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**University Students' Council Agenda  
March 28, 2024  
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber – 6:00 PM CST**

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Roll Call/Quorum
4. Adoption of an Agenda
5. Council Address
6. Minutes and Reports for Information
  - 6.1. USC Minutes – 03.21.2024
  - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 03.25.2024
  - 6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report – 03.20.2024
  - 6.4. Advocacy Committee Report
  - 6.5. Campus Group Committee Report – 03.26.2024
  - 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
  - 6.12. Indigenous Advisory Committee
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
  - 9.1. Advocacy Update
    - 9.1.1. USSU X PA Campus
    - 9.1.2. USSU Housing Crisis Campaign Achievement (Announcement)

- 9.1.3. President Stoicheff UFood Investment Letter
- 9.1.4. USSU Executive Scholarship Rubric
- 9.1.5. USSU x Interprofessional Education (IPE) International Student Oral & Nutritional Health Research – SHRF Grant Support Letter (Announcement)
- 9.2. Plan for Onboarding New USSU Executives
  - 9.2.1. USC-5 Executive Terms of Employment Policy Revision
  - 9.2.2. USC-4 Executive Transition and Compensation Policy Revision
- 10. New Business
- 11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements
  - 11.1. Last Day to Submit Funding Requests - April 1st
  - 11.2. Last Day to Submit Receipts - April 15th
  - 11.3. CCR due April 15th
  - 11.4. Jason Ventnor Credit Check
- 12. Adjournment

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**University Students' Council Minutes**  
**March 21, 2024**  
**Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber – 6:00 PM CST**

**Present:**

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

**Also present:**

**Inshal Anees**, USC Chairperson (she/her)  
**Jason Kovitch**, USSU Business & Services Manager (he/him)  
**Stephanie Ewen**, USSU Facilities Manager (she/her)  
**Amanda Mitchell**, USSU Finance Controller (she/her)  
**Jason Ventnor**, USSU Communications & Marketing Manager (he/him)  
**Brock Neufeldt**, USSU Academic & Governance Assistant (he/him)

**Absent:**

**Holden Chester**, Edwards (he/him)  
**Kevin Lee**, Medicine (he/him)  
**Alexis Salsbury**, Arts and Science (she/her)  
**Maria Hirsi**, Indigenous Students (she/they)

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**Guests:**

**Moses Ahiabu**, student from Edwards, candidate for VP Operations and Finance

**Diya Khamar**, student from Arts and Science, candidate for VP Academic Affairs

**Abhineet Goswami**, student from Arts & Science

**Upkar Singh**, student from Engineering, candidate for VP Student Affairs (he/him)

**Krunal Chavda**, student from Engineering, candidate for President (he/him)

**Hamza**, student

**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**

Councillor Meghal spoke about unfair online allegations against certain members of the USSU. She believes that it would be uplifting for a former USSU Executive member to address the Council about transparency.

Councillor Meghal proposed the following amendments to the agenda:

- Allow Abhineet Goswami to address Council before proceeding with the rest of the meeting.

Chairperson Anees suggested this be moved to section 11 of the agenda, Questions, Comments, and Announcements.

Move to adopt the agenda.

**USCMotion105: Councillor Mehta / Councillor Knox**

**CARRIED**

**5. Council Address**

There was no guest speaker at this meeting.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**6.1. USC Minutes – 03.14.2024**

**6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report**

**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**
  - 6.11. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report**
  - 6.12. Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Report – 03.14.2024**

President Mann shared the following from the Committee's meeting:

    - This year the USSU Executive gave a sponsorship of over \$5000 to the Indigenous Students' Union (ISU) to help with its restructuring.
    - The USSU wanted to get an idea of what the ISU's requirements are for the upcoming year to make budget revisions.
    - The ISU wants to work on collective lobbying efforts with the USSU, increasing scholarships for Indigenous students, and amplifying the voice of Indigenous students wherever possible.
    - The Committee reviewed a report produced by the ISU for the Provost's office to review.
    - The Committee will meet at Gordon Oakes to cover the remainder of the agenda and future items.
- 7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**  
No corrections were made to the minutes or reports.
- Move to adopt the USC Minutes of March 14, 2024, into the official record.  
**USCMotion106: Councillor Mehta / VP Mehta** **CARRIED**
- Move to adopt the Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Report from March 14, 2024, into the official record.  
**USCMotion107: VP Singh / Councillor Sangwais** **CARRIED**
- 8. College/Constituency Report**

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

Councillor Severtson shared the following:

- Their AGM was held on Tuesday. They revised their constitution and brought back their handbook.
- Their first round of elections is now open, and their new Councillors should be elected by the weekend. The next round of elections opens on Sunday, March 24.

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

Councillor Mehta shared the following:

- The ASSU had its candidate debates yesterday. There are 8 candidates for the MSC positions.
- Arts and Science Councillors are working on a transition document to help the new MSCs adjust.

### **8.3. Dentistry**

Councillor Valji shared that fourth year students are getting ready for boards and interviews for incoming classes.

### **8.4. Education**

Councillor Proudfoot shared the following:

- Nominations have closed for their executive positions and MSCs. There is one MSC candidate who is running uncontested.
- There was a situation regarding their AGM which has been resolved with help from the Dean and USSU Executive.

### **8.5. Edwards**

Councillor Ryu shared that their AGM will be held on April 1.

### **8.6. Engineering**

Councillor Deng shared the following:

- Fourth-year students are giving presentations.
- The College of Engineering is in the process of selecting its Dean.

### **8.7. Indigenous Students**

Councillor Sangwais shared that they had a successful sexual health event this past Monday.

### **8.8. International Students**

Councillor Meghal shared the following:

- Their three-day mental health support event is currently underway.
- They are gathering nominations for their elections.

**8.9. Kinesiology**

Councillor Ahmed shared that nominations for their elections will end on Friday and the elections will be held on March 27.

**8.10. Law**

No Councillor present.

**8.11. Medicine**

President Mann, on behalf of Councillor Lee, shared that round B for their elections are underway and will elect a VP Finance, VP Advocacy, VP Communications, environmental representative, fundraising representative, and wellness representative.

**8.12. Nursing**

Councillor Pooni shared the following:

- The SNSA mock OSCE held last Saturday was a success.
- The MSC election for Nursing is underway, and there are two candidates.
- Last Monday, Nursing students organized STI testing.
- The Alliance for Clinical Excellence AGM will be held on March 25.
- The SNSA AGM will likely be held on April 8.

**8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition**

Councillor Rahman shared the following:

- Their elections have concluded, and most positions have been filled.
- Mock OSCE will be held on Monday.
- Their spring banquet was held on March 15.

**8.14. St. Thomas More**

Councillor Jacob shared that their elections will be held on March 28, and their AGM is on April 2.

**8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine**

Councillor Jenkins shared the following:

- A hockey tournament will be held on Saturday.
- At their AGM, they amended their constitution so that MSCs can sit on the student liaison committee and talk with the Dean regularly.
- All the clubs in the college are active.
- Their elections have concluded, and all positions were filled. They have confirmed their MSC for next year.



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## 9. Business

### 9.1. Budget Presentation

VP Mehta presented the 2024-2025 USSU budget proposal:

- How the budget is created
  - Each department goes through the previous budget and identifies if certain lines were used or underused. New services considered.
- Approval process
  - The budget is created by managers and VP Operations and Finance.
  - The budget is presented internally.
  - The budget gets approved by Executive
  - The Finance and Assessment Committee spends a full day reviewing the budget.
  - The USC gives the budget final approval.
- Overview
  - The total without capital and investments is \$128,268. With capital and investments, the total is \$4,266,741.
  - The capital budget for 2024-2025 is \$68,129.91.
  - The First Nations capital purchase for 2024-2025 is \$39,597.77.
- Budget highlights
  - Admin – salaries, financial audit, insurance, building utilities.
  - Housing – housing registries.
  - Communications - The Sheaf, buzz boards.
  - Facilities – maintaining Place Riel and Memorial Union Building. An upcoming project is to replace all security cameras.
  - Food Centre – UFood program.
  - Other Centres – events and volunteer training.
  - Louis' – expecting growth by 4% in the upcoming year through booking more weddings and off campus events during spring and summer months.
  - Marketing – survival calendars, advertising in Place Riel and tunnels, ratified group advertising.
  - Student Governance – includes annually recurring events such as the USSU Undergraduate Symposium and

Excellence Awards. There are two major changes being made to the upcoming year's budget: 1. removing the \$1000 transition incentive for the outgoing Executive, and 2. the creation of the USSU Executive Scholarship.

- Student Grants – \$57,000 of the annual budget is allocated for the purposes of projects and initiatives, EDI, anti-racism/anti-oppression, and sustainability.

Councillor Mehta asked for clarification around the cost of the Food Centre.

- VP Mehta explained that the main cost is the uFood program, and this cost is growing due to increased demand. In previous years, the USSU had funding from USask and the GSA, but the USSU is not certain if it will receive more funding from these sources.

Councillor Mehta asked if the Food Centre budget is increasing.

- Manager Kovitch explained that, yes, the budget is increasing. The USSU still has some of its initial funding left. The USSU is budgeting with the assumption that it will not receive additional funding. If new funds are secured, the budget will be adjusted accordingly.
- President Mann shared that the USSU is trying to get a commitment of \$10,000 from GSA for the uFood program. GSA has so far offered \$6000. The USSU presented on food insecurity at University Council. The USSU will be submitting a formal letter to USask President Stoicheff to request funding. The letter will be distributed for review and approval by Council.

Councillor Sangwais asked where the Indigenous grant is in the budget.

- President Mann explained that it is under student governance. The grant is called Oohpaahotaan / Indigenization Commitment Fund. President Mann will ensure the Indigenous Students' Union is aware of this funding.

Councillor Sangwais asked if the funding is extended if it is not used.

- VP Mehta answered, no, it does not get extended.

Councillor Sangwais commented that the label does seem to match where it is accessed.

- Manager Ventnor and President Mann suggested that the grant could be labeled as ISU instead of Oohpaahotaan. The ISU is getting money this year, and it will be available again next year.

Motions:

Motion to approve the operation budget for the 2024-2025 year.

**USCMotion108: VP Mehta / VP Bauman** **CARRIED**

Motion to approve the First Nations capital purchases for the 2024-2025 year of \$39,597.77.

**USCMotion109: VP Mehta / Councillor Mehta** **CARRIED**

Motion to approve the capital budget for 2024-2025 of \$68,129.91.

**USCMotion110: VP Mehta / VP Singh** **CARRIED**

**9.2. Advocacy Update**

**9.2.1. Jerome Cranston x USSU Executives**

VP Bauman shared that she had a meeting with Vice-Provost Cranston on Tuesday. They discussed the following:

- What is happening in the College of Education and what that means generally for avenues of communication for students.
- MyCreds. Vice-Provost Cranston did not commit to anything but referred the USSU to Russ Isinger.
- Indigenous Students' Union.
- Mindfulness spaces. The USSU has been advocating for safe spaces. Vice-Provost Cranston challenged the USSU to think more broadly and think of safe community spaces for everyone. Vice-Provost Cranston is emphasizing "flowthrough spaces" and is looking for student consultation in the coming year. The USSU and Vice-Provost Cranston are discussing how to make these spaces welcoming.

**10. New Business**

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

**11.1. Last Day to Submit Funding Requests**

VP Mehta shared that the last day to submit a funding request is April 1.

**11.2. Last Day to Submit Receipts**

VP Mehta shared that the last day to submit receipts is April 15.

**11.3. CCR due April 15**

VP Mehta shared that the due date to receive CCR is April 15. She sent out a presentation that explains the process.

#### 11.4. Councillor Meghal

VP Bauman explained to Councillor Meghal that she can now make a motion to have Abhineet Goswami address Council.

Move to have Abhineet Goswami address Council.

**USCMotion111: Councillor Meghal / VP Singh**

**CARRIED**

Abhineet Goswami covered the following in his address:

- He was the USSU President last year. He has been a part of the USSU for five years, beginning as an employee at Louis'. He has a lot of respect for the USSU as an organization.
- The USC has a role in advocating for students' rights and needs. However, there has been misinformation circulating lately. It is important that the USSU maintains its integrity.
- At the last AGM, the Executive proposed an amendment to article 15 of the USSU Bylaw that allows the USSU President to take three classes (9 credit units) with approval from Council. To ensure transparency, the USSU Executives should demonstrate they are in compliance with the Bylaw. A Councillor should make a motion to ask Jason Ventnor (USSU Communications & Marketing Manager) to check how many classes the executives are currently registered in and report at the next USC meeting on March 28, 2024.

Move to have Jason Ventnor check how many classes the USSU executives are currently registered in and report to the USC on March 28, 2024.

**USCMotion112: President Mann / VP Singh**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Meghal suggested that it is important for Council to take a stand against misinformation.

- Manager Ventnor explained that either the Executive or the Council can make a statement if they wish to.

Councillor Willmann expressed that he was confused about what was happening.

- VP Singh explained that there have been allegations on Reddit about the USSU not being transparent, not upholding integrity protocols, and not following the Bylaw.
- Councillor Meghal added that there was an article in The Sheaf about this issue.
- VP Singh claimed that The Sheaf has contradicted their own statement from two years ago.

Councillor Knox questioned whether releasing a statement is valuable if the source of the allegations are not credible.

- Councillor Meghal suggested that not addressing the allegations could cause people to lose faith in the organization.
- Councillor Mehta suggested that it is fine for students to criticize the Union, but there is no need to issue a statement.

VP Bauman understands Councillor Meghal's perspective. The Executive has had conversations about this with the senior managers. Among students, there is a lack of knowing what the USSU does and a lack of trust. The best way to build trust is by making clear commitments and following through. The USSU can make social media posts about what they did this year.

- Councillor Meghal appreciated this idea.

President Mann shared that it has been a difficult time for the executives and she is grateful to Councillors for remaining strong and committed. The USSU can do social media outreach. She will not be opposed to a statement if that is what Council wants to do. The Executive did an interview with The Sheaf which felt very targeted especially considering the Sheaf did not maintain any connection with the USSU Executives this year unless they needed a quote for an article. Some communication channels, such as PAWS and Instagram, should be revisited. The USSU could outline monthly what is doing and find new ways to get this information to students. The Sheaf used to be a key player in getting information out to students because they used to attend USC weekly and publish an update; now they do not attend USC and publish only once per month. It could be recommended that the next Executive advocate for The Sheaf to become more involved with the USC once again and actually practice transparency as an association too. If Councillors need support, they should contact the Executive so that they can be put in contact with Student Wellness.

Councillor Patel suggested that passing a statement could come across as aggressive. The best approach might be a call to get people involved in the Union.

Councillor Willmann suggested the USSU explore methods of outreach beyond social media.

Councillor Proudfoot suggested that this situation mirrors what is happening with the STF. The wording in any statement should be careful

so as not to come across as aggressive. Also, the USSU could be more welcoming about students attending USC meetings.

Abhineet Goswami suggested that a testimony about what the Union has accomplished could be a good idea.

**11.5. Krunal Chavda**

Krunal Chavda asked if the amendment to section 15 of the USSU Bylaw took effect immediately after the AGM at which it was passed or if it will take effect the following year.

- Manager Ventnor clarified saying the amendment takes effect immediately after being passed.

Krunal Chavda asked if quorum was present for the AGM.

- Manager Ventnor explained that, yes, quorum was present. The minutes for the AGM get approved at the next AGM and have not been released yet.

**11.6. Hamza**

Hamza, a student, stated that the online allegations have been unfair. Before attending this USC meeting, he did not know much about the Union. Attending this meeting has revealed to him that students are able to attend USC meetings and that the USSU does a lot of good work.

- Councillor Knox suggested that it should be emphasized in the minutes that the USC does have an open-door policy and any student is able to attend. We all should be thoughtful consumers about the information we see online. The USC should take a kind response to all criticisms.
- Councillor Meghal suggested that it is engagement with students that allows them to understand what the USSU does, as was demonstrated with Hamza.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.



## Executive Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2024

Present:

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

Regrets:

Absent:

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:48 AM.

### 2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

### 3. Approval of last meeting minutes

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Mover: President Mann

Seconder: VP Mehta

### 4. Roundtables

#### a. President Mann

##### i. Meetings

1. Bi-weekly Mistatimōk Committee, Angela J.
  - a. Planning for powwow.
  - b. President Mann wants to get the incoming president to attend these meetings.
2. USSU Advocacy Committee, Brock N. + Eileen K. + Harkaranveer P. + Ramisa R.
  - a. Rubric Creation for USSU Executive Scholarship
3. Nursing MSC Election, Harkaranveer P. + VP Singh
  - a. Concern about not enough upper-year students running in the election.
4. Executive Meeting, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh



5. The Sheaf Interview, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh + Jason V. + Azee Amoo
6. Pride Centre Interview, Jason K. + VP Singh
7. USSU x PA Campus, Rob Procyk
  - a. Composition of PA campus. Mostly Kin, AgBio, and Nursing.
  - b. In-person visits will be limited. More virtual meetings.
  - c. Student council has been challenging to start.
  - d. Unique challenges PA students face:
    - i. Food insecurity. They asked for “soft funding” from USSU
    - ii. Students do not vocalize their needs
    - iii. Housing
    - iv. Safety
    - v. Parking
    - vi. Scholarship for PA students.
    - vii. Common space.
    - viii. Exam banks.
    - ix. Cafeteria
    - x. No fitness facilities
    - xi. Half of the building has external tenants.
8. Check-in, Mark M.
9. Financial Appeals Review Committee (FARC), Dave M. + Charlene B. + Lori D. + Jason D. + Salome J. + Maxine K. + Candace W.
10. Pride Planning Committee, Tasnim J. + Kseniah P. + Patricia McDougall
  - a. President Mann asked if the incoming President and Coordinator can attend meetings.
11. College IPE X USSU X College of Dentistry Research Upstream, Dr. Amrinderbir Singh + Sheryl M.
  - a. Revamp dental clinic.
  - b. Sent letter of endorsement. Attached to grant.
  - c. Research on international students and their knowledge of health and dental resources.
12. Women’s Centre Interview, Jason K. + VP Singh
13. Women’s Centre Interview, Jason K. + VP Singh
14. Pride Centre Interview, Jason K. + VP Singh
15. Indigenous Student Advisory Committee, Brock N. + Justice N. + Maria H. + Kal L. + Tianna S. + Laila V. + Leo G. + Jason V. + VP Singh + Tasnim J.
  - a. Went through half of the agenda and will finish at the next meeting.





- b. USSU could have an Indigenous representative at conferences or at least have input on lobbying efforts.
  - 16. Pre-Council Meeting, Chairperson Anees
  - 17. University Students Council, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh + Jason V. + Chairperson Anees
  - 18. Circle Camp of Friends X USSU, Gayle Morris + Ken Coutu
    - a. A camp that helps kids with cancer.
    - b. Struggling with volunteer recruitment and retention.
    - c. Made new posters for them.
    - d. Email will be sent out to recruit more volunteers.
  - 19. Women's Centre Interview, Jason K. + VP Singh
  - 20. Career Services X USSU, Brette K.
    - a. They wanted President Mann to be part of a campaign.
  - 21. G20 Team Meeting
  - 22. USask Board of Governors – Land & Facilities Meeting
  - 23. G20 X Canadian Ambassador for Brazil
  - 24. Pride Centre Interview, Jason K. + VP Singh
  - 25. Check-in, Ilona R.
  - 26. AI Task Force Monthly Meeting, Wendy J.
    - a. Timeline for presenting updates to Senate
  - 27. Help Centre Interview, Jason K. + VP Singh
  - 28. College IPE X USSU, Dr. Amrinderbir Singh
  - 29. University Students Council, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh + Jason V. + Stefanie E. + Jason K. + Amanda M. + Chairperson Anees
  - 30. Board of Governors Collegial Processes – Term Renewals
  - 31. Images of Research – From the Field Review Panel
  - 32. Executive Meeting – USSU Excellence Awards, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + VP Singh + Jason V.
- ii. Projects/Initiatives**
- 1. Transition Document
  - 2. TEA Surveys
  - 3. Application Form USSU Executive Scholarship
  - 4. Yearly Achievements Post
  - 5. Advocacy Committee Rubric
  - 6. UFood Sponsorship Request
  - 7. USSU Excellence Awards
  - 8. University Council Report
  - 9. University Students Council Agenda
- iii. Events**
- 1. Global Village
  - 2. International Women of Saskatoon, Speech
- iv. Other**



1. N/A

**b. VP Mehta**

**i. Meetings**

1. Financial Review-Amanda Mitchell, Jason Kovitch, Stefanie Ewen , Morgan Billard
2. Exec/SM meeting
3. Campus Group Committee Meeting x2
4. Executive Meeting, President Mann + VP Bauman + VP Singh
5. The Sheaf Interview, President Mann + VP Bauman + VP Singh + Jason V. + Azee Amoo
6. Faith Leader Council
  - a. Went over good breakfasts. Majority of users are graduate students. Students indicated a greater variety of food would improve the program.
7. Global Village Prep-Gurbaz Singh
8. Exec Meeting to Finalize Awards
9. CCR Info Session
  - a. Three groups/people attended.
10. Student/Campus Group Case Meeting with Elisabeth Bauman
11. Regular Monthly Meeting: USSU Executive/Vice-Provost, Students and Learning, VP Bauman
12. PPC
  - a. Went over tuition.
13. Budget Presentation Overview, Jason Ventnor
14. Presentation Prep, Jason Ventnor
15. Pre-Council x 2
16. University Student Council x 2

**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

1. Transition Document
2. Wrapping up things with Campus Groups
3. Policy Changes
  - a. Meeting with campus groups for their feedback.

**iii. Events**

1. Global Village
2. Excellence Awards

**iv. Other**

1. Possible to share the budget presentation?
2. USSU Survey ready to send out?
3. Social media-day in the life planning-what happened to that



**c. VP Bauman**

**i. Meetings**

1. TLARC
2. Sheaf Interview: Ventnor, Exec, Sheaf representative
3. Academic Relations Committee
4. Executive Meeting, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + President Mann
5. Meeting with Jae Morgans
6. Images of Research: Arts in Focus Judging board meeting
7. Pre-Council
8. University Student Council
9. More TEA
10. Meeting to discuss awards
11. Student Case meetings, Jordan + 2 students
12. Jordan Hartshorn
13. Jason Ventnor
14. Another student case meeting
15. Amanda Storey about a Student Case
16. Student/Campus Group Case Meeting with VP Mehta
17. Another student case meeting
18. Another case Regular Monthly Meeting: USSU  
Executive/Vice-Provost, Students and Learning, VP Mehta
  - a. Using spaces differently at the university
  - b. Re-allocation of resources, student consultation
  - c. ISU
  - d. College of Education
19. Student Case meeting
20. Academic relations committee
21. Another student case
22. Another student case
23. University Council
  - a. Can do a request for UFood funding
24. Pre-Council
25. University Student Council
26. Jordan + a student
27. Meeting with Dr. Jerome Cranston
28. Teaching excellence awards prep with Brock
29. Jordan Harsthron

**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

1. TEA surveys
2. Images of Research: Arts in Focus Judging board meeting
3. TEA Awards Ceremony
4. Excellence Award follow ups:
  - a. Highlight name + award, posted on social media



b. Group photo with the argos (Molly + Cole) - get them to wear their jackets?

5. 8-10 Ongoing + 2 New Student Concern Cases

**iii. Events**

1. Global Village
2. Humanities Spring Formal
3. USSU Excellence Awards Ceremony

**d. VP Singh**

**i. Meetings**

1. Executive Meeting, VP Mehta + VP Bauman + President Mann
2. Nursing MSC Election, Harkaranveer P. + President Mann
3. The Sheaf Interview
4. Pride Centre interview
5. Help Centre interview
6. TEA Surveys
7. Student Case (Nursing)
8. Student Case Meeting (Nursing)
9. Women's Centre Interview, Jason K. + President Mann
10. Women's Centre Interview, Jason K. + President Mann
11. Women's Centre Interview, Jason K. + President Mann
12. Pride Centre Interview, Jason K. + President Mann
13. Indigenous Student Advisory Committee, Brock N. + Justice N. + Maria H. + Kal L. + Tianna S. + Laila V. + Leo G. + Jason V. + President Mann + Tasnim J.
14. Pre-Council
15. University Student Council
16. Student Case Meeting (Arts)

**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

1. Exam Season Goodie Bags

**iii. Events**

1. Laser Tag
2. Excellence Awards

**iv. Other**

1. N/A

**5. New business**

- a. N/A

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.



Academic Relations Committee  
March 20, 2024  
12:30 pm  
Roy Romanow Council Chamber

## **ATTENDEES**

- Eileen
- Elisabeth
- Brock
- Emily
- Dhairya
- Jason Ventnor
- Alexis

## **ABSENT**

- Devanshi

## **MINUTES**

Called to Order: 12:33

### **1. USSU Excellence Awards Planning**

- a. Elisabeth, Dhairya, and Eileen will arrive between 10:00-10:30 AM to help set up.
- b. Eileen will check people in.
- c. The AR Committee assigned award presenters to recipients.

### **2. USask Policy Navigator**

- a. Other universities have a policy navigator, but USask does not. Dr. Cranston is interested in hiring one. This position would be paid by USask but would work for students rather than the University.
- b. The Academic Relations Committee thinks it might be a good idea for this position to be under Student Affairs and Outreach.

- c. Another option would be to have this position under each Dean's office. Members of the AR Committee believe more academic advisors would be better than this.
- d. Another option could be to put the position under student advising rather than Student Affairs and Outreach.

Brainstorming:

- Potentially under student affairs and outreach?
  - Policy knowledge, academic
  - Optics: there to represent students, access support through more than 1 member of the team: "academic relations member of student affairs and outreach" if they need crisis management, in right place
- Dean's office, someone in each Associate Dean Academic
  - Don't know how effective (like Arts + Science)
  - People go to specific advisors or departments
  - Arts + Science, so big. Not enough support.
  - Prefer getting more academic advisors over getting this position.
  - College of nursing: go to academic advisors
  - Perhaps college specific problem?
  - Kim Little: in charge of student advising and support services
    - Instead of putting them through outreach
  - Agriculture: each program has own prof who does advising. Bigger major, more advisors.
  - Even a professor trained in that, maybe department-wise
    - Specialized
    - Good to have more specialized advisors
  - Similar advisors for similar programs: like political sciences + international studies together

The meeting adjourned at 1:07

**Campus Group Committee Meeting  
Minutes for March 26, 2024**

**1. Call to order**


The meeting was called to order at 12:10 P.M.

**2. Quorum**

**Present:** Angi Patel, Nishtha Mehta, Dhairya Mehta, Yusra Faroo, Stefanie Ewen, Hayley Jenkins, Laura Iratugabiye

**Regrets:**

**3. Approval of last meeting minutes**

- a.  Campus Group Committee | March 19
- b. Meeting Minutes Approved
  - i. Approved by Angi Patel

**4. Motions-Ratifications**

- a. DARE Usask
  - i. The Disease Awareness, Research, and Empowerment (DARE) club at USask is a non-profit club that feels obliged to share information with the public regarding disease awareness for the prevention of illness, the spreading of existing medical research on common diseases that people may not know, both of these goals with the intent to empower the public to make healthy lifestyle choices. Part of our club's activities will be to collect funds at our various events which will then be sent to medical organizations across Canada to enhance research on diseases.
  - ii. Seconder: Dhairya
  - 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)
<b>Power to Change</b>	P and I: Cash, Louis	\$500 each	April 5 4:30-8  Louis Loft	Year End Event 3:30 for setup 4:30 door opens 5:00 PPT for highlight of year 5:30 supper 6:30 speeches/presentations (honoring grad students, staff speeches, short message on Christianity.	Catering, non-alc beverages, materials and decorations	N/A	Seconder: Angi  Motion Passes

<p><b>CommUniLink</b></p>	<p>P and I:Cash</p>	<p>Cash: \$250 Changed it to \$335</p>	<p>April 23</p>	<p>We will distribute the hampers to homeless people around the city.</p> <p>Our mission of the event is simple yet impactful: to provide essential supplies and a sense of dignity to individuals experiencing homelessness within our community. Team will gather at the designated meeting point, where we will discuss the plan for the distribution process. Teams will be assigned specific areas of the city to ensure comprehensive coverage and effective outreach. There is no alcohol involved in this event.</p>	<p>Materials Toothbrushes , toothpaste,</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion to approve \$335 for Cash sponsorship</p> <p>Secunder: Dhairya</p> <p>Abstain: Angi</p> <p>Motion Passes</p>
<p><b>Visual Arts Students' Union</b></p>	<p>P and I:Cash. XLI</p>	<p>Cash: \$85 XL: \$15</p>	<p>Final Paint Night March 26 5:30-7:30 Painting studio:</p>	<p>This will be our last paint night of the year. It will take place in the painting studio. We expect around 20 people or more will be in attendance</p>	<p>Materials, snacks</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Motion: If they have funds remaining, motion to approve them \$85 for cash, \$15 for XL</p>



			Murray room 291	based on our numbers at previous events and since we hope to promote this paint night more. It will be a great opportunity for both members and non-members to get together and share their love of creating. We will supply all canvases and paint and plan on having a still life display and snacks.			<p>Seconders:</p> <p>Angi</p> <p>Motion Passes</p>
<b>Caveat Lector</b>	P and I: Cash	\$450	April 1 7-10 pm Taverna	We will be having a dinner to thank the editorial board. There will be awards given out for different categories of excellence in journalism	Catering, insurance,	Insurance obtained	<p>Seconders:</p> <p>Dhairya</p> <p>Motion Passes</p>
<b>Best Buddies U of S</b>	EDI: Disabilities	\$200	March 28 4-6 pm  Hunter's Eastview Bowl	The event will take place from 4-6PM on Thursday the 28th of March. We expect most buddies to bus to the Hunter's Eastview Bowl for bowling. Once we are done, the execs will stay until all of the buddies have safely left the alley.	Space rental/to bowl	Need Insurance	<p>Seconders:</p> <p>Dhairya</p> <p>Motion Passes</p>

<b>Neuroscience Students' Association</b>	P and I: Cash	\$200  \$150 remaining funds	March 28 6-8 pm Health Science Room 1130	The NSA trivia night will consist of different neuroscience/science questions on Kahoot/Jeopardy for groups or individuals to answer. There will be pizza, snacks and drinks provided, but there will be no alcohol consumption. We hope to have about 30 students attend the event, but more are always welcome.	Catering,	N/A	Motion to approve \$150 of P and I  Second: Yusra  Motion Passes
<b>Terry Fox Club</b>	P and I: Louis	\$200	March 20  6-7 pm Louis Private Function Room	Gala for Cancer Awareness is a fundraiser where we invite students around campus to join us for a one hour event where they get the opportunity to learn more about cancer research by attending a speech given by Dr. Dean Chamberlain, an expert in the field of cancer research. Entry fees are \$5 and everyone is welcome to join. Snacks will be served and no alcoholic items will be served at all	Snacks, food	N.A	Second? Angi  Motion Passes

<p><b>Labour and Employment Law</b></p>	<p>P and I: Cash</p>	<p>\$250</p>	<p>April 1 12-2 pm Law Building, rm 74</p>	<p>Annual general meeting of the Labour &amp; Employment Law Club hosted in a classroom in the Law Building. Approximately 60 people will be in attendance because it is also the election meeting. Presentation of the execution of the Executive's goals and plans for the academic year, review of the financial reports for the last year, and discussion with the membership on their continued interest in the group and events they hope to see will take place.</p>	<p>Catering</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Secunder: Angi  Motion Passes</p>
<p><b>Exercise is Medicine</b></p>	<p>P and I: Cash</p>	<p>\$100</p>	<p>April 3 10 am-11:30 am PAC</p>	<p><b>Wheelchair Basketball</b>  There will be no alcohol served, this is a learn and play wheelchair basketball to raise awareness and participation in adapted activity opportunities, where a member of the Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports</p>	<p>We are hoping to use the USSU funding to help cover the expense of paying for an instructor</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Secunder: Dhairya  Motion Passes</p>

				Association will provide a learn and play class on wheelchair basketball.			
<b>Intersarsity</b>	P and I: Cash	\$375	April 5	- At our wrap-up event we would like to give a gift to all the people who were involved with InterVarsity this past year. This event will be a time to hang out and play games and also celebrate the year we had together.	Year Book	N/A	Seconders: Angi  Motion Passes
<b>Intersarsity</b>	P and I: Louis	\$275	Community Wind Up Event  April 3  Louis'	- we will be having a wind-up event for our discipleship meetings. We have met weekly on campus throughout the whole year to meet as a community. We will meet at Louis' at 5pm. We will allow students to order supper and then we will spend time discussing what we learned throughout the year and ways we have seen growth. - There will be no alcohol at the event.	Catering	N/A	No Louis' funding left  Deny  Seconders:  Motion Passes?

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Policy Input -Campus Group**

i. Wednesday

### **b. Transition Session**

i. Monday at 3 pm

ii. Virtual

iii. Pamphlet

iv. Presentation

v. Email

### **c. How to use the hub video**

## **3. Alcohol-Based Events**

3.1. Activities where the Campus Group has elected to serve alcohol will be charged based on the location and the size of the event. On-campus events present a much lower risk factor than off-campus events. Also, the higher the number of participants in attendance, the higher the associated risk. The charge is then based on the risk of the incident at the event.

The USSU insurance coverage does not cover off-campus or alcohol-related activities. Campus Groups must apply for an extension of the USSU insurance coverage for all off-campus and alcohol-related activities. Please read the Campus Groups Insurance policy for more information.

**Note: Campus Group Insurance does not cover pub crawls, and the USSU and the University do not endorse these events.**

**Include liability risks instead of disciplinary actions.**

## **3. Project and Initiatives Grant**

3.1.Purpose The Project and Initiative Grant is available to campus groups taking on special programming that helps achieve their mission, complements the USSU's values, and enhances the student experience.

3.2. Amount Available Student groups are entitled to a maximum combined total of \$1,000 per academic year. This sponsorship may be used in the following way:

- Business Credit (up to **\$500** per year) - Groups may apply for credit at XL Print and Design, Louis' and Louis' Loft. This credit will not cover alcohol costs.

- Cash Sponsorship (up to \$500 per year) - Groups may apply for reimbursement of **monetary (instead of cash)** expenses. Purchases requiring reimbursement must be made after a notice of approval has been issued by the VP Operations and Finance. These expenses will be reimbursed to the group following delivery and review of all related receipts, invoices and proof of payment.

**Note: The kinds of sponsorship described above can be used independently or can be combined. Your group is entitled to \$1,000 in support through the Project and Initiatives Grant.**

- **500 business credit and/or 500 cash combined \$1000**

#### **4. Equity, Diversion and Inclusion (EDI) Grants**

**4.1.**The USSU supports and encourages the work of student groups in critical areas of importance. These grants are available in addition to the \$1,000 available through the Project and Initiatives Grant. These grants are available to groups that have **events promoting specific EDI initiatives. The premise of these events must surround promoting these causes and there must be an active role in advocating for these specific communities.**

mandates or membership that highlight these communities and all other student groups that develop programming in these areas:

- **Gender and sexually diverse students (maximum \$500 per group per year)**
- **International students (maximum \$500 per group per year)**
- **Indigenous students (maximum \$500 per group per year)**
- **Students with disabilities (maximum \$500 per group per year)**

**For all funding: Note: Non-insured events will not receive funding until insurance is secured.**

#### **CG-4, Campus Groups Grants Policy – Page 2 of 5 4.2.**

EDI grants are competitive and will be allocated equitably at the discretion of the Campus Groups Committee **(there is an annual cap).**

#### **5. Sustainability Grants**

**5.1 Student groups are encouraged to maintain environmentally sustainable operations.** To support this, groups are welcome to apply to the USSU Sustainability Fund. Applications for this grant are coordinated by the Vice President of Student Affairs and are governed by the USSU Sustainability Policy.

## **Campus Group Operations:**

### **CG-2 Ratification-**

A campus group must include the process of what will happen to the group's funds if the group decides to disband in their constitution; this includes donating to a non-profit organization, charity, or any social cause of their choice.

### **Insurance:**

**-Note: Non-insured events will not receive funding until insurance is secured.**

### **1.2.The USSU does not disburse funds for:**

- **Direct donation to a charity (either for the organization or for other causes);**
- **the cost of alcohol served at any event;**
- **the general operating and administrative costs of the organization;**
- **travel expenses.**

**Anything to add?**

***UPDATE CAMPUS GROUP HANDBOOK ONLINE\****

**7. Adjournment at 12:53 P.M.**



## USSU x PA Campus Connection Meeting Minutes

Present:

Ishita Mann – USSU President  
Robert Procyk – PA Representative

Absent:

Regrets:

- Composition:
  - 200 arts and science students, a handful of kin, ag-bio, education, nursing  
→ initially in Sask polytech space
- USSU Involvement
  - Rob noted he could not reach out to the USSU due to busy schedule
  - Typically would visit once a year
  - Would give planners, do a lunch
  - Visits have stopped essentially
  - Some discussion about a PA member serving at the USC
    - Some discussion occurred about the formation of a PA centric union → fell through due to limitations for timeline
  - President Mann confirmed these thoughts and shared why a PA member representative should be involved
    - Alternatively written reports could be submitted to USSU executives
    - President Mann proposed a recruitment and training plan that could be implemented by the incoming president
- Unique challenges for PA students
  - Food Insecurity
    - Currently providing free breakfast to students
    - More could be done to support students from the University of Saskatchewan
    - Would like some soft funding for the PA campus
      - 2 options, President Mann presented:
        - USSU can pitch in a bit in the form of a sponsorship
        - President Mann is currently negotiating with the University of Saskatchewan about investments in the UFood → can also advocate for the PA Campus to receive some funding





- Students do not vocalize their needs to people in authority - they need peers
- President Mann inquired about Housing
  - Rob commented that the campus is in the downtown
  - Not the safest area
  - No robust resources
  - Street parking is not the most guarded
  - Housing is not the biggest issue → 5% of students living at home with parents → many doing 1-2 years in PA and finishing off in Saskatoon
- President Mann inquired about access to Scholarships and Financial Securities (jobs, opportunities, etc.)
  - Rob noted that they are eligible for any USask Scholarships
  - There should possibly be a PA scholarship – however that is outside of the USSU scope and more of a donor issue
  - Technology is limited
    - Some laptops & computers to be upgraded
  - Rob recognizes that there will be hoops to jump through
- President Mann inquired about the Student Commons Space or a Learning Space
  - President Mann noted to Rob that Exam Banks are going away due to professors not always contributing to the bank itself
  - Rob mentioned that there needs to be more/better AES equipment
  - There were discussions on supporting Matured Learners as well
- Parking and Downtown Safety
- Lack of food services on Campus (no restaurant or cafeteria)
- ½ of the building is external tenants
  - This increases the number of regulations they have to follow
  - Have to rent the atrium even though we own the building
  - Does not feel like a completely USask space
- No fitness facilities
  - Reduced rate for students
  - No Motion Fitness
  - Good Life → \$25/Month
  - Not the best option but a good way to get people engaged
- PA Campus does have a vibrant campus community
  - Compared to how it was 5 years ago, things are very much better
  - Improvements could be done

March 21, 2024

**RE: Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) Align grant application**

Dear Review Committee Members,

On behalf of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed project aimed at understanding and optimizing the oral health and nutrition of international students at the University of Saskatchewan (USask). This initiative, spearheaded by Dr. Amrinderbir Singh and Dr. Jessica Lieffers is timely and crucial in addressing the unique challenges this significant segment of our student population faces.

The increasing enrollment of international students at USask represents a diversity of cultures and backgrounds, enriching our campus community in myriad ways. However, it also highlights the importance of addressing their needs to ensure their health, well-being, and academic success. There is a concerning picture of the oral health disparities faced by international students, exacerbated by factors such as financial constraints, language barriers, and limited access to culturally appropriate foods and preventive healthcare.

The USSU recognizes good oral health's pivotal role in overall well-being and academic performance. Poor oral health and nutrition can significantly impact a student's ability to participate fully in educational and social activities, leading to a diminished university experience. Therefore, this project's focus on exploring knowledge of, barriers to, and resources for improving oral health and nutrition among international students is paramount.

The USSU is eager to collaborate on this project, leveraging our networks and platforms to aid in recruiting participants and disseminating findings. Our involvement can enhance the reach and impact of the project, ensuring that the insights gained are translated into meaningful actions and policies that support the health and well-being of international students. Moreover, this project aligns with our ongoing efforts to advocate for policies and resources that address the specific needs of all students, fostering an inclusive, supportive, and healthy campus environment.

We are confident that the findings from this research will provide a valuable foundation for developing targeted interventions that can significantly improve the quality of life for international students at USask and beyond.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ishita Mann', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Ishita Mann**

President | University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU)