
**University Students' Council Agenda
October 31, 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**
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1. USC Minutes – October 24, 2024
 - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – October 28, 2024
- 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**
- 10. New Business**
- 11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
- 12. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council Minutes
October 24, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present:

- **Upkar Singh** (he/him), VP Student Affairs
- **Elisabeth Bauman** (she/her), VP Academic Affairs
- **Paras Sidhu** (he/him), Law
- **Karlin Frykas** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Joel Bilyk** (he/him), WCVN
- **Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Eliaking Cabrera** (he/him), Nursing
- **Ritu Patel** (she/her), Edwards
- **Selim Bytyqi** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Kyungsoo Ryu** (she/her), Edwards
- **Chang Ge** (he/him), Dentistry
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students
- **Yusup Guldadov** (he/him) Engineering
- **Shayan Ahmed** (he/him), Kinesiology
- **Nisarg Chaudhary** (he/him), International Students
- **Zachary Cey** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Melissa Fielding** (she/her), Education
- **Moses Ahiabu** (he/him), VP Operations and Finance
- **Krunal Chavda** (he/him), President
- **Queen Tayab** (she/her), Nursing

Also Present:

- **Zoher Rafid-Hamed** (he/him), USC Chairperson
- **Jason Ventnor** (he/him), USSU Communications & Marketing Manager

Absent:

- **Meet Patel** (he/him), Medicine
- **Eileen Lennie-Koshman** (she/her), Indigenous Students
- **Taihre Lafond** (he/him), Indigenous Students
- **Jordie Finnie** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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.

USCMOTION035	President Chavda / Councillor Bytyqi	Carried
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5. Council Address

There was no guest speaker at this meeting.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – October 17, 2024

6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – October 21, 2024

President Chavda shared that his highlights for the week included the USSU's mayoral candidates forum, the provincial leaders debate watch party, a meeting with Huskies Athletics, and USask Board of Governors meetings.

VP Ahiabu worked on campus groups funding requests and met with the City of Saskatoon ahead of the first meeting of the Student and City Connections Committee.

VP Singh organized the USSU mayoral candidates forum and the provincial leaders debate watch party, and is continuing the get out to vote campaign.

VP Bauman worked on student cases and plannings for the USSU's Teaching Excellence Awards. TEA nominations close on Sunday, October 27.

President Chavda provided an update about amendments to the campus groups grants (CG-4) and operations (CG-2) policies. In previous years, it has been challenging to approve funding to campus groups for events occurring late in the year. The change to CG-4 highly recommends that campus groups apply for funding at least 21 days in advance and no later than March 30. The change to CG-2 defines “new group” as “a group that has not been ratified with the USSU in the past five years, and has a significantly different membership and mandate from other student groups ratified with the USSU.”

- Councillor Bytyqi asked if these changes have already occurred.
 - President Chavda answered yes.
- VP Ahiabu asked if Councillor Bytyqi has concerns about the changes.
 - Councillor Bytyqi answered yes, 21 days is too far in advance for campus groups to be organized.
 - President Chavda reiterated that the wording of the amendment is “highly recommended.”
- Councillor Sidhu shared that in the past he has been part of a group that submitted a funding request three days before an event and still received funding.
 - President Chavda explained that campus groups can still do this but it is not recommended because campus groups will receive funding retroactively in such cases.
 - VP Ahiabu explained that some campus groups will submit a funding request two days before a tentatively scheduled event. Because this is not enough time to approve funding, the event must be rescheduled.
- President Chavda clarified that CG-4 already recommended that campus groups apply for funding 21 days in advance; the change was to add “absolutely no later than March 30th.”
- Councillor Ge asked for an explanation of campus group funding.
 - President Chavda answered that a campus group must be ratified with the USSU to receive funding. A campus group can be reimbursed if they do not receive funding on time, provided they submit receipts.
 - VP Ahiabu added that the USSU does not give campus groups cash before an event, only after. Another reason why the USSU recommends that campus groups apply for funding 21 days in advance is because it leaves enough time for the group to reapply if their request is denied.
- Councillor Mashrafi asked how much funding a group can request.
 - President Chavda explained that a campus group is eligible for up to \$500 of cash sponsorship and \$500 of Louis’ or XL credit. A group may also request up to \$500 in

EDI funding, but this will be granted only if the event meets certain criteria.

- Councillor Sidhu asked what is the maximum combined total of funding that a campus group can receive per year.
 - President Chavda answered, if the group also receives Executive sponsorship, approximately \$2000.

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No corrections were made to the minutes or reports.

Move to adopt the USC Minutes of October 17, 2024, into the official record.

USCMOTION036	Councillor Ryu / Councillor Sidhu	Carried
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Move to adopt the Executive Committee minutes of October 21, 2024, into the official record.

USCMOTION037	President Chavda / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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8. College/Constituency Report

8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Frykas reported the following:

- Their Ag Bag Drag event last week went well.
- They are doing a food drive on Halloween.
- A date for the AgBio challenge has been set in January.
- They are planning a few fundraisers for the Winter 2025 term.

8.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Bytyqi reported the following:

- ASSU executives met with the Dean. The College will provide support for the Arts and Science Gala. The Dean will continue to meet with ASSU executives monthly.
- They are hosting a halloween trivia event on Wednesday, October 30, at 7 PM in Louis'.
- The ASSU got a new banner and stamps.

8.3. Dentistry

Councillor Ge reported that tickets for their fall formal event on November 9 are sold out.

8.4. Education

Councillor Fielding reported that they are working on academic grievances.

8.5. Edwards

Councillor R. Patel reported that they hosted a successful meet the profs event yesterday.

- 8.6. Engineering**
Councillor Guldadov had nothing to report.
- 8.7. Indigenous Students**
No Councillor present.
- 8.8. International Students**
Councillor Mashrafi reported the following:
- They have a mental health awareness program to help with midterm stress.
 - They are planning a Halloween event.
- 8.9. Kinesiology**
Councillor Ahmed reported the following:
- Their bowling event on Friday turned out well.
 - The College is introducing a course to teach students how to be a clinical Kinesiologist.
- 8.10. Law**
Councillor Sidhu reported the following:
- They are hosting a formal event this coming Saturday and are expecting 275 people to attend.
 - Some law firms are hosting showcases and job fairs.
- 8.11. Medicine**
No Councillor present.
- 8.12. Nursing**
Councillor Cabrera reported the following:
- They hosted an ACE session on Monday. They expected 45 students, but more than 100 attended.
 - Their anti-racism committee is planning to resume.
- Councillor Cabrera asked if a group can book more than two rooms.
- SM Ventnor told Councillor Cabrera to email SM Ewen to request an override.
- 8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition**
No Councillor present.
- 8.14. St. Thomas More**
No Councillor present.
- 8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine**
Councillor Bilyk reported that they had a reading week last week.
- 9. Business**
- 9.1. Motion for CASA Observer Membership**
President Chavda opened the floor for questions about CASA.

Councillor Chaudhary asked if CASA appoints their own board.

- President Chavda answered yes.

Councillor Frykas asked if the USSU has any goals they want to achieve through CASA or if the purpose of joining CASA is to learn what goals might be possible.

- President Chavda wants the USSU to have a voice at the national level. He would like to advocate for grants and supports for students.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if the USSU can leave CASA without consequence once its two-year observer status expires.

- President Chavda answered yes, the USSU can leave CASA at any time without consequence.

Councillor Ge asked what the responsibilities of MSCs are in CASA.

- President Chavda answered that MSCs who sit on the Advocacy Committee will help the USSU plan its advocacy goals, which will be presented to CASA.

Motion for the USSU to apply for CASA observer status.

USCMOTION038	President Chavda / VP Singh	Carried
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9.2. USC Committee Appointments

VP Ahiabu shared that there is one vacancy on the Campus Groups Committee and one on the Student and City Connections Committee. The Campus Groups Committee will meet Thursday at 1 PM during the Fall 2024 term. The Student and City Connections Committee will usually meet once per month starting in November.

Councillor Chaudhary nominated himself for the Student and City Connections Committee.

Motion to appoint Councillor Chaudhary to the Student and City Connections Committee.

USCMOTION039	Councillor Bilyk / Councillor Sidhu	Carried
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10. New Business

11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

Councillor Sidhu asked if there is a ratification fee for a new campus group.

- VP Ahiabu answered no.

Councillor Tellez-Hernandez asked if a financial penalty on late funding requests would encourage campus groups to submit their requests in a timely manner.

- VP Ahiabu explained that this is a matter for the Campus Groups Committee to discuss.

- President Chavda added that they want to encourage campus groups to hold events. There is already a 50% financial penalty on funding requests that are submitted after the date of the event.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if he and Councillor R. Patel has to present on what occurred at the University Senate meeting.

- President Chavda answered no.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for October 28, 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 10:07 AM and stated the land acknowledgment.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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VP Ahiabu / VP Singh
Carried

4. Roundtables

a. President Chavda

i. Meetings

1. Jason V x Krunal - Check-in
2. Exec Meeting
3. Meeting with Cary Primeau - USask Rec
 - a. Students are having difficulty accessing programs.
 - b. Women's only swimming times.
 - c. Accessibility in gym facilities.
 - d. Increase in individual activities, decline in group activities.
 - e. Planning to build a disc golf course on campus.
4. Meeting Owen Deis - ASSU President



- a. Tuition concerns.
 - b. More interaction between different departments.
 - 5. BOG x 2 Days
 - 6. Bylaw Review
 - 7. University Council
 - 8. University Students Council
 - 9. Meeting Jay Wilson - Principal Prince Albert Campus
 - a. At maximum capacity for space.
 - b. USask Prince Albert Student Advisory Group.
 - 10. USask Senate Meeting
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - 1. University Council Report
 - 2. Letter to CASA
 - iii. **Events**
 - iv. **Other**
- b. VP Ahiabu**
- i. **Meetings**
 - 1. Exec Meeting
 - 2. FRC Meeting
 - 3. Check in with Jason Ventnor
 - 4. Minutes Tutorial with Brock Neufeldt
 - 5. Bylaw Review
 - 6. University Council
 - 7. University Students Council
 - 8. Meeting with CG Leader
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - 1. Ratification
 - 2. Funding
 - 3. CG Insurance form for Marquis Culinary Centre Events
 - iii. **Events**
 - iv. **Other**
- c. VP Bauman**
- i. **Meetings**
 - 1. Exec Meeting
 - 2. Check in with Jason V
 - 3. Textbook Advisory Committee
 - a. OERs.
 - b. Homework systems.
 - 4. Quick touch base with Jae Morgans
 - 5. Appeal case with Brock
 - 6. TLARC



- a. Presentation by Dr. Cranston.
 - i. Gap between knowledge and skills.
 - ii. Gen Z is more willing to accept non-career jobs.
 - 7. APC
 - 8. Bylaw Review Meeting
 - 9. Teaching Excellence Awards Planning: Brock and Jason V
 - 10. University Council
 - 11. Pre USC
 - 12. Students' Council
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - 1. TEA: Forms Close!
 - iii. **Events**
 - 1. Literature Matters: Why Writing is Like Death
 - a. (not counting towards work hours)
 - iv. **Other**
- d. **VP Singh**
- i. **Meetings**
 - 1. Exec Meeting
 - 2. Jason V x Upkar Check-in
 - 3. Centre Meeting
 - 4. Minutes Tutorial - Brock
 - 5. Student Leadership Community of Practice
 - 6. Bylaw Review
 - 7. Pre Council Meeting
 - 8. University Students Council
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - iii. **Events**
 - iv. **Other**

5. New Business

- a. **Ratification**
 - i. Kinesiology Muslim Association
 - ii. Marketing Students' Society
 - iii. Undergraduate Bangladeshi Students Association

Motion to provisionally ratify Kinesiology Muslim Association, Marketing Students' Society, and Undergraduate Bangladeshi Students Association for the 2024-2025 academic year.

EXECMOTION071	VP Ahiabu / VP Bauman	Carried
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b. Funding

Motion to grant Visual Arts Student Union \$500 cash, \$100 XL credit, and \$350 Louis' credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, SILENCE! 2024.

EXECMOTION072	VP Singh / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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Motion to grant Philosophy Students Society \$230 Louis' credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, philosophy trivia night.

EXECMOTION073	VP Bauman / VP Singh	Carried
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Motion to grant Punjabi Students' Association Saskatchewan \$150 EDI-international funding for their event, Diwali Diya Night.

EXECMOTION074	VP Bauman / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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c. Prince Albert Visit

- i. Executives depart at 6:45 AM on October 29. Breakfast in Prince Albert at 9:00 AM.

d. CASA Advocacy Week

- i. USSU now has observer status in CASA.
- ii. Advocacy Week is November 23-29 in Ottawa. USSU executives plan to attend from November 23 to 27.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.