
University Students' Council Agenda
January 18, 2024
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. Guest
 - 5.2.1. Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins – Associate Dean (Library)
 - 5.2.2. StudentCare – Ali Versi & Robyn Paches
6. Minutes and Reports for Information
 - 6.1. USC Minutes – 01.11.2024
 - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 01.16.2024
 - 6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report
 - 6.4. Advocacy Committee Report
 - 6.5. Campus Group Committee Report
 - 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 – 01.10.2024
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
 - 8.12. Nursing
 - 8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition
 - 8.14. St. Thomas More
 - 8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine
9. Business

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- 9.1. Student Leadership Opportunities (VP Bauman)
- 9.2. Student Forum USC Presence
- 9.3. Academic Relations Committee Election
10. New Business
11. Questions, comments, and announcements
12. Adjournment

University Students' Council Minutes
January 11, 2024
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Present:

Elisabeth Bauman, VP Academic Affairs (she/her)
Nishtha Mehta, VP Operations and Finances (she/her)
Eileen Knox, Nursing (she/her)
Harkaranveer Pooni, Nursing (he/him)
Molly Severtson, Agriculture and Bioresources (she/her)
Cole Willmann, Agriculture and Bioresources (he/him)
Dhairya Mehta, Arts and Science (he/him)
Hayley Jenkins, WCVN (she/her)
Kaitlin Proudfoot, Education (she/her)
Shahmeer Ahmed, Kinesiology (he/him)
Ishita Mann, President (she/her)
Alexis Salsbury, Arts and Science (she/her)
Angi Patel, Arts and Science (she/her)
Kyungsoo Ryu, Edwards (she/her)
Meghal Meghal, International Students (she/her)
Samina Valji, Dentistry (she/her)
Holden Chester, Edwards (he/him)
Simran Sahota, International Students (she/her)

Also present:

Inshal Anees, USC Chairperson (she/her)
Jason Ventnor, USSU Communications & Marketing Manager (he/him)
Brock Neufeldt, USSU Academic & Governance Assistant (he/him)

Absent:

Tianna Sangwais, Indigenous Students (she/her)
Maria Hirsi, Indigenous Students (she/they)
Norah Jacob, St. Thomas More (she/her)
Lamisha Rahman, Pharmacy & Nutrition
Gurbaz Singh, VP Student Affairs (he/him)
Kevin Lee, Medicine
Aayush Choksi, International Students (he/him)
Ajak Madit Deng, Engineering

Guests:

Jocelyn Orb, Director of Student Wellness Centre (she/her)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Anees stated the 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.

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

No corrections were made to the agenda.

Move to adopt the agenda.

USCMotion050: President Mann / Councilor Knox

CARRIED

5. Council Address

Move to enter into informality.

USCMotion051: Councillor Knox / Councillor Pooni

CARRIED

5.1. Introductions

President Mann introduced Jocelyn Orb, Director of the Student Wellness Centre.

5.2. Guest: Jocelyn Orb - Director of Student Wellness Centre

Ms. Orb presented the following information:

- The Student Wellness Centre is a primary care centre and is partially funded by the provincial government. The funding from the provincial government has been stagnant for 20 years. The University has increased its funding, which has allowed the Student Wellness Centre to expand.
- The average wait time for most services is now about five weeks. The goal is to reduce wait time to two weeks.

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- The Student Wellness Centre is open to all students, not only full-time students.
 - The Student Wellness Centre will see students before they receive their health card, which helps international students.
 - The average is three to four counselling sessions per student per year, with a limit of ten per year. There are no limits on other services.
 - Students are encouraged to book appointments in advance. In the case of an urgent issue, nurses are present; in the case of an urgent mental health issue, the Student Wellness Centre works with Student Affairs and Outreach.
 - The Student Wellness Centre received funding from Nutrien to deal with increasing food insecurity. Breakfasts are provided in Marquis 104 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. There is a pantry on the third floor and one in the Engineering Building. The funding is also shared with the Prince Albert campus.
 - The Student Wellness Centre has recently hired two harm reduction counsellors with funding from the Gitzel Family Fund.
 - The Student Wellness Centre is improving its technology, such as introducing online booking for select services, also with funding received from the Gitzel Family Fund.

VP Bauman asked what is meant by 0.5. Ms. Orb said it refers to an employee who works half-time.

President Mann asked about what policies the Student Wellness Centre has in place to avoid confidentiality breaches. Ms. Orb shared the following policies: an electronic medical record that is not shared with Saskatchewan Health Authority; a confidentiality agreement that all staff must sign; tracking of what files employees have accessed; also, Medicine students who want to do a practicum in the Student Wellness Centre in the Future can use an alias.

Councillor Knox asked about what the Student Wellness Centre does to address upstream issues. Ms. Orb shared that the Student Wellness Centre values health promotion & education. The Peer Health program is the main means of health promotion.

Councillor Knox asked what funding is available to support Peer Health initiatives. Ms. Orb shared that \$40,000 from the Gitzel Family Fund would be used to support the Peer Health program.

President Mann asked how the Student Wellness Centre prioritizes immigrant, refugee, and Indigenous health. Ms. Orb shared that a couple years ago the Student Wellness Centre hired its first Indigenous counsellor, and they now have a second one. Indigenization and decolonization have been pursued through education and anti-racism training for staff.

Councillor Jenkins expressed Veterinary Medicine students' satisfaction with the Student Wellness Centre. Ms. Orb elaborated, explaining that Veterinary Medicine students receive vaccinations at the Student Wellness Centre. Also, Veterinary Medicine provides funding to the Student Wellness Centre for a counsellor dedicated to those students.

Councillor Knox shared that Nursing students also receive vaccinations from the Student Wellness Centre at the beginning of their degrees. She also expressed satisfaction with the continuity of care provided.

Move to enter back into formality.

USCMotion052: President Mann / Councillor Pooni

CARRIED

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

- 6.1. USC Minutes – 12.07.2023**
- 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 12.18.2023 & 01.10.2024**
- 6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report**
- 6.4. Advocacy Committee Report**
- 6.5. Campus Group Committee Report**
- 6.6. Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee Report**
- 6.7. Elections Committee Report**
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- 6.11. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report**

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

A correction was made to the December 7, 2023, USC Minutes. Councillor Knox's had been misspelled.

Move to adopt the USC Minutes of December 7, 2023, into the official record as amended.

USCMotion053: Councillor Mehta / VP Mehta

CARRIED

Move to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes from December 18, 2023, and January 10, 2024, into the official record.

USCMotion054: VP Bauman / President Mann

CARRIED

8. **College/Constituency Report**

8.1. **Agriculture and Bioresources**

Councillor Severtson shared that they went Christmas carolling at their professors' houses.

Councillor Severtson shared that last weekend they held a hockey tournament and banquet with the Sask Ag Grads Association (SAGA).

Councillor Severtson shared that a grad meeting will be held on January 20.

Councillor Severtson shared that there will be a blood drive on January 23 and 24.

Councillor Severtson shared that Bedpush, their biggest event of the year, will kick off on January 16. There will be fundraising activities alongside the event until February.

8.2. **Arts and Science**

Councillor Mehta shared that they have been busy planning for the ASSU Gala, which will be held on January 12.

8.3. **Dentistry**

Councillor Valji shared that second-year students have White Coat on January 12.

8.4. **Education**

Councillor Proudfoot shared that their hockey trip is at the end of the month. There are still 30 tickets available.

Councillor Proudfoot shared that they are planning a Valentine's Day night out.

Councillor Proudfoot shared that they are holding a Next Steps conference for third and fourth-year students at the beginning of February to gain interview tips.

Councillor Proudfoot shared that they have a career fair at the end of the month. All school divisions attend and make connections with Education students.

Councillor Proudfoot announced that they have a graduation date set for April 20.

8.5. Edwards

Councillor Ryu shared that they have a blood drive upcoming.

Councillor Ryu shared that they are planning their graduation banquet.

Councillor Ryu also shared that the Indigenous Business Students' Society Round Dance was being held today.

8.6. Engineering

No Councillor present.

8.7. Indigenous Students

No Councillor present.

8.8. International Students

Councillor Sahota shared that the International Students' Association is planning to host a K-pop night. The event will be held on January 28 in Louis'. All are welcome to attend.

8.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Ahmed shared that their grad committee has been busy planning for their graduating class.

8.10. Law

No Councillor present.

8.11. Medicine

No Councillor present.

8.12. Nursing

Councillor Mooni shared that SNSA is hosting its Winter Formal on Saturday, January 13. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Councillor Mooni also shared that they have started collaborating with the Nursing Graduate Student Association on their anti-racism committee.

Councillor Mooni commended student achievements. They will be hosting sessions next month.

8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

No Councillor present.

8.14. St. Thomas More

No Councillor present.

8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Councillor Jenkins shared that they held their Winter formal last Saturday.

Councillor Jenkins shared that VP Singh was able to get rabies immunizations funded again; there had been a mistake.

Councillor Jenkins shared that this Saturday, January 13, is Equine Education Day. Equine Club members volunteer to teach kids about horses, Anyone aged 7-18 can register. The event will be held at Clavet School.

Councillor Jenkins is considering a change to the Western Canadian Veterinary Students' Association constitution that will allow their USSU representative to attend student liaison meetings with the Dean and Associates Deans.

Councillor Jenkins also shared that a symposium in Montreal will be held next Thursday. Sixteen USask students will be attending. President Mann has been trying to help the students get funding.

9. Business

9.1. SAL Callout

President Mann announced that the USSU will soon be making a call out for students-at-large to sit on its Indigenous Student Advisory Committee and International Student Advisory Committee. Councillors representing Indigenous and International students will be added to their respective

committee. The co-chair of the Indigenous Students Advisory Committee will be from the Indigenous Students' Union, and the co-chair of the International Students Advisory Committee will be from the International Students' Association.

9.2. Advocacy Updates

9.2.1. Arts & Science Administration

VP Bauman reminded Concillors that Arts and Science has prescheduled academic misconduct hearings. There are concerns with international students being accused of academic misconduct, losing prerequisites, being forced to drop classes for the current term, losing full-time status, and losing their permits.

9.2.2. Student Travel Funding

President Mann shared that she has been advocating for students to have access to funding for travel. The USSU has usually allocated up to \$5000 each year for travel funding. Due to budget restrictions, the USSU cannot provide funding to student groups. The USSU did have a travel fund for the President until it was discontinued in 2019; however, the funds were still being transferred. The funds were transferred to the International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC). ISSAC has their own travel fund, which has been merged with the USSU's former travel fund.

President Mann shared that she is working on a solution to secure reimbursements for the travel funding of Veterinary Medicine students.

9.2.3. President's Executive Committee (PEC)

President Mann shared that she has had conversations with the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association about providing support to students in times of urgent need, especially with emotional support. President Mann has proposed to the University administration a possible solution to this issue: a Be There Certificate program that teaches professors how to recognize signs that students are struggling.

President Mann also shared that they discussed uFood, a service provided by the USSU. With food insecurity on the rise, the USSU is advocating for the University to allocate more resources to uFood.

9.2.4. Student Care Updates

President Mann shared that she met with Student Care, and the most important update is that glucose monitors will be incorporated into the health plan going forward.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

11.1. Campus Club Week

VP Mehta announced that next week, January 15 to 19, is Campus Club Week Part 2. If any campus group would like to set up a table, they should complete an application form.

VP Mehta also shared that on Thursday, January 18, at 5:30 PM, she will be hosting a social. She will give a presentation, which will be followed by games and food.

11.2. Student Engagement Opportunities

11.2.1. Academic Relations Committee

VP Bauman announced that she is seeking a new member for the Academic Relations Committee. The Committee will meet Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. Responsibilities include helping out with the Undergraduate Symposium all day on February 29 and with the Excellence Awards, which involves surveying classrooms and helping at the ceremony at the end of March. An Election will be held for the position at the Council meeting on January 18.

11.2.2. University Assessment Policy Consultations

VP Bauman shared that the University is changing its assessment policies. A policy draft has been completed, and consultations with students will begin in February. There are three open calls, and VP Bauman will send an email with all the details. Registration closes January 19.

11.3. AI Task Force and Student Forum

President Mann announced the University has formed an AI task force. She has been advocating for AI to be seen as a learning mechanism.

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Also, a student forum will be formed and include President Mann and VP Singh, as well as four appointed undergraduate students and three representatives from the Association of Constituency Presidents.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2024

Present:

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

Regrets:

Absent:

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of last meeting minutes

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Mover: President Mann

Seconder: VP Singh

4. Roundtables

a. President Mann

i. Meetings

1. UFood Check-in, Amy R.
2. SEDA Board of Directors Meeting
3. Executive Meeting, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh
4. PEC, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh
5. Financials, Stefanie E. + Amanda M. + Morgan B. + Jason V. + Jason K.
6. Communications, Meerah A. + VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh + Mark M. + Jason V.
7. Pre-Council, Inshal A. + VP Mehta + VP Bauman
8. University Student Council
9. UCRU Work, Katie T.
10. UCRU Connect, Katie T.



ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Tabling
2. UCRU
3. University Student Council
4. University Council Report
5. Elections Campaign Marketing Plan

iii. Events

1. Holiday Party

iv. Other

1. USask Search Committees
 - a. Dean, University Library → VP Academic
 - b. Vice-Provost, Strategy Realization → VP Op/Fin or President
 - c. Principal, Prince Albert Campus → VP Student Affairs

b. VP Mehta

i. Meetings

1. Executive Meeting, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh
2. PEC, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh
3. Financials, Stefanie E. + Amanda M. + Morgan B. + Jason V. + Jason K.
4. Communications, Meerah A. + VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh + Mark M. + Jason V.
5. Pre-Council, Inshal A. + VP Mehta + VP Bauman
6. University Student Council
7. DEED-Student and City of Saskatoon Connections Committee
8. Meeting with Caveat Lector
9. Meeting with New Campus Group
10. Meeting with NDP group

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Tabling
2. Presentation for CG Social
3. Making Jeopardy game
4. Finalizing things for networking event
5. FRC Survey

iii. Events

1. USSU Holiday Party

iv. Other

1. Women in Law asked for exec funding -\$1000
 - a. Telling them to use EDI funding instead



c. VP Bauman

i. Meetings

1. Brock (AGA)
2. Tabling
3. Wendy James
4. Academic Misconduct Convo: Jordan Hartshorn + Darrin Oehlerking
5. Assessment Working Group
6. David Greaves - SLEQ
7. Tabling
8. APC
9. PEC
10. Mandy Fehr, Brock: Symposium Discussion
11. Meeting with new Interm Dean Academic of A&S
12. Communications
13. Brette (Career Services)
14. Pre Council
15. University Council
16. Instagram Ask Me Anything Meerah
17. Check-in with Brock
18. Exec/SM
19. Brock

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Academic Awareness Week
 - a. A bunch of Academic Awareness Videos
 - b. Ask Me Anything
 - c. Tabling
2. Project symposium
 - a. Booking for Feb 29th
 - b. "What is a Symposium" dates
 - i. Feb 23
 - ii. Feb 29th
 - c. Finding date to have library writing tutors have a session
 - d. I may need to ask for more funding, as we need to rent poster-boards from elsewhere this year.
3. Student Engagement Opportunities
 - a. Last week to sign up
4. Excellence Awards
 - a. Date Changed to March 24th, Sunday
5. Academic Affairs Committee

iii. Events

1. Welcome Week Movie Night



2. ASSU Gala
3. Christmas Party

iv. Other

- 1.

d. VP Singh

i. Meetings

1. Exec Meeting
2. PEC
3. Financial Meeting
4. Comms Meeting
5. Exec SM
6. Meeting with the Office of Sustainability
7. Meeting with ISA
8. Meeting with RBC on campus

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Welcome Week done well
2. Tabling
3. Bingo Night
4. Howler Hunt
5. Rest of the Campus Cup Activities
6. Silent Disco

iii. Events

1. ASSU Gala
2. USSU Holiday Party
3. Mock Wedding

iv. Other

- 1.

5. New business

- a. Difficulty meeting with committees
 - i. Do it over email
 - ii. Could be handled on an executive level
- b. SAL Call Out for both committees
 - i. Out this week
- c. Dishwasher
 - i. Motion to approve the purchase of Louis' Dishwasher Booster for \$6417.48
President Mann
 - ii. Second: VP Singh

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.



**Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee- DEED Meeting
Jan 10, 2024, 2:30 PM**

Present: Hayley Jenkins, Brandi Gartner, Ayesha Shakil, Dhairya Mehta, Nishtha Mehta, Soren Hvenegaard, Jason Kovitch

Regrets: Andish Niazi, Angi Patel

Guests: Jenny Sutton, Ian Williamson,

- 1. Call to order 2:35 pm**
- 2. Quorum (6)**
- 3. Introductions**
- 4. Short Presentation by Ian to go over entertainment district (DEED)**
 - a. District plan
 - i. Framework document
 - ii. Aims to provide visionary pieces on action items
 - iii. Long-term plan
 - iv. 20 years into the future
 - b. Key district plan components
 - i. Connections and mobility
 1. How people get through downtown
 - ii. Parks, open space, recreation
 1. Adding park spaces downtown
 2. Missing spaces
 3. Programmed or passive recreation i.e walks
 - iii. Amenities
 1. To attract people to downtown
 2. Urban life
 3. Restaurants
- 5. Future Plans**
 - a. Adding bike routes
 - b. BRT stations
- 6. Potential Future Plans**
 - a. Protective bike lanes
- 7. Feedback**
 - a. Greenspaces we've seen, lots even between even buildings
 - b. Study spaces in downtown
 - c. Indoor amenities for students
 - d. Parking downtown

- i. Currently 7000 parking spaces downtown
 - ii. Plan is to maintain it in strategic locations
 - iii. Want free parking at spaces such as cafes
 - e. Bike theft is a concern
 - i. Sheltered bike locks
 - ii. Specific shapes of bike racks to prevent bike theft
 - f. Living spaces
 - i. More buildings with community areas between them
 - g. Grocery spaces downtown
 - h. Adding more park spaces
 - i. Most park spaces are centered around riverbend
 - ii. Want to expand it to rest of downtown
 - iii.
 - i. Some cities take off a road and make it into a greenspace, is Saskatoon going to do that?
 - i. Closing off a street to cars
 - j. Affordable housing lots
 - k. Expanding Apartments to accommodate for growing population
 - i. Up to private development companies
 - l. Specific amenities for students
 - i. Activate
 - 1. For all ages
 - ii. Swings the play music
 - iii. Adult playground
 - iv. Outdoor chess
 - v. Outdoor pianos
 - vi. Connect 4
 - vii. Maple toffee
 - viii. Hot chocolate
 - ix. Smaller rinks with a building nearby that's warm
 - 1. Linear skate with warm stations nearby
8. Here's a link to more info about the new downtown public library:
- a. <https://saskatooncentrallibrary.ca/the-project/location/>

9. Questions, Comments, Announcements

10. Adjournment

- a. 3:34 pm

