
**University Students' Council Agenda
October 03, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. Roll Call/Quorum**
- 4. Adoption of an Agenda**
- 5. Council Address**
 - 5.1. Introductions
 - 5.2. Guest - Robyn Paches and Ali Versi - StudentCare
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1. USC Minutes
 - 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 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

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- 9. Business**
 - 9.1. Mayoral Debate Updates
 - 9.2. PEC updates
 - 9.3. Provosts Budget Recommendation
 - 9.4. Provincial Elections Lobby Document
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
- 12. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council Minutes
September 26, 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
- **Ritu Patel** (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
- **Paras Sandhu** (he/him), Law
- **Upkar Singh** (he/him), VP Student Affairs
- **Shayan Ahmed** (he/him), Kinesiology

Also Present:

- **Zoher Rafid-Hamed** (he/him), USC Chairperson
- **Stefanie Ewen** (she/her), USSU Finance Controller
- **Brock Neufeldt** (he/him), USSU Academic & Governance Assistant

Absent:

- **Meet Patel**, Medicine

Guests:

- **Dr. Peter Stoicheff** (he/him) USask President
- **Dr. Vince Bruni-Bossio** (he/him), USask Acting Provost & VP Academic
- **Dr. Patti McDougall** (she/her), USask Deputy Provost

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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

No amendments were made to the agenda.

Move to adopt the agenda as presented.

USCMOTION021	Councillor Sidhu / VP Singh	Carried
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5. Council Address

5.1. Introductions

Chairperson Rafid-Hamed introduced guests.

5.2. Guests - President Stoicheff, Acting Provost Bruni-Bossio, Deputy Provost McDougall

President Stoicheff addressed Council:

- He thanked Councillors for taking on student leadership roles.
- He spoke about the role of the university in modern Canadian society. Universities are needed now more than ever to help distinguish between what is true and what is not.
- The top research universities in Canada, the U15, to which USask belongs, receive high funding from tri-councils.
- Of the 11 Rhodes scholarships given out in Canada, two were received by USask students.
- The quality of universities from around the world are compared with QS rankings. USask has risen an unprecedented 128 spots in QS rankings.
- Democracy is being questioned around the world. Universities will help it to prevail.
- USask is nearing the end of its comprehensive campaign, “Be What the World Needs.” The campaign started several years ago with a goal of raising half a billion dollars and will conclude in June 2025. USask has so far raised over \$450 million. The four pillars

of the campaign are Indigenous success; research, scholarly, and artistic work; student success; and creative spaces and places.

Councillor Tayab asked President Stoicheff how he determines if he has made the right decision.

- President Stoicheff explained that one has to understand that decisions are not about oneself. Advice comes from everyone, and it is often contradictory; a leader must be informed by advice, understand what advice to follow, and think through the issue. Sometimes effects of a decision are not noticed until years later. He finds inspiration in reading biographies of history-proven leaders.

Councillor Chaudry asked why tuition increases each year, especially the international student differential.

- President Stoicheff answered that there are consequences of not raising tuition. The principles that guide the cost of tuition include high quality education, accessibility, and comparability with the U15 median. When tuition is frozen, it creates crushing financial realities for universities, and they become dependent on unpredictable sources of revenue such as donations. Incremental increases are preferable to a huge increase that would inevitably come following a tuition freeze.
- Deputy Provost McDougall added that USask created tuition consultation modules alongside the USSU executives a few years ago. Of the university's \$1.2 B budget, just 18% comes from student tuition. Some of the principles that guide tuition include quality education, predictability, and consultation. USask has been in a four year memorandum of understanding with the provincial government; USask agreed to not raise tuition more than 4% per year for programs that were at or above the U15 median cost in exchange for the government not cutting funding. Each college hosts a town hall to consult with students about tuition for the upcoming year. USask is looking to sign another MOU after the provincial election.

Acting Provost Bruni-Bassio addressed Council:

- There is an AI task force, and students can give their opinion on what they believe is appropriate usage of AI.
- Modernizing the Provost office's is a top priority.

VP Ahiabu asked about strategic risks.

- Acting Provost Bruni-Bossio answered that their hands are tied by policies. He wants students to come and feel welcomed and will work closely with both levels of government.
- President Stoicheff answered that there are elections occurring at multiple levels of government soon, and will have consequences for universities, especially for research funding. USask has a better relationship with our provincial government than many other universities do and is the only major university that has an MOU with its city.

- McDougall answered that the IRCC changed the rules and will change them further with the post-graduate work permit; USask will have to change alongside the rules. It is the federal government who decides who enters the country, not USask. The effects are being noticed already with a 25% decrease in international undergraduate students. USask will enter into challenging markets. USask has 80 agents around the world, and they will recruit potential students to USask.

Deputy Provost McDougall addressed Council:

- She has spoken to President Chavda about the tuition consultation. survey, fourth year in a row. Students can give their opinion about where investments and disinvestments should occur. In the past, students have been fairly unified in investing more in things like bursaries and open resources. There is less agreement on where to disinvest.
- She explained the tuition consultation process. When tuition rates are set, there are discussions with the USSU and GSA. Each college has at least one town hall, in which students have the opportunity to see common university finances and college-specific finances. After these consultations, the rate is approved by the Provost. In March, the Board of Governors reviews the rates, then they are released publicly.
- There is a question about housing on the tuition consultation survey this year as USask recognizes the increased challenge of finding housing.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – 09.19.2024

6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – 09.23.2024

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 and Assessment Committee Report

6.9. Governance Committee Report

6.10. Student Life and Sustainability Committee

6.11. Student and City Connections Committee Report

6.12. Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Report

6.13. 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 September 19, 2024, into the official record.

USCMOTION022	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Sidhu	Carried
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Move to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes of September 23, 2024, into the official record.

USCMOTION023	VP Bauman / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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8. College/Constituency Report

This item was not discussed this week.

8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

8.2. Arts and Science

8.3. Dentistry

8.4. Education

8.5. Edwards

8.6. Engineering

8.7. Indigenous Students

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9. Business

9.1. Senate Appointment

President Chavda explained that a motion needs to be made to officially ratify the Senate election results from the previous meeting.

Motion to appoint Councillor Bytyqi and Councillor R. Patel to the University Senate for the 2024-2025 academic year.

USCMOTION024	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Sidhu	Carried
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9.2. Slack

President Chavda shared that there is space on Slack for Councillors. He will send out a link soon. Members of committees will be able to communicate using Slack. Councillors will sign in through their MSC emails.

10. New Business

11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

11.1. Take Back the Night

President Chavda encouraged Councillors to join the Women's Centre Take Back the Night, a march against sexual violence.

11.2. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

President Chavda urged Councillors to not treat this day as a holiday and to take the opportunity to learn about the history of Indigenous peoples.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for October 01, 2024

Present:

President/Chair – Krunal Chavda
VP Operations and Finance – Moses Ahiabu
VP Academic Affairs – Elisabeth Bauman
VP Student Affairs – Upkar Singh
Academic & Governance Assistant – Brock Neufeldt
SM Facilities Manager - Stefanie Ewen

Regrets:

SM Communications & Marketing – Jason Ventnor

1. Call to Order

President Chavda called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM 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. Jason V x VP Bauman
 - a. Academic Report.
3. USC
4. University Council
5. Maddison Rheaume - Saskatchewan Nursing Students' Association (SNSA) President
6. President Stoicheff
7. GSA President David



- a. Food Centre contract. They still need to pass their budget.
 8. Kyla x Patti x Krunal - Tuition Consultation Survey
 - a. Survey will be published on October 4.
 9. Meeting with Stefanie Ewen
 10. Provincial Lobby Document x Jason V
 - a. The campaign began on October 1. The election will be held on October 28.
 11. Admin Team
 12. Student Engagement Discussion - Ryley Cozart
 13. Meeting Zohar - USC Discussion
 14. Usask India Advisory Committee meeting
 - a. How to market USask in India and form strategic partnerships.
 15. Pre Council Meeting
 16. Land and Facilities Committee Meeting - Board of Governors
 17. Food Insecurity Meeting - Danielle Rudulier, Governance Office
 - a. Discussion about a proposed community fridge project.
- ii. Projects/Initiatives**
1. University Council Report
 2. Academic Report Review and Feedback
 3. Land and Facilities Committee Meeting Materials Review
 4. 2024 Tuition Consultation Survey
- iii. Events**
1. Nuit Blanche
 2. Truth and Reconciliation Football Game
 3. Take Back the Night March
- iv. Other**
- b. VP Ahiabu**
- i. Meetings**
1. Executives Meeting
 2. CG Leaders (3)
 3. Check in with Jason Ventnor
 4. Hub Review with Scott Henderson
 5. Meeting with Jason Kovitch , Stefanie Ewen and Scott Henderson
 6. FRC Orientation Meeting
 7. Social Committee Meeting
 8. Admin Team Meeting
 9. University Council Meeting
 10. USC Meeting
- ii. Projects/Initiatives**



1. Ratification (≥ 30)
 2. Funding
 3. Insurance
 4. USSU Hub Changes
 - a. Insurance
 - b. Ratification
 - c. Space Booking
 5. Cheque Requests
- iii. Events**
1. Take Back the Night March
- iv. Other**
1. Execs Orange Shirt Day
- c. VP Bauman**
- i. Meetings**
1. Exec Meeting
 2. Jason V and President Chavda
 3. Student Meeting
 4. Brock + Student
 5. Social Committee
 6. TLARC
 - a. orientation.
 7. Admin Team
 8. APC
 - a. Program changes.
 9. University Council
 10. Pre-Council Meeting
 11. Students' Council
 12. Jordan Hartshorn + Student
 13. Meerah: Ask Me Anything
- ii. Projects/Initiatives**
1. Academic Awareness Week: fewer tabling partners this year, but Brock and Angel were a big help, thank you. Upkar and the library also showed up to help. We still have Academic handbooks left over. Students also submitted some questions, which were answered on Instagram (or I answered while chatting at the table).
 2. Report is Completed (I'm adding 1 student case, as I just received permission, and I'm fixing one section of data analysis, since Amanda Storey just sent me the updated stats from the Governance Office, and this changes a bit of my analysis).
 3. Printing AI pamphlets - in the works?
 4. AI Videos up on Youtube now
 5. Adding Academic Awareness Week Videos being put on Youtube



iii. Events

1. Academic Awareness Week
 - a. We have a little bit of tie-dying material left. It was a very popular activity, and has been requested again for January
2. Take Back the Night (only briefly)

iv. Other

1. Carolyn Augusta's Questions for University Council
2. Seoul National University: Request for Interview?
3. Dallas: Ward 1?

d. VP Singh

i. Meetings

1. Admin Team
2. University Council
3. Pre-Council Meeting
4. Students' Council
5. AGM: Childcare Centre

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Parking Concerns

iii. Events

1. Academic Awareness Week
2. Take Back the Night
3. Truth and Reconciliation Football Game

iv. Other

5. New Business

a. Ratification (8)

- i. Chinese Student and Scholar Association
- ii. College of Kinesiology Student Society
- iii. Indigenous Law Students' Association
- iv. Production Animal Club
- v. Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society
- vi. The Edwards School of Business JDC West Team
- vii. U of S Space Design Team
- viii. World University Services of Canada (WUSC): U of S Local Committee

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

- Chinese Student and Scholar Association
- College of Kinesiology Student Society
- Indigenous Law Students' Association
- Production Animal Club
- Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society



- The Edwards School of Business JDC West Team
- U of S Space Design Team
- World University Services of Canada (WUSC): U of S Local Committee.

EXECMOTION043	VP Ahiabu / VP Bauman	Carried
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b. Funding

- i. Terry Fox Club (P&I Cash \$120 for First General Member meeting)
 - 1. Requesting a cash sponsorship of \$120 for their first general members meeting on October 4.

Motion to grant a \$120 cash sponsorship to Terry Fox Club for their first general members meeting.

EXECMOTION044	VP Ahiabu / President Chavda	Carried
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c. Provincial Election Trivia Night

- i. Potential collaboration between the USSU and PSSA.
- ii. Looking to book Neatby-Timlin.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.