn**, Law (she/her)  
**Kevin Lee**, Medicine  
**Alexis Salsbury**, Arts & Science (she/her)

**Guests:**

**Julian Demkiw**, University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer (he/him)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Chairperson Anees 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, 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.

**3. Roll Call/Quorum**

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**

Corrections were made to the agenda, adding Edwards to the College/Constituency Reports.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

**USCMotion028: President Mann / Councillor Knox**

**CARRIED**

**5. Council Address**

Move to enter informality.

**USCMotion029: VP Bauman / Councillor Ahmed**

**CARRIED**

**5.1. Introductions**

President Mann introduced the guest speaker, Julian Demkiw, the University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer.

**5.2. Julian Demkiw – University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer**

Julian Demkiw spoke of the University's governing structure and answered questions the Councillors had.

Move to enter back into formality.

**USCMotion030: VP Bauman / Councillor Knox**

**CARRIED**

**6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**6.1. USC Minutes – 10.19.2023**

- 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 10.30.2023**
- 6.3. AOCF Minutes and Report – 10.26.2023**

President Mann shared that they had an online meeting where they talked about mentorship across the University. She stated that some concerns were brought up from various Colleges that they will be looking at potential solutions for.
- 6.4. Senate Report – 11.04.2023**

President Mann shared that the Senate Report covers all of the executive's initiatives and goals, as well as the union's concerns.
- 6.5. Academic Relations Committee Report**
- 6.6. Advocacy Committee Report**
- 6.7. Campus Group Committee Report – 10.24.2023 & 10.31.2023**

**President Mann stated she wasn't a part of this committee** however VP Mehta shared with her that the committee mostly talked about many motions that needed approval. There was a conversation around revisions for the AGM.
- 6.8. Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee Report**
- 6.9. Elections Committee Report**
- 6.10. Finance Committee Report**
- 6.11. Governance Committee Report – 11.01.2023**

President Mann shared that they mostly went over the changes they will be bringing forward at the AGM.
- 6.12. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Report**
- 6.13. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**

Corrections were made to the minutes, names were corrected in the attendance, the Nursing report document has not been circulated yet, and Indigenous Students "Society" should be "Union."

Move to adopt the USC Minutes of October 19, 2023 into the official record as amended.

**USCMotions031: President Mann / Councillor Jacob CARRIED**

Move to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes of October 30, 2023 into the official record.

**USCMotion032: President Mann / Councillor Jenkins CARRIED**

Move to adopt the AOCPP Minutes and Report of October 26, 2023 into the official record.

**USCMotion033: President Mann / Councillor Meghal CARRIED**

Move to adopt the Campus Group Committee Report of October 24, 2023, and October 31, 2023 into the official record.

**USCMotion034: Councillor Mehta / VP Bauman CARRIED**

Move to adopt the Governance Committee Report of November 1, 2023 into the official record.

**USCMotion035: VP Bauman / Councillor Hirsi CARRIED**

## **8. College/Constituency Report**

### **8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources**

Councillor Severtson shared that they had their big fall event “Drag” and it was very successful. This event was sold out (1400 tickets). She shared that they also had their shave down event for Movember, in support of men’s mental health. Additionally, they have their second blood drive of the year (first one in September) set for late November.

Councillor Willmann shared there was a food drive on October 31, of which they collected 1075 pounds of non-perishable items. They are also putting out a Remembrance Day wreath for Remembrance Day.

### **8.2. Arts and Science**

Councillor Mehta shared that their haunted house went really well. They also have confirmation on their gala date. As well as, the VP Academic and President of Arts and Science have been meeting with VP Bauman regarding academic misconduct issues.

### **8.3. Dentistry**

Councillor Valji shared that a student town hall with their dean is coming up later in November.

### **8.4. Education**

No Councillor was present.

**8.5. Edwards**

President Mann shared that Councillor Ryu previously sent her regrets along with a short update. Edwards will be having an election to elect another MSC for USC soon. Additionally, they have been having issues with room bookings.

**8.6. Engineering**

No Councillor was present.

**8.7. Indigenous Students**

Councillor Hirsi shared that the ISU had some headshots done and will be rolling out their new logo soon.

Councillor Sangwais shared about the Indigenous Career Fair that took place at Gordon Oakes yesterday.

**8.8. International Students**

Councillor Choksi shared that they had a successful Halloween party.

**8.9. Kinesiology**

Councillor Ahmed shared that they had a bake sale. They have been looking for internship projects for students.

**8.10. Law**

No Councillor was present.

**8.11. Medicine**

No Councillor was present.

**8.12. Nursing**

Councillor Knox shared that last week they had a student and faculty meet and greet that went really well. She then followed up on last week's update, sharing that Councillor Pooni, VP Bauman, President Mann, and herself have met. In the following weeks, they plan to meet with College of Nursing leadership to address those concerns.

Councillor Pooni shared about the meetings he attended with the SK Nursing Leadership Network. He stated his successes, concerns, and a wish for the future regarding a hybrid model that works well in Nursing.

**8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition**



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Councillor Rahman shared that their main focus is on the winter formal which is coming up at the end of December and will be located at TCU.

**8.14. St. Thomas More**

Councillor Jacob shared that the Fall Festival went really well. She also shared that they are in the process of electing a new Director of Events.

**8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine**

Councillor Jenkins stated they had many Halloween festivities that went really well. She shared that first year WCVM students are required to receive a rabies vaccination and current first years are vocalizing their concerns around having to pay for the vaccination themselves. Councillor Jenkins referred them over to Studentcare.

Councillor Jenkins noted that within the Campus Groups Handbook, the Louis' email is incorrect.

**9. Business**

**9.1. PEC Update**

President Mann updated that the USSU main concerns and discussion items for this month were surrounding the many academic misconduct cases in Computer Sciences (within Arts and Sciences). She shared that VP Bauman stressed that the appeal timelines are a great concern. Additionally, for international students, this can affect their PR status, future placements, etc. During the meeting, Julian Demkiw agreed that this was a great concern and a systemic issue. He suggested looking into revising how the University approaches procedures relating to the policy.

President Mann shared that they also discussed the Nightwalk and VP Singh was able to share student concerns with the Administration. Additionally, President Mann discussed the Provost document with the Administration.

**9.2. ISSAC X USSU Mental Health Day Event**

**9.2.1. Provincial Lobbying Team**

President Mann shared that VP Singh and her had collaborated with ISSAC to put on a very relaxed Mental Health Day event. They received a \$500 sponsorship from Dr. Cranston's office.

President Mann shared that her primary purpose in this event was for the Provincial Lobbying Team. She stated that Saskatchewan has systemically rated low on mental health policies and initiatives. Additionally, they are not student centered.

- 9.3. Request for approval of “Provost Recommendations Document”**  
President Mann went over the document and asked for any additions or edits.
- Move to approve to send the Provost recommendation document with the new additions.
- USCMotion036: President Mann / VP Singh** **CARRIED**
- 9.4. Nightwalk with Jerome Cranston and Protective Services**  
VP Singh shared that the Nightwalk has been a great initiative to flag issues.
- 9.5. Intercollege Campus Cup**  
VP Singh shared that this is an old tradition that he would like to bring to USASK. It'll be a week long of activities and competitions. The hope is that this will be a long standing tradition.
- 9.6. Bylaw Changes**  
President Mann shared that so far there are about 10 proposed changes to the bylaws. Councillors have until November 10 to share any ideas they have for bylaw changes.
- 9.7. Annual General Meeting**  
President Mann shared what Councillors should expect from the AGM. The AGM will not be available online.
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Questions, comments, and announcements**  
VP Bauman shared that there is no council next week.
- 12. Adjournment**  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

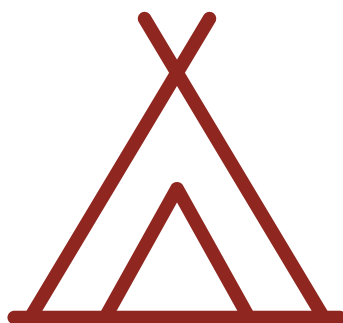


# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

UPDATES | RECOMMENDATIONS | NOVEMBER 2023

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As an organization of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students, we acknowledge that we gather on Treaty 6 territory, the homeland of the Cree, Sauteaux, 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.



# INTRODUCTION

Honourable members of the University Council,

The USSU is pleased to be the primary support mechanism for students on campus. Our current report highlights the projects, initiatives, and partnerships from the recent months and sets out our primary goals for the year ahead.

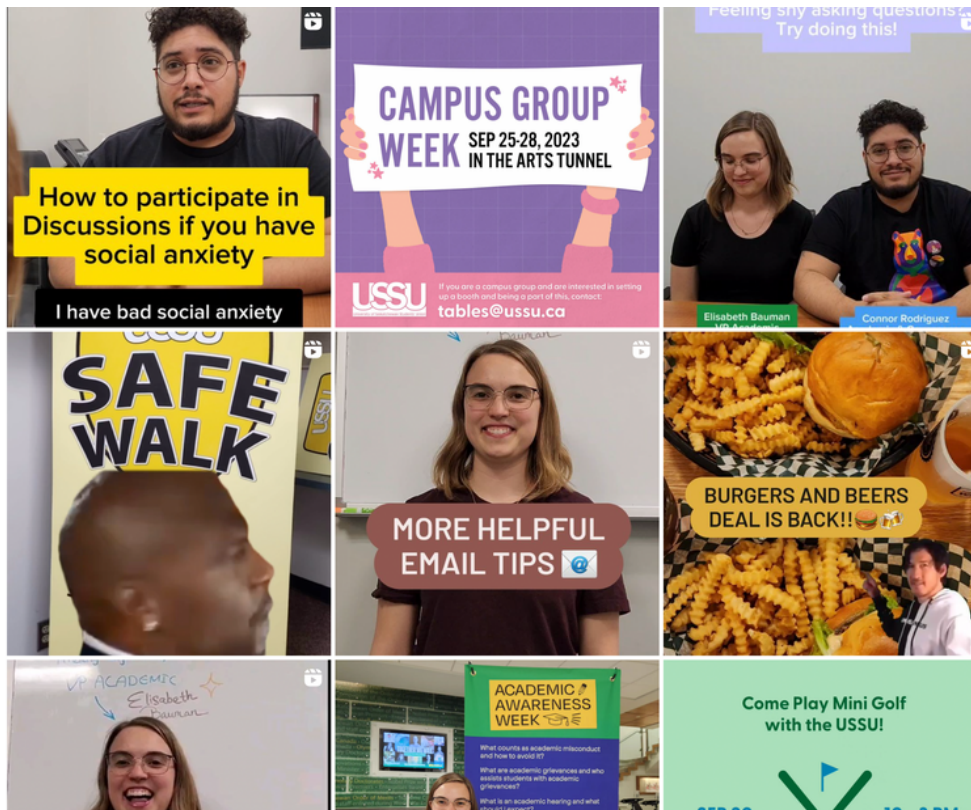
To dive deeper into our activities and see firsthand the vibrant campus life over the past months, we invite you to peruse our Instagram @ussuexec and visit the USSU website.

The pulse of the university is its students. Recognizing their diverse needs and aspirations, we've meticulously curated our priorities, grounded in direct feedback and extensive consultations. Our refocused trajectory revolves around three cardinal pillars:

1. **Empowerment:** Beyond mere recognition, our vision is to foster an environment where students are inspired to fully realize their potential, leading their academic and co-curricular activities with assurance and enthusiasm.
2. **Wellness:** Recognizing the multifaceted pressures of modern academic life, our allegiance goes beyond just scholastic achievement. We are dedicated to promoting holistic well-being, inclusive of extensive mental health support, resources for physical health, and avenues for emotional well-being.
3. **Accessibility:** With a commitment to inclusivity at the forefront, we are amplifying our initiatives to ascertain that all students, irrespective of their unique backgrounds, abilities, or situations, can effortlessly access the comprehensive range of resources, opportunities, and experiences we proudly offer.



# ACADEMIC ADVOCACY

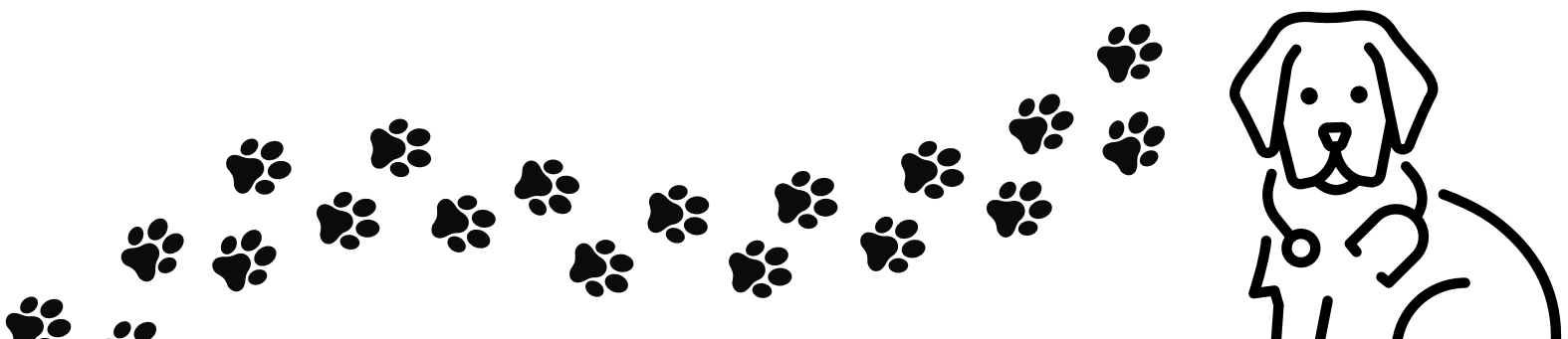


As we progressed through the mid-term season, we observed a rise in academic-related concerns among our students. To address this, our office consistently offered a suite of resources focused on mental health and academic support. These included Empower Me, academic advising, access to the Student Wellness Centre, and guidance on academic policies, among others. The primary concerns raised by students involved requests for overrides, missed midterms, academic appeals, and navigating the process of communicating with professors to address various issues. Additionally, there was a notable need for guidance in instructor-student interactions and advocacy support. Our commitment to supporting our students remains steadfast, as we continue to provide them with essential resources and educate them about their academic rights and responsibilities.

# THERAPY DOGS



We recently introduced a delightful and therapeutic break for our students at North Concourse by welcoming a group of therapy dogs. This initiative, aimed at providing a much-needed respite from the stresses of exam preparation, proved to be immensely popular. Nearly 200 students took advantage of this opportunity to relax and rejuvenate in the company of three friendly and well-trained therapy dogs. The presence of these dogs created a warm, comforting atmosphere, allowing students to momentarily set aside their academic pressures. This event not only brought smiles and a sense of calm to those who participated but also highlighted the importance of mental well-being as an integral part of the educational experience. The positive response from the student body reinforces our commitment to exploring and implementing innovative wellness initiatives that support our students' holistic development.



# CAMPUS LATE NIGHT WALK



President Ishita Mann and Vice President Gurbaz Singh recently spearheaded a collaborative initiative aimed at enhancing campus safety. They held a meeting with the university's protective services and administration to organize a campus night walk. This proactive approach was designed to identify and assess potential problem areas across the campus, focusing specifically on issues related to insufficient lighting, uneven ground surfaces, and general safety concerns. The night walk, conducted under their leadership, provided an invaluable opportunity to observe and understand these challenges firsthand. This initiative underscores the commitment of our student leaders to ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for all. Their efforts are a testament to their dedication to proactively addressing student safety concerns and working toward tangible improvements in campus infrastructure. Huge thank you to **Dr. Jerome Cranston** for accompanying us.



# MENTAL HEALTH LOBBYING



In collaboration with ISSAC, President Ishita Mann organized a Mental Health Awareness Day, significantly supported by **Dr. Jerome Cranston's generous donation of \$500**. This impactful event involved the distribution of over 200 mental health support resources, offering a variety of healthy food options, and setting up low-sensory activities to provide a relaxing and inclusive atmosphere for students. A highlight of the day was the establishment of a **provincial mental health lobbying team**, a groundbreaking initiative led by President Mann. This team is dedicated to advocating for improved mental health services and policies at the provincial level, aiming to bring about substantial changes in how mental health issues are addressed in the broader community. This proactive approach signifies a commitment not just to the immediate welfare of students, but also to the long-term improvement of mental health resources and support mechanisms beyond the campus, potentially benefiting a wider population.

# REMEMBRANCE DAY



President Ishita Mann also took a poignant role in the University's Remembrance Day ceremony by reciting the renowned poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. The honour of reciting this deeply moving poem is truly appreciated by the student body as it has a significant contribution to the ceremony, honouring the memory of those who have served and highlighting the importance of reflection and remembrance in our community.

# FALL CONVOCATION

President Ishita Mann actively participated in the fall convocation ceremonies, demonstrating her commitment to the academic community and its milestones. Her presence at these significant events underscored the importance of celebrating student achievements and the culmination of their hard work. President Mann's attendance also provided an opportunity to engage with graduates and faculty, reinforcing the sense of community and shared accomplishment that these ceremonies embody.



# CONVOCATION DINNER

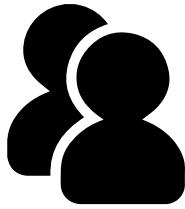


# CAREER SERVICES

This term, **President Ishita Mann** joined the '**Kick Start Your Career**' panel (**#RBCFutureLaunch** x Career Services) as a distinguished panellist, focusing on the vital theme of '**Communicating Meaningfully**'. This engaging event offered USask students invaluable insights into how effective communication is a cornerstone competency for thriving in various roles - as students, employees, leaders, and active community members. President Mann, along with **Liv Marken** and **Michelle Busa**, shared practical advice and experiences, emphasizing the importance of honing communication skills not just for career advancement, but also for contributing positively to our community.



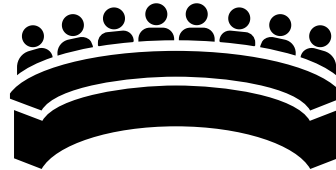
# STUDENT LEADERSHIP



## USSU Executive Networks

AOCP members are the bridge between USSU and the student community, and collaboratively, they advocate for student support and services. We are happy to continually aim to focus on sharing our strategies and priorities for the year, achievements, and resources for the presidents. Additionally, we encourage the association presidents to share their priorities and plans for the year and how USSU can help them achieve their goals. Furthermore, VP Singh, Bauman, and Mehta are additionally creating similar networks with students from such associations that serve a role similar to them. The purpose of these executive networks will be to offer 1-on-1 mentorship and advice to student leaders as governance can be a challenging endeavour.

## University Students Council (USC)



University Students' Council Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00 PM in the Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber, with the exception of May, June, July, and August. On September 14, we began council meetings and welcomed several new councillors who are just starting their advocacy journeys. We would like to thank everyone in the uSask community who will be coming to the council and using the opportunity to engage with young leaders. The council has recently developed a recommendations document for the Provost's office to help present a student perspective on the upcoming annual budget.



## President's Executive Committee (PEC)

USSU executives are very grateful to have the opportunity to engage with PEC members on a regular basis. We are currently discussing issues such as student wellness wait times, building wellness spaces, academic appeals, ensuring student safety, and working with President Stoicheff to understand how students can contribute to increasing our university's rankings on a national and global scale.

# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL



**Tracy Spencer**

**StudentCare**



**Julian Demkiw**



# SASKATOON & BEYOND



**Hon. Minister of Advanced Education, Gordon Wyant**



**Hon. Mayor, Charlie Clark**



# DISCUSSION ITEMS

HOUSING

EMPLOYMENT

SCHOLARSHIPS

TRANSPORTATION

SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

UPCOMING POLICIES



# HOUSING CRISIS

The USSU Executives are currently undertaking a comprehensive survey focused on the prevailing housing crisis, with the aim of gathering insightful data to inform their recommendations to Mayor Charlie Clark. This initiative is a crucial step towards addressing the housing challenges faced by students and the wider community. The survey delves into various aspects of housing, including students' preferences for types of accommodations, their ideal neighbourhoods in proximity to the university, and what they consider to be a safe and ideal distance from the campus. The data collected will not only reflect the current housing needs and preferences of students but will also provide tangible suggestions that Mayor Clark can consider when formulating housing policies. This proactive approach demonstrates the USSU Executives' commitment to actively participating in community development and advocating for solutions that meet the needs of their peers.



# CAMPUS COMMUNITY



Teaching  
Excellence  
Awards

Nominate a deserving Professor or Teaching Assistant for the **Teaching Excellence Awards**.

Nominations are open from **October 23 - November 3, 2023**.  
Visit [ussu.ca/tea](http://ussu.ca/tea).



TREASURES IN THE TUNNEL  
HOLIDAY MARKET

*Call for  
Vendors!*

NOV 28-30 IN THE ARTS TUNNEL

Student Rates Available!

Applications for 1-3 day participation for  
the USSU Holiday Market are OPEN!

**APPLY**

Email: [tables@ussu.ca](mailto:tables@ussu.ca)  
Deadline: November 10



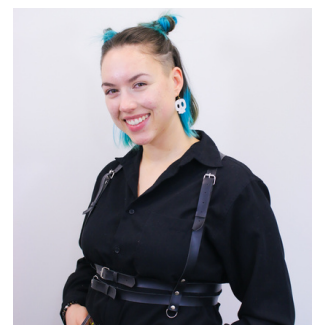
# USSU CENTRES

The USSU takes pride in its centres, which serve as inclusive sanctuaries equipped with pivotal resources for the campus community. Throughout the summer, these centres were abuzz with preparations, organizing a range of programming and support initiatives for the forthcoming academic year.

Before stepping into their roles, our centre volunteers undergo comprehensive training. This covers several crucial areas, such as USSU-specific training, protocols related to sexual violence and assault, anti-racism and anti-oppression measures, LGBTQ2SA+ inclusivity, and peer health education.

In recognition of their invaluable contributions, every USSU centre volunteer is awarded CCR credit along with an honorarium.

Currently, the USSU centres are open and ready to assist from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.



The USSU extends its centre support to the entire academic community, embracing both undergraduate and graduate students. For a deeper dive into what our centres offer, please visit our website at [www.ussu.ca](http://www.ussu.ca).

# USSU FRESH MARKET

The USSU Food Centre offers a fresh food market in Place Riel, as a convenient option for students looking to grab healthy snacks or groceries. This program provides fresh fruit and vegetable options at extremely low prices to accommodate students' health needs.

You can find the Fresh Market set up on the main level of Place Riel, near the USSU, from Tuesday to Friday 10:30 am – 4:30 pm.

The Food Centre continues to run the uFood emergency hamper program for students. Students can order non-perishable goods online from our website for pick up at our office.



# USSU COMMUNITY EVENTS



USSU ?

OCTOBER 23-27 is  
**MENTAL HEALTH Awareness Week**  
 Mental Health Resources in the Arts tunnel:  
 Monday - Thursday | 11:30am - 2pm

**WORKOUT**  
*Wednesday*

Are you a fitness enthusiast on campus?  
 We want to see your workout moments!  
 Enter our contest for a chance to  
**WIN a \$50 gift card!**

USSU ?



**MINDFULNESS**  
*Monday*

Time: 4-5 pm on Oct 23.  
 Location: Private Function Room - Louis' Pub  
 Join our Meditation Monday workshop for an easy-going and laid-back exploration of mindfulness tools.

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**THERAPY**  
*Thursday*

Time: 4-5 pm on Oct 26.  
 Location: Ray Romanow Council Chambers  
 (Room by the USSU help desk in Place Riel)

USSU ?



**TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.**  
*Tuesday*

Time: 4-5 pm on Oct 24.  
 Location: Help Centre (Memorial Union Building)

USSU ?



**FUNDAY**  
*Friday*

Time: 4-5 pm on Oct 27.  
 Location: Help Centre (Memorial Union Building)

USSU ?



USSU PRESENTS  
**GAME OF THRONES**  
 TRIVIA NIGHT

7PM MON. OCT 30  
 Doors open at 6:30pm (Memorial Union Building)

LOUIS'

Register through the QR code or link in bio @ussuexec

USSU LOUIS'

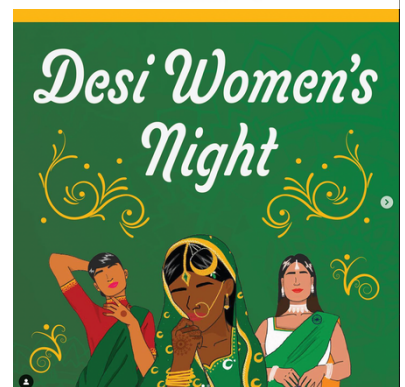


**FREE ROCK CLIMBING**  
 WITH THE USSU

Monday, October 23 | 6:30-8:30pm  
 PAC Rock Climbing Wall  
 Limited Spots Available

Scan the QR code to sign up or click the link in bio!

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*Desi Women's Night*

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# USSU COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE USSU WOMEN'S CENTRE PRESENTS

## Femme Fatale

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

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IN US FOR A NIGHT OF DANCING, FEMINISM, DRINKS, AND SEDUCTION

USSU QUEERAPALOOZA

## PRIDE AND POPCORN

Queer Movie Night

OCT 16 5:00PM

Pride Centre

Come by the Pride Centre to enjoy a movie with your peers, popcorn, and poltergeists!

## Have Extra Menstrual Products?

Donate them to our menstrual product drive!

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For more information visit [ussu.ca/events](https://ussu.ca/events)

USSU QUEERAPALOOZA

## VAMPS & TRAMPS

Drag Show

OCT 20 LOUIS'

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM, SHOW STARTS 8:00PM

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED & BEST DRESSED WINS A LOUIS' GIFT CARD!

PREPARE TO SCREAM FOR SASKATOON'S MOST TALENTED DRAG ARTISTS!

GET TICKETS!

## Neurodivergent Support Group

We're here for you!

4-5 at the Help Centre

Oct 18, Nov 01, Nov 15, Nov 29

USSU Help?

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## WOMEN'S HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays at 3:30pm!

A group for students with any health concerns or wanting to get some support!

USSU QUEERAPALOOZA

## THE HISTORY OF DRAG

With Iona Whip & Chyna White

OCT 18 7:00PM

Louis' Loft

Ever wondered how drag became the art form it is today? Join local drag artists Iona Whip and Chyna White to learn about the history of drag with some snacks!

## Mental Health Support Group

We are here for you!

4-5PM ON FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS:

OCT11 OCT25 NOV22 DEC07

USSU Help? USSUHELPCENTRE HELP CENTRE@USSU.CA

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THE WOMEN'S CENTRE IS PROUD TO PRESENT

## WHO NEEDS FEMINISM?

WEEK OCT 30 - NOV 4

WHERE DO I BECOME A FEMINIST?

WHY FEMINISM?

WHO NEEDS FEMINISM?

# THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

## Trans Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil



**November 20th at 7PM**  
Place Riel Student Centre,  
North Concourse

Candles will be provided as names of the deceased are read out loud.





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A heartfelt thank you from all of us at the USSU team. Should you have any inquiries or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Ishita Mann, S.V.M., at [president@ussu.ca](mailto:president@ussu.ca) or call 306-966-6965. We're here to listen and assist.

We are very 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 answering our questions and guiding us in the right direction.

*We thank the university administration for your continued support in our efforts to empower more resilient student leaders.*



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**Mayor Charlie Clark**  
**Minutes for November 03, 2023**

- **Introductions**

- Mayor Charlie Clark – Saskatoon
- USSU Executive
  - President Ishita Mann
  - VP Operations and Finances Nishtha Mehta
  - VP Student Affairs Gurbaz Singh
  - VP Academic Affairs Elisabeth Bauman (Ishita will deliver an introduction)

- **USSU Executive Goals**

- 3 priorities
  - Empowerment
  - Wellness
  - Accessibility
- Collaboration with the City
  - What are the city's priorities?
    - Try to create a city where people can thrive, keeping diversity in mind → prevent cases of systemic racism; and generate a sense of welcoming and belonging.
    - Building a strong urban core and a balanced model
  - Areas for Collaboration (from USSU's Perspective)
    - **Housing**
      - Sask Polytech Move + benefits & concerns
      - High enrollment (domestic and international) → People coming to the USSU desk with bags and concerns about where they should live
      - Collaborating with residence (got full before July), extended to city-based renting companies, promoted market-place
      - Mayor Clark: requesting data and stats on how many complaints we received and the type of housing students prefer (apartments, basement suites, etc.)
        - In the middle of a negotiation with the federal government “housing accelerator fund” → developing housing near post-secondary education centres
        - Need to quantify solutions
      - The issue is more concerned with affordable and meeting the conditions and restrictions of an average student
      - VP Singh can compile a document, push out a survey regarding housing preferences, neighbourhood (the ideal area around the university), safe/ideal distance from the university



- Thank the government for putting forward the transit plan and keep pushing for more support WHILE recognizing
    - **Mayor Clark: Recommend to have a meeting with Transit → Nishtha Mehta → Mayor Clark can help**
- **Employment**
  - Sponsorships for Initiatives/Projects
  - Internships
    - **Pilot project for internships in the Mayor's office**
      - International Women of Saskatoon
      - Newcomer women in Saskatoon to connect them to the city
      - Help create better pathways for newcomer women and just be better connected to governance
      - **Ishita Mann meet with Candice and Emlin**
    - Trying to expand the programme to cater to other communities as well
  - Co-ops
  - Host/Attend job fairs
    - The team often attends them to encourage people to take on opportunities in diverse areas of the city
    - Taking on a more moral role
  - Opportunities within the mayor's office/overall city
    - Celine Anger → EDI, HR, Employment, Transforming city's responses to the communities needs
- **Social Accountability**
  - Reconciliation
  - Facilitating immigrants and new-comers
  - Climate action goals/sustainability
    - Reduce carbon emissions by 2030
    - How can and what is the city help promote sustainability actions?
      - Compost initiatives
      - Met with the head of sustainability, looking at the upcoming budget and trying to identify initiatives such as catching methane in our landfills, accelerating electrical busses, making buildings more sustainable (as buildings are a huge source of energy waste), building solar fields by circle drive

west near Montgomery neighbourhood, rooftop solar panels, electrifying our own fleet, pilot project of ev charges to promote and facilitate more electric cars

- Low emissions community plan
- Students play a big role in this → starting from having a reliable transit and transportation system
- Part of the solution rather than the problem approach and demonstrate actual steps
- **Student & City of Saskatoon Connections Committee**
  - **Committee Objectives/Goals**
    - Bridge the gap between students and the city of Saskatoon Nishtha Mehta Mayor Clark would like to come to a meeting
    - Very collaborative
  - **Concerns**
    - BRT Construction
      - Great on paper and good for the city in the longterm
      - Place Riel is the main bus hub (take busses to and from the university)
      - Few busses used to come all the way to Place Riel but now only stop at College Drive
      - With BRT, it will be all the busses
    - Possible solutions
      - Shuttle busses
    - **Mayor Clark: Explained the essence of BRT, need direct routes to university and need them to keep moving efficiently, will let the USSU know → expresses the need for finding a middle ground**
      - Looking into some possible solutions, such as they could bend into some campus areas
      - **Nishtha Mehta Can look into this**
  - Projects
    - Upto the students
    - Last year:
      - Transit and BRT
    - Maybe transit and BRT this year
- **Ongoing conversations + projects**
  - Preference of meeting occurrences
    - Meet with Mayor again in December

- **USSU's help in facilitating elections next year**
  - Connect with the city clerk's office Gurbaz Singh and get details for next year's position portfolio
  - Liaising before early polls
- **Other Discussion Items**
- **Requests/Action Items**

**Minister of Advanced Education, Gordon Wyant  
Minutes for October 31, 2023**

- **Introductions**

- Minister of Advanced Education – Gordon Wyant
- USSU Executive
  - President Ishita Mann
  - VP Academic Affairs Elisabeth Bauman
  - VP Operations and Finances Nishtha Mehta
  - VP Student Affairs Gurbaz Singh

- **USSU Executive Goals**

- 3 priorities
  - Empowerment
  - Wellness
  - Accessibility
- Collaboration with the Minister of Advanced Education
  - **Student Council** → can the USSU President join?
    - Will discuss this with the ministry
  - Discussion in the government regarding financial affordability
    - Entering 4th year of funding agreement
      - Promising conversations
      - Discussing what a new agreement could look like
      - What type of challenges?
        - Debt load
        - Tuition rate increases
    - Creating a new agreement and passing it a year early, recognizing the challenges alluded to inflationary factors
      - Plan to include/current focus:
        - Debt load considerations
        - Tuition rate caps
        - How to enhance supports
          - Repayable grants
          - Scholarships
          - Decreased interest on loans
        - Predictable funding models
        - Protective policies
          - Sexual Assault
          - Violence
          - Indigenous Students' Concerns
        - Moving the Sask-Polytech campus to Innovation Place
          - **Suggestion to President Mann:** Meet with student leadership regarding the challenges
            - Housing

- Transportation (e.g. not covered in the SaskPolytech Fee model)

- **Discussion**

- Concern #1: College of Education Students & Unpaid Internships
  - Asked the ministry
- Concern #2: Budget Submission timelines
  - When is the budget submission deadline?
    - Passed in September
    - President Mann suggested that the office update the USSU in advance about such deadlines for better communication
  - When would you like the USSU to submit their input to your office?
    - Submit suggestions to the university as well
- Concern #3: Minister's absence from USC this year
  - When can we schedule the Minister to come and meet with University students?

- **Request**

- Need for regular meetings
  - Better communication