
University Students' Council Agenda
March 07, 2024
Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers – 6:00 PM CST

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call/Quorum
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 - 6.1. USC Minutes – 02.15.2024 & 02.29.2024
 - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 03.05.2024
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 - 6.9. Governance Committee Report
 - 6.10. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Report
 - 6.11. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report
 - 6.12. Indigenous Advisory Committee – Verbal Update
7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports
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 - 8.5. Edwards School of Business
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 - 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
 - 9.1. USSU Executive Scholarship Fund (Policy Approval and Timelines for this semester)
 - 9.2. UFood Report & Conversations with GSA
 - 9.3. Discussion Items for President's Executive Committee (Dr. Stoicheff)

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10. **New Business**
11. **Questions, comments, and announcements**
12. **Adjournment**

**University Students' Council Minutes
February 29, 2024
Zoom – 6:00 PM CST**

Present:

Gurbaz Singh, VP Student Affairs (he/him)
Kaitlin Proudfoot, Education (she/her)
Tianna Sangwais, Indigenous Students (she/her)
Harkaranveer Pooni, Nursing (he/him)
Cole Willmann, Agriculture and Bioresources (he/him)
Lamisha Rahman, Pharmacy & Nutrition (she/her)
Shahmeer Ahmed, Kinesiology (he/him)
Samina Valji, Dentistry (she/her)
Kyungsoo Ryu, Edwards (she/her)
Molly Severtson, Agriculture and Bioresources (she/her)
Maria Hirsi, Indigenous Students (she/they)
Simran Sahota, International Students (she/her)
Dhairya Mehta, Arts and Science (he/him)
Ishita Mann, President (she/her)
Elisabeth Bauman, VP Academic Affairs (she/her)
Alexis Salsbury, Arts and Science (she/her)
Nishtha Mehta, VP Operations and Finances (she/her)
Eileen Knox, Nursing (she/her)
Hayley Jenkins, WCVM (she/her)

Also present:

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

Absent:

Holden Chester, Edwards (he/him)
Meghal, International Students (she/her)
Angi Patel, Arts and Science (she/her)
Norah Jacob, St. Thomas More (she/her)
Ajak Madit Deng, Engineering (he/him)
Kevin Lee, Medicine (he/him)

Guests:

Aakanksha Majumdar

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

No corrections were made to the agenda.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMotion087: President Mann / VP Singh

CARRIED

5. Council Address

There was no guest speaker at this meeting.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – 02.15.2024

6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 02.20.2024 & 02.27.2024

President Mann shared that the following was discussed: the Executive has been meeting with stakeholders as they move towards the end of their terms; planning for the USSU Undergraduate Symposium, which has been a major component of VP Bauman's work; and the USSU budget, which VP Mehta has been working on.

6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report

6.4. Advocacy Committee Report

- 6.5. Campus Group Committee Report – 02.27.2024**
VP Mehta shared that there was one ratification request and several funding requests, most of which were approved.
 - 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**
 - 6.11. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report**
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
No corrections were made to the minutes or reports.
- Move to adopt the USC Minutes of February 15, 2024, into the official record.
USCMotion088: President Mann / VP Mehta **CARRIED**
- Move to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes and Report from February 20, 2024, and February 27, 2024, into the official record.
USCMotion089: VP Bauman / Councillor Sahota **CARRIED**
- Move to adopt the Campus Group Committee Report from February 27, 2024, into the official record.
USCMotion090: Councillor Mehta / Councillor Pooni **CARRIED**
- 8. College/Constituency Report**
- 8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources**
Councillor Severtson shared that they finished their Bedpush fundraiser. They pushed the bed from Saskatoon to Regina, and by the time they reached Telemiracle they had raised \$98,922.
 - 8.2. Arts and Science**
Councillor Mehta shared that they have released their call for nominations for their 2024-2025 executive and MSCs.
 - 8.3. Dentistry**
No updates.

8.4. Education

Councillor Proudfoot shared the following:

- Education is starting its election process. They will be accepting nominations until March 17.
- They are hosting a trivia night on March 22.
- There is a steak night on March 1.
- The Education AGM will be held March 11.

8.5. Edwards

No updates.

8.6. Engineering

No Councillor present.

8.7. Indigenous Students

Councillor Sangwais shared that this coming week is Indigenous Achievement Week, and there will be several events throughout the University including art displays, beading events, the Indigenous career fair in Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre on Tuesday, March 5, and the Indigenous student achievement awards in Marquis Hall on Wednesday, March 6.

8.8. International Students

Councillor Sahota shared the following:

- they are collaborating with a professor on talks about reproductive health for international students.
- INSA is preparing for its AGM at the end of the term.

8.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Ahmed shared that they had their AGM recently and are now preparing for elections.

8.10. Law

No Councillor present.

8.11. Medicine

No Councillor present.

8.12. Nursing

Councillor Pooni shared the following:

- They are organizing meet-and-greets on March 7 and 11 to get second- and third-year students involved with their anti-racism committee.
- Alliance for Clinical Excellence will be hosting a mock objective structured clinical exam (OSCE) for second-year students on March 16.
- The Nursing AGM will be held on March 6.

8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

Councillor Rahman shared the following:

- The SPNSS is holding its elections today.
- Their spring banquet will be held March 15.

8.14. St. Thomas More

No Councillor present.

8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Chairperson Anees shared the following on behalf of Councillor Jenkins:

- Veterinary Medicine had their AGM, at which they made a few changes to their constitution and approved their budget.
- They had their hoedown this weekend.
- Their elections will be held this week.
- Third-year students are planning their rotations for their fourth year.

9. Business

9.1. USSU Executive Scholarship Fund

President Mann presented an overview of the new USSU Executive Scholarship:

- The goal of this policy is student empowerment, which includes creating leadership spaces for students. Financial support will help with this goal.
- For this year, payment will be made via cheque. The next USSU President will be tasked with integrating the scholarship within the University's scholarship structure so that the funds can be directly applied to tuition in the future.
- There will be multiple USC committees involved in overseeing applications to ensure applicants meet the scholarship's criteria. For a student to be eligible, they must be an undergraduate

student involved in extracurricular activities and/or community service and demonstrate leadership in improving student life on campus. Financial need is also a criteria, but the USSU is not able to verify this. Applicants must submit a 500-word personal statement and up to three letters of recommendation.

- The Advocacy Committee will be tasked with creating a rubric to assess applications. There will be an initial anonymized screening of applications, followed by review and selection stages set by the Advocacy Committee. Final review and selection will be made by the Advocacy and Finance and Assessment committees.
- At this time, there will likely be two winners. Each winner will receive a one-time payment of \$2000.
- The timeline for the scholarship will be as follows: advertised by August 1; confirmation of selection committee members by September 15; notification of scholarship recipients by September 20; and disbursement of funds by September 25.
- Recipients will have to submit a testimonial to the USSU President detailing the scholarship's impact on their academic and personal development within three months. President Mann will advise the next USSU President to create a networking package, which will include recipient testimonials, to distribute to alumni and other community leaders in hopes of expanding the scholarship.

Councillor Salsbury asked for clarification about when the scholarship will roll out and whether students who are graduating this year are eligible for this year's scholarship.

- President Mann explained that the scholarship for this year will roll out next week and the process for next year will begin in August.
- President Mann explained that students graduating this year are eligible for this year's scholarship.

Councillor Pooni expressed that the policy does not clearly state how many recipients there will be.

- President Mann said the policy will be edited to make this clear.

Councillor Mehta asked if the number of recipients will be reviewed each year.

- President Mann explained that the number of recipients will be reviewed each year and determined by the amount of funding available and the number of eligible applicants.

Councillor Sangwais asked what would happen if a student who already has their tuition covered wins the scholarship.

- Manager Ventnor suggested that a cheque could be issued in this case.
- Councillor Knox suggested that the USSU look into University policies on this matter.

10. **New Business**

11. **Questions, Comments, and Announcements**

11.1. **Forum**

Councillor Willmann asked what the date is for the forum.

- President Mann said that there are several possible dates, including March 25, 28, and at the end of April, but no dates are confirmed yet.

11.2. **Vote on USSU Executive Scholarship**

President Mann announced that a vote on the amended scholarship policy will occur at the next USC meeting on March 7.

11.3. **Budget Information**

VP Mehta announced that she will be presenting information relating to the USSU budget to Council on March 14.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.



Academic Relations Committee
February 28, 2024
12:30 pm
Roy Romanow Council Chamber

ATTENDEES

- Eileen
- Elisabeth
- Brock
- Emily
- Dhairya

ABSENT

- Jason Ventnor
- Alexis
- Devanshi

MINUTES

Called to Order: 12:31

1. USSU Undergraduate Symposium Planning

- a. The Committee began its meeting by preparing for the USSU Undergraduate Symposium, which included setting up display board numbers and sorting and labelling posters.
- b. VP Bauman gave an overview of what the day will look like for the Symposium.
- c. VP Bauman explained the registration process for the Symposium.
- d. VP Bauman and Brock explained how to input data.
- e. The Committee discussed options for the bingo card.

Meeting adjourned: 1:30 pm

Campus Group Committee Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2024

1. Call to order


The meeting was called to order at 12:04 P.M.

2. Quorum

Present: Angi Patel, Nishtha Mehta, Dhairya Mehta, Yusra Faroo

Regrets: Laura Iratugabiye, Hayley Jenkins, Stefanie Ewen

3. Approval of last meeting minutes

- a.  Campus Group Committee | Feb 27, 2024
- b. Meeting Minutes Approved
 - i. Approved by Angi Patel

4. Motions-Ratifications

a. Black Student's Mentorship Association (BSMA)

- i. The purpose of the group is to provide a space for black students to meet with black mentors. Being a minority, odds often seem to stack against you. Having professionals to guide the way is an important step to reinforcing the fact that being black is not a weakness but a strength. The group will serve the purpose of creating a sense of community by allowing one on one interactions with these professionals such as doctors, lawyers, professors and accountants and how they thrived in the industry is spite of being marginalized. Feeling lost is common in university so the mentorship aspect also helps with creating exposure to the plethora of careers that are out there, and the various routes that exist to reaching them. Having a sense of purpose is important for holistic health. Engaging with black mentors is important for taking a strength based approach to empower the black staff and students of the University.
- ii. Seconder: Dhairya
- iii. Motion Passes

b. CAMA

- i. The CAMA Saskatchewan Student Chapter is starting again and fundraising to hopefully take a team of students to the Case Studies competitions in Winnipeg, Lethbridge and potentially host a competition here in Saskatoon. The main goal is to send the team to the North American Agri-Marketing case studies competition which is typically held in Kansas City.
- ii. The first semester we held a games night inviting all members and agriculture students, especially younger years, to come out and meet each other. The second semester the CAMA team held a games night to recruit new members has has organized a team to send out sponsorship letters in order to fundraise for the marketing competition. The CAMA marketing team also is planning to host a case studies competition where members all around the college can compete along with practice for the North American Marketing Competition. CAMA aims to hopefully invite other university CAMA teams to come to our competition to give the teams a greater idea of what to expect when at the North American level.
- iii. Seconder: Angi
- iv. Motion Passes

c. Just Rights

- i. To promote awareness, study, and understanding of human rights and interconnected
 - ii. issues; educate ourselves and our community in the principles of human rights law,
 - iii. domestic and international organizations and institutions, and social justice legal issues
 - iv. To encourage communication and collaboration among law students and lawyers;
 - v. learn about other cultures and legal systems globally; to contribute to legal education and
 - vi. promote social responsibility in the field of law;
 - vii. To fundraise and raise awareness of human rights issues, access to justice issues, and
 - viii. social justice advocacy; promote and provide student opportunities in areas of human
 - ix. rights/public interest law; examine alternative careers utilizing a law degree
 - x. Second: Yusra
 - xi. Motion Passes
- d. **USASK Cricket Club**
- i. We organize tournaments to give cricket enthusiast students a platform to nurture their hobby and passion for the game. As well as to get some relaxation from the hectic study schedule. In the near future we will be including practice sessions where students can come and practice the game whenever they feel depressed or unhappy in life. With that little things like World Cup watch party and yearly get together to keep them all together and providing a space to connect with new people.
 - ii. 1- T-5 tournament twice every year
 - iii. 2- T-10 league twice every year
 - iv. 3- Executive meeting every 3 months
 - v. 4- Annual general meeting once every academic year
 - vi. Second: Dhairya
 - vii. 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)
Indian Student's Association	P and I: Cash	\$500 Have \$50 left	March 31th 6-10 pm Quance Theatre Education Building	Parichay is our annual cultural event to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of Indian students, throughout the year. This event will co-ordinate special cultural performances,	Catering, non-alcoholic beverages, audio,	N/A	Motion to approve them \$50 Second: Angi Patel Abstain: Dhairya Motion

				including music, dance and lots and lots of food. We plan to promote the involvement of our Indian students on campus and showcase the diverse culture we come from. There will be no alcohol involved and we expect an audience of around 150 people, including students and professors.			Passes
Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology	P and I: Cash	\$100	March 27 5-7 pm Health Sci Student Lounge	The APPSA is hosting a study night in the health science student lounge before finals. The event provides students with the opportunity to participate in group studying, individual studying, or take a study break. Snacks and games will be provided for the study breaks.	Snacks, printed ad materials,	N/A	Seconders: Dhairya Motion Passes
International Students' Association	P and I: cash	Cash: 241 Louis': 133	Prom Night				Seconders: Dhairya Motion Passes

<p>Pre-Law Student Society</p>	<p>EDI-Gender, International</p>	<p>Gender: \$500 International: \$500</p>	<p>Model Court Conference Social March 8th Thirsty Scholar 2105 8th St E, Saskatoon SK S7H 0T8</p>	<p>A full buffet style dinner at the Thirsty Scholar located at 2105 8th Street E! This will be hosted at 5:30 pm where you can meet your fellow participants and it will be a chance to ask any questions about the cases and roles. We will also be having a few lawyers to speak about their experience and what their day-to-day looks like. No alcohol will be provided by us. Speakers come from a diverse background share their experiences in the law profession, including struggles they may have endured. This also includes a female speaker, who may touch on the differences in gender in the work place.</p>	<p>Materials, food</p>	<p>Insurance-process</p>	<p>Motion for \$500 for Gender : Deny Motion Passes</p>
<p>Pre-Law</p>	<p>EDI: Indigenous, Disabilities</p>	<p>\$500 each</p>	<p>March 9th Law room 30 and ESB 45</p>	<p>This is a full day of participants arguing cases we have</p>	<p>Catering, materials and decorations, speaker</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion to approve for \$500 for Disabilities</p>

				<p>prepared in a courtroom setting before USASK law students, simulating a 'moot.' This experience will introduce participants to litigation, oral argumentation, courtroom procedure, and more.</p> <p>We will have a medical cases that explores disability rights in a legal setting. Students will have the chance to examine this case and its inner workings on how disability rights need to be advocated for and how the justice system may fail to serve these individuals .</p>	costs		<p>Deny Indigenous grant</p> <p>Seconder: Yusra</p> <p>Motion Passes</p>
LLP	P and I: Cash	\$250	March 21 6-11 pm Rise Strength Lab	<p>March Max Outs</p> <p>March Max Outs is a weightlifting and strength-based event where participants are encouraged to partake in</p>	Snacks, non-alc beverages	Need insurance	<p>Seconder: Dhairya</p> <p>Motion Passes</p>

				<p>various forms of exercise in a safe and encouraging environment. The target audience for the "March Max Outs" event includes law students, but it is open to all university students, especially women and international students. There will be no alcohol served, and participants must be sober in order to attend. There will be no presenters but we are hoping to give a quick speech to thank the USSU for their funding. We approximate about 40-50 people to attend, with 20 people currently confirmed.</p>			
Neuroscience Students' Association	EDI-gender	\$500	March 5 6:30-8:30 Louis' Loft	<p>This event is will be done to celebrate the achievements of women in STEM. There will be no alcohol served. We are hoping to do a panel, have a keynote speaker, and appetizers.</p>	Food	N/A	<p>Secunder: Angi</p> <p>Motion Passes</p>

				We have invited some notable female professionals to speak and answer questions.			
Mathematics and Statistics	EDI-gender	\$300	March 5 6:30 pm-10 pm Louis' Loft	MS3 and CSSS Women in STEM Event There will feature a keynote speaker Natasha Wainwright, as well as Q&A with various women in industry and research. Alcohol won't be served (however it may be available from the Louis staff)	Food	N/A	Secunder: Dhairya Motion Passes
Punjabi Students' Association	EDI-International	\$500	March 8 6-11:30 pm Cosmo Seniors Centre, 614 11th St E Saskatoon ,SK,S7N0G3	The event will showcase a traditional mock wedding ceremony, cultural workshops, and entertaining performances, celebrating cultural unity. The evening includes a documentary screening on the significance of desi weddings, interactive games, and we	Catering, non-alc beverages	Pending Payment for insurance	Secunder: Dhairya Motion Passes

				are expecting about 120 and no alcohol will be served.			
Indian Students' Association	EDI-International	\$500	Parichay '24 March 31 6-10 pm Quance Theatre	Parichay is our annual cultural event to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of Indian students, throughout the year. This event will co-ordinate special cultural performances, including music, dance and lots and lots of food. We plan to promote the involvement of our Indian students on campus and showcase the diverse culture we come from. There will be no alcohol, involved and we expect an audience of around 150 people, including students and professors.	Catering, materials and decorations	N/A	Seconder? Angi Abstain: Dhairya Motion Passes
Joylink	P and I: XL	\$300	Banner		Banner	N/A	Seconder: Dhairya Motion Passes

Joylink	P and I: Cash	\$300	March 1 5-7 pm Health Sci Building	Who-Dun it our event is a scavenger hunt to get more students more familiar with our club. There will be pizza, snacks, and pops but no alcohol will be served. There will be approximately 45 people attending.	Snacks,	N/A	Seconder: Dhairya Motion Passes
Drama Students' Association	P and I: Cash, Louis	Cash: \$100 Louis: \$500	March 15 7:30-12 am Louis' Loft	Humanities Formal A formal event with appetizers, entertainments, dance, and drinks. Tickets sold in advance to help with costs, in-kind loans and donations of physical objects from drama dept.	Catering, materials and decorations	N/A	Seconder: Dhairya Motion Passes
Linguistics Student Committee	P and I: Cash, Louis'	Cash: \$50 Louis': \$500 Remaining: Louis': \$310 Cash: \$200	March 15 Louis Loft	Humanities Social A formal event with appetizers, entertainment, dance and drinks.	Catering, Materials, Decorations	N/A	Motion to approve them \$310 for Louis', \$100 for cash sponsorship Seconder: Dhairya Motion Passes

English Undergrad Society	P and I: Cash	\$300	Same thing	Humanities Formal	same	same	Seconder: Angi Motion Passes
Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter	P and I: Louis'	\$500	March 6 6-8 pm Saskatoon: Louis Loft	Game Night This will be a games night as our social night this year. People will join together in Regina and Saskatoon Campuses to play games. This will allow for students to meet residents, attendings and to meet students of other years Note: Regina students are not university of regina students but USask-CoM students placed in Regina General Hospital	Catering	N/A	Seconder: Yusra Motion Passes
Pakistani Students' Association	EDI: International , Indigenous	\$500 each	March 8 Cosmos Centre	Mock Wedding This event is a mock wedding organized by the Pakistani and Punjabi Students' Association, designed to showcase the rich cultural traditions of desi weddings. Attendees will	Catering, materials and decorations, musician fees,	Pending Payment	Motion for International: \$500 Seconder: Angi Motion Passes

				<p>experience an array of South Asian dishes, vibrant performances, and traditional wedding customs, all reflecting the essence of desi celebrations. In consideration of our diverse membership, we have chosen a non-alcoholic venue. We anticipate welcoming 70 to 90 guests. Sponsorship discussions with several restaurants are in the final stages, ensuring authentic culinary delights for our attendees. Additionally, the venue will be adorned in the exquisite style of a desi wedding, creating an immersive and authentic experience.</p>			
<p>Saskatoon Psychology Students' Association</p>	<p>P and I: Cash</p>	<p>\$500 Only have \$209 remaining</p>	<p>Psy Formal March 16 7:30-11:30 Thirsty Scholar</p>	<p>This is the annual Psy formal. We are hosting it alongside health studies and sociology. Alcohol will be served (by the people working</p>	<p>Catering, materials and decorations</p>	<p>Get insurance</p>	<p>Seconder: Angi Motion Passes</p>

				a Thirsty Scholar). We expect between 70-90 people to attend.			
Exercise is medicine Usask	P and I: Cash	\$64.47	Feb 29 Health Sci 2A90	Lunch Talk with Mackenzie Marchant . She talked about the importance of staying active and obstacles that people face with physical activity	Food	N/A	Motion to grant them \$32.25 Retroactive funding Secunder: Dhairya Motion Passes
Alliance for Clinical Excellence	P and I: Cash	\$250	203 MOSCE March 16 9:45-4 pm Health Sciences CLRC Procedure Labs	Hosting a MOSCE for the second year nursing students which is a practice opportunity to increase passing rates at the real OSCE. Will have a maximum of 268 people attending the event throughout the day. Each session is 40 minutes long per student. We can put through 24 students per 40 minute timeslot. We require 51 volunteers per timeslot and have the volunteering timeslots split into two shifts. We require a	Catering	N/A	Secunder? Dhairya Motion Passes

				102 volunteers total.			

- 6. New Business**
 - a. Policy review/change-Mid March
 - b. Mini CCR Session
- 7. Adjournment at 12: 43 P.M.**