
**University Students' Council Agenda
September 19, 2024
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber – 6:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Roll Call/Quorum**
- 4. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1. Ryley Cozart - Huskie Athletics
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1. USC Minutes – 09.12.2024
 - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 09.16.2024
 - 6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report
 - 6.4. Advocacy Committee Report
 - 6.5. Campus Group Committee Report
 - 6.6. Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee Report
 - 6.7. Elections Committee Report
 - 6.8. Finance Committee Report
 - 6.9. Governance Committee Report
 - 6.10. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Report
 - 6.11. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report
- 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. USC Committees Election

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- 9.2. Senate Appointments
 - 10. New Business**
 - 11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
 - 12. Adjournment**

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**University Students' Council Minutes
September 12, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present:

- **Krunal Chavda** (he/him), President
- **Moses Ahiabu** (he/him), VP Operations and Finance
- **Elisabeth Bauman** (she/her), VP Academic Affairs
- **Joel Bilyk** (he/him), WCVM
- **Karlin Frykas** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Zachary Cey** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More
- **Eliaking Cabrera** (he/him), Nursing
- **Kyungsoo Ryu** (she/her), Edwards
- **Nisarg Chaudhary** (he/him), International Students
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students
- **Melissa Fielding** (she/her), Education
- **Selim Bytyqi** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Jordie Finnie** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Queen Tayab** (she/her), Nursing

Also Present:

- **Zoher Rafid-Hamed** (he/him), USC Chairperson
- **Amanda Mitchell** (she/her), USSU Finance Controller

Absent:

- **Upkar Singh**, VP Student Affairs
- **Shayan Ahmed**, Kinesiology
- **Meet Patel**, Medicine

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Rafid-Hamed 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

VP Bauman proposed moving the item “Robert’s Rules and USC” up on the agenda, following item 6.1, “President’s Report.”

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMOTION001	VP Bauman / President Chavda	Carried
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5. Council Address

5.1. Introductions

The Councillors introduced themselves, stating their name, pronouns, constituency, major, and a fun thing they did this past summer.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. President’s Report

President Chavda explained that his vision for the USSU is guided by Three As—Advocacy, Awareness, and Alliance. Advocacy involves students’ needs being heard at the local, provincial, and national levels. Awareness involves engaging in dialogue with students about the issues that matter to them. Alliance involves committing to collaborate internally and externally to drive change.

President Chavda shared that the USSU is planning for the provincial and municipal elections occurring this year. He wants the USSU to be informed, engaged, and proactive.

6.2. Robert’s Rules and USC

Chairperson Rafid-Hamed discussed Robert’s Rules and how USC meetings are structured:

- The following is the motion process according to Robert's Rules:
 - A motion is proposed.
 - The motion requires a second to be considered by the Council.
 - If the motion is seconded, discussion ensues.
 - After discussion, members have an opportunity to propose amendments to the motion. Proposed amendments require a seconder to go to discussion.
 - After discussion of the amendment, it is voted on, followed by voting on the main motion.

- The agenda will detail what will be discussed at the meeting, and the Chairperson will move through the items in the order of the agenda.

- Only one person may speak at a time, and they must first be recognized by the Chairperson. Once a Councillor has spoken on a topic, they should give everyone else a chance to speak before speaking again. A Councillor may speak two times per item.

- If a Councillor believes that procedure has been violated, they can raise a point of order. The Chairperson would then make a ruling on whether a violation occurred.

- If an item has been discussed too long or the Council feels that they cannot make a decision at this time, it can be tabled. Tabling means that the item can be moved to a different time in the meeting or to another meeting.

6.3. USC Minutes – 04.04.2024

VP Bauman raised a point of order: she reminded Councillors to state their name before speaking so that the Academic & Governance Assistant can transcribe minutes accurately.

6.4. Executive Committee Minutes and Report

- **05.06.2024**
- **05.13.2024**
- **05.27.2024**
- **06.03.2024**
- **06.10.2024**
- **06.18.2024**
- **06.26.2024**
- **07.03.2024**
- **07.09.2024**
- **07.15.2024**
- **07.22.2024**
- **07.29.2024**
- **08.06.2024**
- **08.14.2024**
- **08.22.2024**
- **08.28.2024**

- **09.03.2024**
- **09.09.2024**

President Chavda delivered the Executive Committee report:

- Over the spring and summer, the USSU Executive Committee strengthened its relationships with USask administration and external stakeholders. They met with MLAs, City Councillors, and the Mayor, discussing topics such as affordable housing and mental health support resources.
- President Chavda was a member of the Pride Planning Committee, attended the Truth and Reconciliation Forum, and is planning a social media segment titled 'Koffee with Krunal' to increase student awareness of supports and services available on campus.
- VP Bauman has been working on an academic report that will soon be distributed to the USC and University Council. She has also been working to develop academic policies and procedures.
- VP Ahiabu has been working with campus groups on ratification, insurance, and funding requests.
- VP Singh has planned several events, including the USSU Summer Games, Welcome Week, Glow Up Party, and Yoga in the Bowl. He strives to foster a more inclusive student community on campus.

- 6.5. Academic Relations Committee Report**
- 6.6. Advocacy Committee Report**
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- 6.8. Code of Ethics and Disciplinary Committee Report**
- 6.9. Elections Committee Report**
- 6.10. Finance and Assessment Committee Report**
- 6.11. Governance Committee Report**
- 6.12. Student Life and Sustainability Committee**
- 6.13. Student and City Connections Committee Report**
- 6.14. Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Report**
- 6.15. International Student Advisory Committee**

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No corrections were made to the minutes or reports.

Move to adopt the USC Minutes of April 4, 2024, into the official record.

USCMOTION002	VP Bauman / Councillor Ryu	Carried
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Move to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes from the following dates into the official record:

- 05.06.2024
- 05.13.2024
- 05.27.2024
- 06.03.2024
- 06.10.2024
- 06.18.2024
- 06.26.2024
- 07.03.2024
- 07.09.2024
- 07.15.2024
- 07.22.2024
- 07.29.2024
- 08.06.2024
- 08.14.2024
- 08.22.2024
- 08.28.2024
- 09.03.2024
- 09.09.2024

USCMOTION003	President Chavda / VP Bauman	Carried
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8. College/Constituency Report

8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Frykas shared that they have been focused on student engagement activities, especially ones that engage first-year students.

8.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Bytyqi shared the following:

- The Arts and Science Students' Union (ASSU) held its AGM on September 11.
- Arts and Science Gala is tentatively scheduled for January.
- The ASSU will hold weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings.

8.3. Dentistry

No Councillor present.

8.4. Education

Councillor Fielding shared the following:

- They are planning a Purple Party on October 5 at 8 PM at Dino's.
- They are planning a hockey trip from January 24-26.

8.5. Edwards
Councillor Ryu

8.6. Engineering
No Councillor present.

8.7. Indigenous Students
No Councillor present.

8.8. International Students
Councillor Nahian shared the following:

- They held an event, Back to Batoche, to pay respect to Metis culture.
- ISSAC welcome event.
- On Saturday they are hosting a K-pop night.

8.9. Kinesiology
No Councillor present.

8.10. Law
No Councillor present.

8.11. Medicine
No Councillor present.

8.12. Nursing
Councillor Cabrera shared the following:

- The College had its orientation on September 3.
- The Saskatchewan Nursing Student Association (SNSA) had a tour for second-year students.
- The SNSA held a meet and greet.
- SNSA will hold its AGM on September 16.
- Alliance for Clinical Excellence (ACE) will hold its AGM on September 23.

8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition
No Councillor present.

8.14. St. Thomas More
Councillor Jacob asked how the St. Thomas More Students' Union (STMSU) can get in contact with other campus groups.

- President Chavda explained that a list of ratified campus groups is available on the USSU website, and the USSU is continuing to ratify more campus groups. Also, the USSU is working on creating a Discord for all campus groups and student leaders to interact.

8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine
Councillor Bilyk shared the following:

- The College had its Welcome Week beginning on August 19.
- Their next event is Vetavision, which opens the College to the public for viewing. The event will be held in two weeks.

- In December they will be hosting a symposium that all other veterinary medicine colleges in Canada will attend.

9. Business

9.1. Exercise - Owl Names and Pineapple on Pizza

President Chavda explained that this is an exercise to help familiarize Councillors with Robert's Rules

Councillor Finnie proposed naming OWL 1 "Soren."

- Councillor Chaudhary asked why it should be named Soren.
- Councillor Finnie explained that the name is from a movie.
- President Chavda asked what movie the name is from.
- Councillor Finnie stated that the name comes from Guardians of Ga'Hoole.

Move to name OWL 1 "Soren" for the year.

USCMOTION004	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Cey	Carried
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Councillor Tellez-Hernandez proposed a name for OWL 2.

- The proposal was ruled out of order.

Councillor Nahian moved that OWL 2 be named "Hedwig," which is the name of Harry Potter's Owl. Seconded by Councillor Bilyk.

- Councillor Jacob suggested not using the name Hedwig because the character dies.

Councillor Ryu proposed an amendment to Councillor Nahian's motion. She proposed naming OWL 2 "Filosophi" because the restaurant Filosphi uses an owl as its logo.

Motion to name OWL 2 "Filosophi" for the year.

USCMOTION005	Councillor Ryu / Councillor Chaudhary	Carried
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Councillor Tellez-Hernandez asked for clarification about why his motion was ruled out of order.

- President Chavda and Chairperson Rafid-Hamed explained that his motion was not relevant to the topic.

President Chavda explained that on certain occasions after USC meetings, there will be a social event in which Councillors go to a restaurant. President Chavda proposed that the pizza they have at the socials have pineapple on it.

Motion to have pineapple on the pizza at the USC social.

USCMOTION006	President Chavda / Councillor Chaudhary	Carried
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VP Bauman proposed an amendment to the motion: pineapple should only be on the pizza if it is with ham. Councillor Fielding seconded the motion but it was rejected.

- VP Ahiabu, President Chavda, Councillor Finnie, and Councillor Chaudhary raised concerns about inclusivity, vegetarianism, and a preference for chicken.

9.2. USSU Leadership Modules

VP Bauman shared that there are Canvas modules with information about the USSU, USC, and Robert's Rules. Reviewing the modules is optional, but doing so will be beneficial.

10. New Business

11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

11.1. USC Rules and Expectations

President Chavda outlined some of the USC rules and expectations:

- Councillors must get recognition from the Chairperson before speaking.
- Councillors may submit agenda items to Chairperson Rafid-Hamed and President Chavda via email. Submissions must be received by the end of the day on Monday before the meeting.
- There are policies and a bylaw that govern MSC attendance and decorum.
- Whenever possible, please attend meetings in person.
- There are times when the Council will discuss confidential information. In such situations, the Council will move in camera.
- There are several USC committees. More information regarding committees will be presented in the next couple of weeks.
- There will often be one or more guests at USC meetings, including University staff, directors, and senior leaders. The expectation is that all Councillors will treat the guests with respect and represent the USSU professionally.

11.2. MSC Engagement

Council Bytyqi asked if MSCs can share their emails publicly.

- President Chavda answered yes.
- VP Bauman added that MSCs should be aware that they will lose access to their emails at the end of year but can share it during their term.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if the USSU can make Instagram posts to promote MSCs.

- President Chavda answered yes, the social media coordinator will attend an upcoming USC meeting to film introduction videos with the Councillors.

11.3. Transcript Fees

Councillor Tellez-Hernandez asked if the USSU can advocate to remove transcript fees.

- President Chavda explained that the USSU has been aware of this issue for several years. The USSU has spoken with USask's Registrar and he explained that the fee is common among U15 universities.
- VP Bauman clarified that the university charges for transcripts. The University previously did not charge for transcripts but is now part of a larger program that charges.
- Councillor Bilyk asked how much is charged.
 - President answered that \$10 is charged.
- Councillor Jacob shared that this issue was also discussed last year. An option discussed then was to extend the time that students had access to their transcript. Currently, they get access for three months.
- Councillor Tellez-Hernandez asked if there is an administrative reason for the University to charge the fee.
 - President Chavda answered that it helps maintain the integrity of transcripts.
- Councillor Bytyqi asked for clarification on whether the cost is \$10 per transcript sent.
 - VP Ahiabu answered that you do not need to pay the fee within USask, only if the transcripts are sent to different universities or post-secondary institutions.
- Councillor Bytyqi asked if a student gets open access to their transcript for three months if they pay the fee.
 - VP Ahiabu answered that they get one share credit.
- VP Bauman suggested that Council return to this topic at the other meeting after researching it.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2024

Present:

President/Chair – Krunal Chavda
VP Operations and Finance – Moses Ahiabu
VP Academic Affairs – Elisabeth Bauman
VP Student Affairs – Upkar Singh
SM Communications & Marketing – Jason Ventnor
Academic & Governance Assistant – Brock Neufeldt

Regrets:

None

1. Call to Order

President Chavda called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and stated the land acknowledgment.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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President Chavda / VP Ahiabu. Carried

4. Roundtables

a. President Chavda

i. Meetings

1. Exec meeting
2. Student Case Meeting B
3. Student Case Meeting U
4. Student Case Meeting 3 - Dentistry
5. Governance Committee Meeting
6. Sheaf Interview
7. Check-in with Moses
8. Pre-Council Meeting
9. USC



10. Meeting with Dean Milne and Associate Dean Dr. Lang - Arts and Science
11. Jason Doell - Associate Registrar
12. Food Security Discussion - Upkar x Jason Kovitch x Dr. Jerome Cranston
13. Council Room overview with Scott
14. Student Meeting x B
15. Student Meeting x U

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. USC agenda and planning
2. USC President's Report for Exec meetings and council address
3. Exec meeting minutes review

iii. Events

1. Giving Day 2024
2. Edwards Welcome Back BBQ
3. ISSAC International Students welcome and info session - Louis'
4. Homecoming game - Alumni and Friends Tent party

iv. Other

b. VP Ahiabu

i. Meetings

1. Exec Meeting
2. Meeting with CG Leaders (12)
3. Sheaf Interview
4. Pre Council Meeting
5. USC
6. Check-in with Krunal Chavda
7. Louis Booking/Catering for CG Week with Morgan Billard & Kseniah Pidskalny

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Cheque Request
2. Ratification (≥ 40)
3. Funding
4. Insurance
5. CG Videos
6. CGW Final Plan

iii. Events

1. Edwards Welcome Back BBQ
2. Homecoming game - Alumni and Friends Tent party

iv. Other



c. VP Bauman

i. Meetings

1. Check in with Jason
2. Exec Meeting
3. Attended Hearing
4. Jordan Hartshorn
5. GSA Orientation
6. Student Case Meetings (2)
 - a. Some with Brock
7. APC (Academic Programs Committee)
8. Meerah
9. Interview with Darshana from the Sheaf
10. RSAW (Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work Committee)
11. Dr. Cranston
12. Pre-Council
13. USSU Council
14. Jae Morgans

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Academic Report
2. Academic Awareness Week
3. AI Pamphlet
4. Academic Videos
5. Exec lounge clean up

iii. Events

1. TA Success Days (various meetings)
2. Huskies Football game
3. GSA Orientation

iv. Other

d. VP Singh

i. Meetings

1. Meeting: Martin Gaal (Mayoral Forum)
2. GSA Orientation
3. Sheaf Interview
4. Food Security Meeting: Dr. Jerome Cranston

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Planning: Upcoming Mayoral Forum

iii. Events

1. GSA Orientation

iv. Other



5. New Business

a. Ratification

- i. Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology Students' Association
- ii. Biology Club
- iii. Environmental Engineering Students' Society
- iv. Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers at USask
- v. Geological Student Society (Ore Gangue)
- vi. Golden Key International Honour Society
- vii. Inspired 2 Uplift
- viii. Métis Students USASK
- ix. Pentecost Students and Associates (PENSA)
- x. South Indian Students Association (SISA)
- xi. University of Saskatchewan Debate Society
- xii. WCVM Equine Club

Motion to provisionally ratify the following groups for the 2024-2025 academic year:

- Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology Students' Association
- Biology Club
- Environmental Engineering Students' Society
- Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers at USask
- Geological Student Society (Ore Gangue)
- Golden Key International Honour Society
- Inspired 2 Uplift
- Métis Students USASK
- Pentecost Students and Associates (PENSA)
- South Indian Students Association (SISA)
- University of Saskatchewan Debate Society
- WCVM Equine Club

EXECMOTION035	VP Ahiabu / President Chavda	Carried
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b. Insurance

- i. Edwards Business Students' Society (Off Campus, Sep 20th)
 - 1. Incomplete.

c. Funding

- i. UNICEF Usask (\$50 Cash granted)
 - 1. For Volunteer Orientation.
- ii. Linguistics Student Committee (\$150 XL)
 - 1. For CG Week Promotional Materials.



Motion to grant \$150 of XL funding to Linguistics Student Committee for Campus Group Week promotional materials.

EXECMOTION036	VP Ahiabu / President Chavda	Carried
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- iii. Averroes USASK chapter (\$350 Cash)
 - 1. Mentorship and welcome BBQ for new coming students.

Motion to grant \$350 to Averroes USask Chapter for their mentorship and welcome BBQ.

EXECMOTION037	VP Ahiabu / President Chavda	Carried
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- iv. Indian Student's Association (ISA) - Cash \$500
 - 1. Euphoria Icebreaker Party 2024.
 - 2. They only have \$248.69 left from this grant.

Motion to grant \$248.69 to Indian Students' Association for their Euphoria Icebreaker Party.

EXECMOTION038	VP Ahiabu / VP Singh	Carried
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- Abstain: President Chavda

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:49 PM.