
University Students' Council Agenda
February 01, 2024
Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers – 6:00 PM CST

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9. Business
 - 9.1. PEC Updates
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- 9.2.1. Executive
- 9.2.2. Senate
- 9.2.3. MSC
- 9.2.4. Finance and Assessment Committee
- 10. New Business
- 11. Questions, comments, and announcements
- 12. Adjournment

University Students' Council Minutes
January 25, 2024
Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers – 6:00 PM CST

Present:

Elisabeth Bauman, VP Academic Affairs (she/her)
Nishtha Mehta, VP Operations and Finances (she/her)
Angi Patel, Arts and Science (she/her)
Harkanveer Pooni, Nursing (he/him)
Eileen Knox, Nursing (she/her)
Molly Severtson, Agriculture and Bioresources (she/her)
Cole Willmann, Agriculture and Bioresources (he/him)
Norah Jacob, St. Thomas More (she/her)
Alexis Salsbury, Arts and Science (she/her)
Dhairya Mehta, Arts and Science (he/him)
Lamisha Rahman, Pharmacy & Nutrition (she/her)
Tianna Sangwais, Indigenous Students (she/her)
Maria Hirsi, Indigenous Students (she/they)
Simran Sahota, International Students (she/her)
Kyungsoo Ryu, Edwards (she/her)
Kaitlin Proudfoot, Education (she/her)
Hayley Jenkins, WCVN (she/her)
Samina Valji, Dentistry (she/her)
Meghal Meghal, International Students (she/her)
Ajak Madit Deng, Engineering (he/him)
Gurbaz Singh, VP Student Affairs (he/him)
Ishita Mann, President (she/her)
Shahmeer Ahmed, Kinesiology (he/him)
Holden Chester, Edwards (he/him)
Kevin Lee, Medicine (he/him)

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:

Guests:

Dr. Peter Stoicheff, President & Vice-Chancellor (he/him)
Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic (she/her)
Dr. Patti McDougall, Deputy Provost (she/her)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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

Corrections were made to the agenda:

- 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3 were removed from section 9 (business).
- Dr. Patti McDougall was added to the guest list.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion062: Councillor Knox / Councillor Proudfoot CARRIED

5. Council Address

Move to enter into informality.

USCMotion063: VP Singh / Councillor Patel CARRIED

5.1. Introductions

President Mann introduced President Stoicheff, Provost Airini, and Deputy Provost McDougall.

5.2. Guests

5.2.1. President & Vice-Chancellor - Dr. Peter Stoicheff

President Stoicheff thanked the Council for its leadership.

President Stoicheff discussed the connection between democracy and universities. Especially in the United States, the autonomy of

universities is being encroached upon through political interference. Universities are about building democracy, standing for fact-based truth, standing for social mobility, encouraging citizenship, helping people to lead more prosperous & community-oriented lives, and advancing reconciliation.

Canada's university sector is not as stratified as those in other countries. Students at any of Canada's 97 universities will get a quality education. However, there are differences between Canada's universities; some have a focus on undergraduate or professional education, and others are research-intensive.

Most research in Canada is conducted by public universities, not private laboratories like in many other countries. USask is one of fifteen research-intensive universities in Canada. USask is focused on directing research towards finding solutions to problems.

USask began with a community- and service-oriented mentality, especially in relation to agriculture. USask once had a farm train that would help farmers with the latest agricultural techniques.

USask had the first department of drama and is the only U15 university that has the triumvirate of drama, music, and visual arts.

USask has 17 colleges, which is far more than what is offered by most other universities; USask truly is responsible for the whole province after which it is named. However, USask also strives for national and international recognition. USask's signature areas, where it has global preeminence, include synchrotron science, food security, and indigenous research. USask increased in international university rankings by 128 spots in one year. A degree from USask has high value.

USask is in the late stages of a comprehensive campaign. The goal of the campaign was to raise \$500 million dollars for the following purposes: ensuring there are creative spaces for student programming and research; fulfilling the University's goal as a leader in indigenization; and supporting students through scholarships and bursaries. As of last month, USask has raised \$400 million. There are 17 months left in the campaign.

5.2.2. Provost & VP Academic - Dr. Airini

Provost Airini thanked students for their leadership.

Provost Airini told a story about travelling with her mother as a child. The moral of the story is this: that we should leave things better than they were when we found them; this has shaped Provost Airini's approach to leadership. To make things better requires one to develop a critical lens and to collaborate with others.

Provost Airini describes herself as being in her role to pursue purposeful, strategic change that helps people get knowledge out to the world. The world needs more leadership and "kaha."

Councillor Knox asked what plans the University leadership has for student supports.

- Provost Airini listed the following efforts: they are accommodating students with disabilities through Access and Equity Services; providing medical services and counselling services; offering students more scholarships and bursaries.
- Deputy Provost McDougall explained that the University's wellness plan is based on circles of intervention, prevention, and promotion. Intervention includes psychologists, nurses, social workers, and psychiatrists. Prevention and promotion involve reducing stress. The Provost has made an effort to promote food security by investing in the USSU Food Centre and also has invested in crisis aid for students. The Tim Gitzel family invested \$1 million into the Student Wellness Centre.

Councillor Willman asked what is being done with the stone barn on campus.

- President Stoicheff explained that the stone barn is a historic building that has outlived its original purpose. It was built in the 1930s for the College of Agriculture to conduct cattle research and lacks insulation, plumbing, and electricity. USask has built an upgraded facility, the Rayner Dairy Facility, but is also committed to providing \$3-5 million to maintain the stone barn. Renovating the barn for a new purpose will cost \$30 million. Last spring, USask held a design charrette to come up with ideas for what to do with the barn, and 600 ideas were conceived.

Councillor Meghal asked what the increase in tuition will be next year for the College of Engineering.

- President Stoicheff explained that one of the principles that determine tuition at USask is comparability, meaning that costs are never significantly more than at comparable universities across Canada. The reason why average tuition at USask seems high is because USask has several expensive programs, like Veterinary Medicine, Medicine, and Dentistry, that are not offered by many other universities. Ideally, tuition would not be increased, but this can cause problems; a tuition freeze may be followed by a massive increase, instead of a gradual and predictable increase, which is preferable.
- Deputy Provost McDougall guaranteed that tuition will not increase by 15% next year. USask's Engineering degree had been far less than the U15 median, and an increase was needed for the financial health of the College.

USask has a four year agreement with the province. The agreement is that the province will not cut funding to USask if USask does not increase tuition by more than 4% per year except in areas below the median. Now that Engineering tuition is at the median, the next increase will not exceed 4%.

Deputy Provost McDougall encouraged students to attend town halls so that they can provide feedback and see how their College spends its money. Any feedback they provide must be included in a report.

Councillor Patel asked what benefits will be provided by increasing tuition for international students, and if the tuition will increase further due to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's recent cap on international students.

- Provost Airini confirmed that the federal government has introduced a two year cap on visas issued for undergraduate international students as of January 22. The number of visas is capped at 364,000, which is 35% less than were issued in 2023. The 364,000 will be distributed across the country based on demographics. Saskatchewan makes up 3% of Canada's population but has only 1.5% of the country's international

students. Saskatchewan has the potential to gain more international students.

Provost Airini is seeking clarity on what will happen to potential students who were already in the application process. VP Singh said that those potential students, who may have planned to go to Ontario, likely do not know that Saskatchewan will have the capacity for more international students.

- Deputy Provost McDougall explained that the multi-year agreement with the provincial government does not include international students. Families from Saskatchewan have paid provincial taxes, which international students do not pay. Undergraduate international students can anticipate a 0.5-0.6 increase in the differential for next year, and this lift will bring them to the median. At that point, international students can also expect the cost of their programs to not increase by more than 4% per year.

The Provost has compassion for those most impacted. \$25,000 was invested into the USSU Food Centre. \$975,00 went into financial aid for international students in the form of needs-based bursaries. \$300,000 went into crisis aid.

- Provost Airini wants to ensure there are supports for refugee students that will allow them to focus on their studies.
- Deputy Provost McDougall shared that those who come to Canada with refugee status are treated as domestic students. USask has a program designed by the Provost that assists those with study permits who are threatened by geopolitical events.

Provost Airini encouraged students to reach out to them. President Stoicheff encouraged students to continue with leadership.

Move to enter back into formality.

USCMotion064: VP Singh / Councillor Patel

CARRIED

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – 01.18.2024

6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 01.23.2024

- 6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report**
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7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

A correction was made to the minutes. Councillor Pooni's name had been misspelled in the Nursing constituency report.

Move to adopt the USC Minutes of January 18, 2024, into the official record as amended.

USCMotion065: Councillor Knox / Councillor Pooni **CARRIED**

Move to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes from January 23, 2024, and the Campus Group Committee Report from January 23, 2024, into the official record.

USCMotion066: VP Bauman / President Mann **CARRIED**

8. College/Constituency Report

8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Severtson shared that they had their grad banquet this past weekend and have started fundraising.

8.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Mehta shared that they had their AGM yesterday. Their election for VP External was announced.

8.3. Dentistry

Councillor Valji had no updates.

8.4. Education

Councillor Proudfoot shared that their hockey trip is tomorrow, January 26.

Councillor Proudfoot also shared that their next event is a traffic light beer night on March 1 at 7 PM.

8.5. Edwards

Councillor Ryu shared that they held their presidential election today.

Councillor Ryu also shared that their blood drive is competing with the University of New Brunswick.

8.6. Engineering

Councillor Deng shared that one of the biggest events of the year for them is on January 31.

Councillor Deng also shared that they had their winter formal yesterday.

8.7. Indigenous Students

Councillor Hirsi shared that their byelection has been postponed to January 26.

Councillor Hirsi also shared that their sexual health event will be postponed to March.

8.8. International Students

Councillor Meghal shared that they are planning their AGM.

Councilor Meghal also shared that they have some events lined up for February and March.

8.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Ahmed shared that there was a faculty meeting today and they discussed research awards for Kinesiology students.

Councillor Ahmed also shared that there is an upcoming career fair event directed towards Kinesiology students.

8.10. Law

No Councillor present.

8.11. Medicine

No Councillor present.

8.12. Nursing

Councillor Knox shared that they have a blood drive coming up on February 6.

Councillor Knox shared that the SNSA organized a spin class last Monday.

Councillor Knox shared that they are planning a trivia night.

Councillor Knox also shared that the anti-racism committee was approved by the SNSA and will meet on Tuesday, January 30.

8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

Councillor Rahman shared that they are forming their spring formal committee.

8.14. St. Thomas More

Councillor Jacob shared that they have a karaoke night planned.

8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Councillor Jenkins had no updates.

9. Business

10. New Business

11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

VP Mehta shared that the Campus Group Committee met this week and reviewed many funding requests.

VP Mehta shared that the Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee had a networking event.

VP Bauman shared that the Academic Relations Committee had a meeting. The Committee will start planning for the Undergraduate Symposium and Excellence Awards next week.

President Mann proposed another amendment to the agenda. The date needs to be added for the Campus Group Committee meeting.

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President Mann instructed Councillors to email any remaining question they have for the guests to her. She will forward their responses back to Councillors.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

**Campus Group Committee Meeting
Minutes for January 29, 2024**

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 12: 09 P.M.

2. Quorum

Present: Angi Patel, Yusra Faroo, Stefanie Ewen, Laura Iratugabiye

Regrets: Dhairya Mehta, Hayley Jenkins

3. Approval of last meeting minutes

a.  Campus Group Committee | Jan 23, 2024

b. Meeting Minutes Approved

i. Approved by The purpose of this event is to promote the Health Studies Honours program, and to provide insightful information such as the application process and to have current honours students speak. No alcohol will be served. Approximately 30 students will be attending. Presenters include Professor Ulrich Teucher and Marla Mickleborough.

ii. Angi

4. Motions-Ratifications

a. **Usask Campus Conservatives**

i. The University of Saskatchewan Campus conservatives is a vibrant community where students come together to champion the values and principles of the conservative party of Canada. Our group is a diverse and engaged collective committed to promoting fiscal responsibility, individual freedoms and a free market principle on campus. Our events, seminars and networking opportunities provide a platform for you to deepen your understanding of conservative principles.

ii. Seconder: Laura

iii. Motion Passes

b. **Usask Menstrual Project**

i. Usask Menstrual Project is a campus club dedicated to raising awareness for menstrual equity on our campus and in our community.

ii. Seconder: Angi

iii. Motion Passes

5. Motions-Funding Requests

Group Name	Grant Requested	Amount Requested	Event Date, Location, Time	Description	What will Funding be Used for	Insurance	Approved (y/n)
Red Cross	P and I: Cash	\$139.42 (remainder of cash)	Feb 9-14 9:00 am - 4 pm	Valentines Fundraising -selling roses	Buying cards and roses	N/A	Seconder: Yusra

		sponsorship)	Arts Tunne	and cards - We plan to fundraise a good amount of money from this event and donate it to the Canadian Red Cross			Motion Passes
Exercise is Medicine	P and I: Cash	\$86.92	Jan 16 6-8 117 20th Street W, Saskatoon	The event is happening at the The Commons Wellness Collective on January 16th, 2024. At 6:00pm. The event to anyone who is interested in pilates. No alcohol is being served. 25 people are attending.	\$150 under materials and decorations	Event already happened	Seconder: Motion Passes
InterVarsity	P and I: Louis'	\$250	Jan 19 18:00-20:00 Louis'	We will be meeting as a community to hang out and discuss how the term has been going so far. This will be a way that students can connect with each other and encourage each other. We will likely have 15 students attending.	Catering	N/A	Seconder: Angi Motion Passes
Gujarati Students'	P and I: cash	\$148.16	Feb 16	In the event we are celebrating	Food, materials and	N/A	Seconder: Laura

Association			4-11:30 in Williams Gym	out culture through our folk festival Navratri. no alcohol would be served, we are expecting 100 people.	decorations		Abstaining: Angi Motion Passes
Pre-Law Student Society	P and I: Cash	\$200	Jan 31 16:30-18:30 Moeller Resource Room	The event will be hosted in the Moeller room at ESB. It will consist of a general meeting, giving information about the club, followed by an introduction of our model court conference, where we will discuss the plan for the event and some details about the cases, format, etc. Following this, we will create a space for participants to socialize and meet other participants of the upcoming conference.	Snacks	N/A	Secunder: Angi Motion Passes
FABS	P and I: XL	\$310		Banner FABS club wants to make its banner with a stand as currently we don't have any. We need to borrow our	Banner	N/A	Secunder: Angi Motion Passes

				department's banner where we do our events. It would be great to have a club's own banner with it's logo and images to indicate our events.			
Chemical Engineering Student Society	P and I: Cash	Cash: \$250	Feb 16 7-12 ACT Hall 107 105 St W, Saskatoon, SK S7N 1Z2	ChESS is hosting a Social Night to encourage interaction between students within the Chemical Engineering discipline. The goal of this Social Night is to encourage socialization and communication between students in all years of study in Chemical Engineering, aligning with one of our groups main goals: to produce a sense of comradery and community within the discipline of Chemical Engineering. Alcohol will be served at this event, and we are expecting an attendance of around 30	Snacks, space rental	Insurance received	Seconder: Laura Motion Passes

				people. Any questions can be directed towards myself (Paige Perras).			
Health Studies Student Society	P and I: Cash	\$70	Feb 24 7 pm - 12 am Sutherland Hall 1112 Central Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7N 2H1	The purpose of this event is to promote the Health Studies Honours program, and to provide insightful information such as the application process and to have current honours students speak. No alcohol will be served. Approximately 30 students will be attending. Presenters include Professor Ulrich Teucher and Marla Mickleborough.	Catering, snacks,	Need to get insurance	Seconder: Angi Motion Passes
UNICEF	P and I: Cash	\$500	Jan 31-Feb 14 11 am-2 pm pre-sale (31 jan and 1 feb) : Arts tunnel and arts building (ramp) Actual event (13th and 14th feb): Arts tunnel	Flowergrams This event is basically a flowergrams event in lieu of valentine's day (february 14, 2024) where people can pre-order flowers and we will deliver it to them. Simultaneously, we also would be having booths in the	Snacks, materials and decorations, other expenses	N/A	Seconder: Laura Abstain: Angi Motion Passes

				<p>arts tunnel and ramp in the arts building for selling these flowers to people who prefer to come in-person and get us to make a customized bouquet for them. The actual event is happening on the 13th and 14th february in the arts tunnel between 11am - 2pm. However, to raise some capital for this event, we are also doing a pre-sale on 31 January and 1 February which we would sell snacks (potentially donuts) and use the proceeds we get from that as capital for the main flowergrams event.</p>			
<p>Redeemed Christian Church Of God Campus Fellowship</p>	<p>EDi: Internationa l</p>	<p>\$350</p>	<p>Feb 16 5:45-8:30 pm Health Sci rm 1B11</p>	<p>Medical Student Panel: This event contain 2 individual presentations by a speaker who is currently in medical school and another speaker who is currently a resident. The presentations</p>	<p>Catering, snacks, speaker cost</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Seconder: Angi Motion Passes</p>

				<p>will be tailored to international students who are interested in going into medical field. Their presentation will include opportunities that current undergrads could take part in so as to be in better standing with their application. They will also address what they did to get to where they are at. Other topics that we have given them to address are research opportunities, mentorship opportunities, certifications that could be worked on as the student transitions from international student to PR holder (so that application to medical school could be easier). After the two presentations, a question-and-answer panel will be held. Alcohol will not be served but food and pop will be served.</p>			
Pan-African	P and I:	Cash: \$500	Feb 24	It's a black	Catering,	Work in	Motion to

Students Association	Cash and Louis	Louis' : \$100	7 pm - 12 am Sutherland Hall 1112 Central Ave, Saskatoon, SK S7N 2H1	history month Gala, we hope to have 150 people present. There will be music and different dance and artistic presentations on the day.	snacks, musician fees, materials and decorations	progress	grant them \$500 for cash sponsorship Seconders: Laura Motion Passes
College of Kine	P and I: Louis'	\$400	Feb 15 5 pm Louis' Loft	The Kinesiology Student Society is hoping to host a trivia night for approximately 40 people. Alcohol will not be served. There will be no documentaries screened, and the trivia questions will revolve around popular culture and anatomy.	Catering	N/A	Seconders: Yusra Motion Passes
Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society	P and I: Cash	\$50	Jan 29 2:30-4 Arts 213	This is going to be a board game night to build community and help students relax/destress. No alcohol will be served. This is open to anyone but we expect undergrad psychology students to attend.	Snacks	N/A	Seconders: Laura Motion Passes
Labour and Employment Law	P and I: Cash	\$100	Feb 5 12-1 Law	AGM Annual general meeting of the Labour & Employment	Snacks, printed ad materials	N/A	Seconders: Angi Motion Passes

			Building rm 78	Law Club hosted in a classroom in the Law Building. Approximately 30 people will be in attendance. Presentation of the Executive's goals and plans for the term, review of the financial reports for the last term, and discussion with the membership on their interest in the group and events they hope to see.			
Students for Justice and Peace	P and I: XL	\$300		Banner -to be used for all future events	Banner	N/A	Secunder Laura Motion Passes
Linguistics Student Committee	P and I:Cash	\$100	Feb 29 6-9 Arts (not confirmed)	Games Night This event is a collaboration between the LSC , The U of S games club, The English Student Society and the teaching student society. (We are in the works of see who is available to come)	Catering	N/A	Secunder: Angi Motion Passes
Pre-Dental	P and I: Louis	Louis: \$500	Feb 7 6-7:30 pm Private	This info night will be a valuable opportunity for student to gain	Catering	N/A	Secunder: Laura Abstain:

			Function Room Louis	insights into the dental school application process, by having dental student panelists speak on their experiences with their application process, and to provide information on necessary requirements.			Angi Motion Passes
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- 6. What happens if exec members graduate?**
- 7. New Business**
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- 8. Adjournment at 12: 37 P.M.**