
**University Students' Council Agenda
November 07, 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. Guests
 - 5.2.1 - **Greg Fowler** - Vice-President, Administration and Chief Operating Officer USask
 - 5.2.2 - **George Fofas** - Director of Consumer Services, USask
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1. USC Minutes – October 31, 2024
 - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – November 5, 2024
 - 6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report – November 5, 2024
 - 6.4. Advocacy Committee Report – November 4, 2024
 - 6.5. Campus Group Committee Report – October 31, 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**
 - 9.1. PEC update
 - 9.2. Sexual Assault Advocacy

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

**University Students' Council Minutes
October 31, 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
- **Melissa Fielding** (she/her), Education
- **Zachary Cey** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Karlin Frykas** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More
- **Eliaking Cabrera** (he/him), Nursing
- **Queen Tayab** (she/her), Nursing
- **Chang Ge** (he/him), Dentistry
- **Taihre Lafond** (he/him), Indigenous Students
- **Shayan Ahmed** (he/him), Kinesiology
- **Nisarg Chaudhary** (he/him), International Students
- **Meet Patel** (he/him), Medicine
- **Joel Bilyk** (he/him), WCVM
- **Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Selim Bytyqi** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Jordie Finnie** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Moses Ahiabu** (he/him), VP Operations and Finance
- **Krunal Chavda** (he/him), President

Also Present:

- **Zoher Rafid-Hamed** (he/him), USC Chairperson
- **Jason Kovitch** (he/him), USSU Business & Services Manager

Absent:

- **Eileen Lennie-Koshman** (she/her), Indigenous Students
- **Ritu Patel** (she/her), Edwards
- **Kyungsoo Ryu** (she/her), Edwards
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students
- **Yusup Guldadov** (he/him) Engineering

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

President Chavda proposed adding an item, "Group Discussions," to section 9 of the agenda.

Move to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMOTION040	President Chavda / Councillor Finnie	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 24, 2024

6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – October 28, 2024

President Chavda mentioned the following:

- Meeting with the ASSU.
- Meeting with USask Rec about accessibility and a disc golf course on campus.
- The USSU AGM is on November 28, and at least 15 MSCs need to be present.
- Meeting with Jay Wilson, Principal of Prince Albert campus.
- USSU has been granted CASA observer status.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if the Advocacy Committee will meet every two weeks.

- President Chavda answered yes.

VP Singh mentioned a USSU Centres meeting, a Leadership Community of Practice meeting, and a trip to the Prince Albert campus.

VP Bauman mentioned the following:

- In USask's Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC), it was shared that the national government has noted a gap between knowledge and skills of students.
- A meeting of the textbook advisory committee.
- TEA surveying will begin soon.

VP Ahiabu mentioned duties relating to campus groups.

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 24, 2024, into the official record.

USCMOTION041	Councillor Bytyqi / Councillor Bilyk	Carried
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Move to adopt the Executive Committee minutes of October 28, 2024, into the official record.

USCMOTION042	President Chavda / VP Singh	Carried
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8. College/Constituency Report

8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Cey reported the following:

- They are having a Halloween food drive today.
- The ASA is in discussion with Huskies Athletics regarding potential collaborations.

8.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Finnie reported the following:

- The ASSU held a Halloween trivia night yesterday.
- They are preparing for their Gala in January.
- They are working on getting another couch in the ASSU Lounge.

8.3. Dentistry

Councillor Ge reported that the college is hosting a town hall.

8.4. Education

Councillor Fielding reported that they have finalized their merch and will be taking orders soon.

8.5. Edwards

No Councillor present.

8.6. Engineering

No Councillor present.

8.7. Indigenous Students

Lafond Councillor reported that ITEP had a Halloween party and the ISU had a soup and bannock event.

8.8. International Students

Councillor Chauhary reported the following:

- Their president resigned, and they will be holding a by-election soon.
- They are hosting a leadership workshop with Google Developers Saskatoon.

8.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Ahmed reported the following:

- They had a taco night yesterday.
- They are having a taco in a bag fundraiser on November 6 from 11 AM to 1 PM in front of the Kinesiology students' lounge.

8.10. Law

Councillor Sidhu reported the following:

- Their formal event went well.
- They are hosting a Halloween party this coming weekend.
- There will be a karaoke night with law firms.

8.11. Medicine

Councillor M. Patel reported the following:

- The SMSS held its AGM on October 21. Issues discussed include equity issues between Saskatoon and Regina, adherence to USSU policies
- The SMSS also held a club ratification meeting recently and discussed funding for their groups.
- They had an EDI roundtable yesterday.
- They are holding a Halloween social tomorrow.
- They are planning for Movember.

8.12. Nursing

Councillor Tayab reported the following:

- Last Monday they hosted a session for second-year students.
- Mock OSCEs are on November 16.
- They are working on a survey to get feedback from Nursing students.

8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

No Councillor present.

8.14. St. Thomas More

Councillor Jacob reported the following:

- They recently had a festival at STM.
- Next Friday they are hosting a dance.

8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Councillor Bilyk reported that the student association was ratified in the past week.

9. Business

9.1. Group Discussions

President Chavda explained that a lack of continuity in USSU leadership makes it difficult for the USask administration to take action on specific issues. He would like the USSU to develop a five-year plan, which other student unions have.

Motion to enter informality.

USCMOTION043	Councillor Bytyqi / Councillor Sidhu	Carried
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President Chavda asked MSCs to organize themselves into groups of three and discuss ideas for the USSU five-year plan.

Councillor Sidhu's group suggested late-night security, an inter-college game room, and more leniency with parking violations.

Councillor Fielding's group suggested paid practicums.

Councillor Cey's group suggested enhanced security.

Councillor Bytyqi's group suggested advocating for harsher punishments for sexual assault and streamlining the process for victims to report.

- Councillor Sidhu stated that this is a good idea, but streamlining the reporting process could increase the rate of false accusations.
- President Chavda suggested that this conversation occur at another time.

Councillor Bytyqi expressed concern with how his group's suggestion was received. He requested that the issue be tabled to an upcoming meeting.

- President Chavda suggested that Councillor Bytyqi propose an item by Monday for it to be included on the agenda for the next USC meeting.

Councillor Jacob's group suggested more academic support for students impacted by mental health concerns, more AES support, more EDI funding, more prayer spaces, more inclusion of students who have not yet declared a major, and creating a FAQ page on PAWS.

Councillor Ahmed's group suggested conducting accessibility audits of various buildings, creating a board for students to provide feedback to the USSU, financial support for Indigenous and international students, and improving housing on campus.

Councillor Bilyk's group suggested more advocacy on food affordability and insecurity, more career fairs, and creating a support group with an Indigenous elder.

Councillor Tayab’s group suggested addressing cost of living, improving infrastructure, more engagement through university-wide town halls, and working to destigmatize accessing AES support.

Move to return to formality.

USCMOTION044	Councillor Frykas / President Chavda	Carried
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10. New Business

10.1. Sexual Assault Discussion

Submitted by Councillor Bytyqi.

Move to add the item “Sexual Assault Discussion” to the business section of the agenda of the next USC meeting on November 7, 2024.

USCMOTION045	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Tayab	Carried
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11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

Responding to one of the suggestions made by Councillor Jacob’s group during item 9, President Chavda shared that something like a FAQ page already exists on students.usask.ca. Also, the USSU has a calendar of events posted at ussu.ca/events.

- Councillor Sidhu suggested advocating for the students.usask.ca webpage to have a tab on the PAWS homepage.

Councillor Chaudhary suggested that MSCs be allowed to submit agenda items for the next meeting at the end of current meetings.

- President Chavda stated that MSCs can submit future agenda items by making a motion during the “New Business” section of a meeting.

Councillor Bytyqi would like to discuss threats from professors at a future USC meeting. In the meantime, he, Councillor Tayab, and any other interested MSC will meet with VP Bauman to discuss the issue.

- VP Bauman suggested that meeting with her first will help narrow the focus of the discussion when the issue is discussed during a USC meeting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Dear Acting Provost and Vice President Academic Dr. Bruni-Bossio,

I write this letter to you on behalf of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, representing all the University of Saskatchewan undergraduate students for the 2025-2026 USask Operating Budget.

In this report, you will find recommendations for a wide range of student priorities for the upcoming year. The recommendations in this report can be classified into two categories: college-specific and university-wide budget recommendations. Additionally, you will find that some of these recommendations pertain to the short-term needs of the student body, and some of them require long-term strategic planning to enhance the student life on campus.

In the 2023-2024 academic year, students at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) contributed approximately \$227.8 million in tuition, representing 17.4% of the university's total revenue. This emphasizes the need to incorporate student perspectives in the upcoming budget process. We respectfully request your consideration of the following areas for the budget:

1. Affordability
2. Empowerment
3. Campus Well-Being

Further information about the key areas mentioned above can be found on the following pages.

Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to the Office of the Provost and Vice President Academic for consistently considering the needs of students and addressing key priorities such as:

1. Food Insecurity on Campus
2. Queer Housing
3. Tuition Consultations
4. Safety and Accessibility Audits on Campus

In conclusion, I thank you and your team for the unwavering support you have provided to USask students time and again. Your contributions to enhancing student life experience exemplify USask's student-centric approach.

Yours Sincerely,



Krunal Chavda,

President - University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU)

Students are the heart and soul of our university. There cannot be a university without students. At the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU), we take pride in representing, serving and supporting the undergraduate student body of USask both academically and non-academically. We are committed to protecting and maintaining the quality and integrity of accessible public education. In order to make these students's university experience better, we propose the following recommendations for the 2025-2026 budget:

1. Affordability

a. More Need-Based Scholarships and Bursaries

Today, all of us are living through an affordability crisis. A recent survey done by TD Canada¹ shows that nearly half of Canadian students are unable to adequately cover basic needs such as food and housing. In such challenging times, we request that you increase the scholarships, bursaries and awards budget from \$58.5 million (2023-24) to \$62 million in the academic year 2025-2026. We also request that you increase the number of need-based scholarships and bursaries given to our international, Indigenous, and other marginalized students. Current geopolitical events coupled with affordability crises have made it difficult for our international students to manage their finances. Thus, we request that the USask administration support these students by providing them with dedicated bursaries specifically for students experiencing financial hardship.

b. Co-Op Internship Program Tuition Reassessment.

Co-op internships are a great way for students to get practical work experience before graduating from our university. It not only helps them in their careers, but it also allows them to pay back their student loans and reduces financial burdens. Speaking with numerous students who have been a part of our co-op program through various colleges and who intend to be a part of that program, we have identified that co-op tuition fees are a significant barrier for most students aiming for co-op internships. A comparison of co-op tuition across three colleges can be found in the references page.⁴

We request that you reassess the co-op tuition across all the colleges offering co-op internship programs and recommend that we make a special tuition category for co-op internship program tuition at the university level and treat them as distance education programs so that all of our students can have better opportunities. We also recommend that for our international students, the co-op differential tuition multiplier be the same as the distance education multiplier of

1.5 times so that they can have a meaningful Canadian work experience that will help them in their future employment.

We also recommend that USask should strengthen its internal co-op programs by hiring and training more of its undergraduate students within USask and its affiliated institutions like GIFS, VIDO, CLS, GIWS, and CCNI.

c. On-Campus Student Wages

Students are not just an important part of university life in an academic sense, but many of them gain valuable experience as resident assistants, research assistants, and student assistants while still pursuing their undergraduate degrees.

The work experience they receive working on campus is invaluable. USask should increase campus wages for students working on campus to align with the U15 average of student wages.

These measures will support the Amplify value goal of Commitment 3, Inspired Communities of **UPlan-2025**² by amplifying contribution to GDP, job creation, and economic security in Saskatchewan and across Canada. They will also support the goal of embracing the interdisciplinarity of Commitment 1, Courageous Curiosity, by growth in training programs across colleges and schools.

2. Empowerment

a. Resources for Policy Navigation.

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) takes pride in being a member of the U15 group of research-intensive universities. As students of USask, we are equally proud to be part of an institution that upholds such high standards of excellence in research, scholarly, and academic pursuits. A recent Academic report submitted to the university administration and senior leadership team by the USSU highlights the importance of having a policy navigation office on campus to support students in navigating academic and non-academic policies and procedures. An investment should be made in this area to ensure we provide the same support and services to our students as the other U15 universities.

b. Enhanced Student Services

Campus life experience is greatly impacted by the quality and availability of various services on campus, including academic advising, student wellness services, and student finance services to name a few. While interacting with students, we have identified the lack of quality and availability of these services, which, when they need them, has impacted their campus experience negatively.

We recommend that an increase in the quality and availability of necessary services such as student finance, student central, academic advising, and student wellness be made. These services are essential in promoting student success on campus.

The above-mentioned recommendations fulfill Commitment 2 of Boundless Collaboration of **UPlan-2025** by aligning structures as systems and contributing to building the culture of trust essential to collaboration.

3. Campus Well-Being

a. Improved Safety and Accessibility on Campus

The USask Saskatoon campus is widespread across 2425 acres, and while we understand that it is very complex to monitor all of the campus, we request that certain measures be taken to address the safety, security, and accessibility issues still present on our campus. We recommend that improvements be made in campus lighting, particularly along pathways from Cumberland Avenue to the College Quarter near the Stadium Parkade area and between the Engineering Building and Administration Building, to name a few. A complete outdoor lighting review should be conducted to ensure students' safety on campus.

The USSU requests an increase in the number of Protective Services personnel on campus, as the number of safety concerns experienced by students has increased dramatically.

We also recommend that the USask administration work with the City of Prince Albert to enhance the safety and security of students studying on the PA Campus as they face significant challenges regarding their safety.

We thank you for your continued support in promoting accessibility and for the many challenges our campus provides. But more needs to be done. We recommend that a yearly audit be done for accessibility on campus for both Saskatoon and Prince Albert, in residence and in areas such as Stadium Parkade and Griffiths Stadium.

b. Increased Study Spaces

Our enrollments grew by more than 2% in 2023-2024, amounting to 26,700 students. With the significant increase in the number of students studying on campus, the number of free study spaces on campus is very limited. Students are increasingly complaining about how hard it is to find a calm or collaborative study space at times, especially during exam season. An audit should be done for all the available study spaces on campus, and an investment should be made to

increase the number of study spaces on campus. This will enable students to come together in collaborative spaces, which will increase engagement among peers. The calm spaces will help students focus better, enhancing their academic performance.

c. Indigenous Housing

As Senator Murray Sinclair, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission said, “Reconciliation is about forgoing and maintaining respectful relationships. There are no shortcuts”. Universities are the best places for building respectful relationships. To build those relationships, we must recognize the needs of our Indigenous students, specifically their housing needs. We recommend establishing a dedicated Indigenous housing program where our Indigenous students feel at home with their peers. We should take the example of McGill University’s First People’s House.

The above-mentioned recommendation of establishing Indigenous housing directly supports the goal of uplifting Indigenization of commitment 1 to courageous curiosity through the growth of programs that support our Indigenous students. Recommendations a,b, and c of part 3 also support the goals of aligning structures, Emboldening Partnerships, and Experiencing Reconciliation of Commitment 2, Boundless Collaboration.

Conclusion

The University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union is eternally grateful for this opportunity to provide important input for the University of Saskatchewan Budget for the academic year 2025-2026. We have tried to be both detailed and specific in our attempt to provide valuable recommendations as the student body of this university. We hope that these recommendations aligned with the strategic priorities of the USask through UPlan-2025 will advance the university towards the common goal of being the “University that the World Needs.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Yours sincerely,



Krunal Chavda

President - University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union

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Engineering Co-op Internship Program Tuition - Per Course						
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25		change (from 2022-23 to 2024-25)	% change (2022-23 to 2024-25)
Base Tuition	\$1,112.80	\$1,235.21		\$1,296.97	\$184.17	16.55014378
Differential	3.6	4.2		4.84	1.24	34.44444444
International Co-op tuition	\$4,006.08	\$5,187.88		\$6,277.33	\$2,271.25	56.69519331
Computer Science Co-op Internship Program Tuition - Per Course						
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25		change (from 2022-23 to 2024-25)	% change (2022-23 to 2024-25)
Base Tuition	\$796.50	\$844.20		\$894.90	\$98.40	12.35404896
Differential	3.6	4.2		4.84	1.24	34.44444444
International Co-op tuition	\$2,867.40	\$3,545.64		\$4,331.32	\$1,463.92	51.05377694
Edwards Co-op Internship Program Tuition - Per Course						
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25		change (from 2023-24 to 2024-25)	% change (2023-24 to 2024-25)
Base Tuition		\$953.10		\$1,000.80	\$47.70	5.004721435
Differential		4.2		4.84	0.64	15.23809524
International Co-op tuition		\$4,003.02		\$4,843.87	\$840.85	21.00544089

NOTE - Edwards co-op internship program 2022-23 tuition is not considered here as the program went through some major credit hours changes



Executive Meeting Minutes for November 05, 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 11:01 AM and stated the land acknowledgment.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

EXEC 2024.10.28

4. Roundtables

a. President Chavda

i. Meetings

1. Exec meeting
2. Ella Iverson - USask Swing Dance Club President
 - a. Looking to host a dance event at the PAC.
3. Stef x Moses x Krunal
4. Ryley Cozart Huskies
 - a. Student night event.
5. Dr. Cranston x USSU Execs
6. Exec/SM Meeting
7. Admin team meeting
8. Wasiimah - Executive Director of CASA
9. University Students Council



ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Provost Budget Recommendations Letter
2. PEC Agenda items document
3. Governance Committee Agenda
4. Advocacy Committee Agenda
5. USC Agenda and planning

iii. Events

iv. Other

1. PA Campus visit

b. VP Ahiabu

i. Meetings

1. Execs Meeting
2. Meeting with Scott Henderson
3. Meeting with CG Leader
4. Meeting with Stefanie Ewen and Krunal Chavda
5. PPC

a. Research Revenue

- i. Targeting \$400M by 2029
- ii. \$323.9M in 2023-24

b. RSAW Priorities 2024/25 (VPR)

- i. Priority 1: Support Researchers to do RSAW
- ii. Priority 2: Increase the impact of RSAW at USask
- iii. Priority 3: Increase RSAW revenue and amplify RSAW
- iv. Priority 4: Prioritize Indigenous RSAW revenue and researchers
- v. Priority 5: Accelerate health research at USask
6. Exec/SM Meeting
7. Admin Team Meeting
8. Campus Groups Committee Meeting
9. University Students Council Meeting
10. Black History Month Planning: Student Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Discussed food at Marquis.

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Ratification
2. Funding
3. Cheque Request
4. Funding 101 for CG

iii. Events

iv. Other

1. PA Campus Visit



c. VP Bauman

i. Meetings

1. Exec
2. Dr. Cranston monthly meeting
3. Dr. Cranston: report discussion
 - a. Discussed funding for policy navigation.
4. Exec/SM
5. Admin Team
6. TEA Check-in with Brock
7. Advising Council
 - a. Presented my report.
 - b. Emphasis on mental health.
 - c. Discussed having conflict resolution specialists in each college.
8. Pre-council
9. University Council
10. Jae Morgans
11. Student Case Meeting
12. Julian Demkiw

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Teaching Excellence Awards!
2. Academic Report Presentations and Discussion
3. OER campaign planning
 - a. Planning to meet with Garry Drake from the bookstore.

iii. Events

1. PA Campus Tour

iv. Other

d. VP Singh

i. Meetings

1. Exec Meeting
2. Dr. Cranston X USSU
3. Exec/SM Meeting
4. Admin Team
5. Advising Council
6. Pre-Council Meeting
7. University Students' Council

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. National Substance Use Awareness Week (NSUAW)

iii. Events

1. USask Prince Albert Campus Visit

iv. Other



5. New Business

a. TEA Survey Help

- i. Approximately 85 nominations. Will need help from the Academic Relations Committee and USSU Executive to conduct surveys.
- ii. Students evaluate the quality of instruction and use of OERs.

b. Pending Funding Update

- i. Islamic Relief USask (2)
- ii. South Indian Students Association (SISA)

Motion to grant Islamic Relief USask \$200 projects & initiatives cash funding for their Charity Week Gol Gappe Competition.

EXECMOTION076	VP Ahiabu / VP Bauman	Carried
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Motion to grant Islamic Relief USask \$180 projects & initiatives cash funding for their Charity Week Scavenger Hunt.

EXECMOTION077	VP Bauman / VP Singh	Carried
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Motion to deny South Indian Students Association's request for \$500 of EDI-disabilities funding.

EXECMOTION078	VP Singh / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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c. Food at Louis' During Cultural-related Events (Global Village, Diwali, etc.)

- i. Currently, only pre-packaged food can be served on campus unless it is ordered from Marquis. Marquis may not be able to make certain cultural foods.
- ii. USSU to do advocacy.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.



Advocacy Committee Meeting

Minutes for November 04, 2024

Present: Krunal Chavda, Paras Sidhu, Muqtasida Fatima, Jason Ventnor

Regrets:

Absent: Nahian Mashrafi, Selim Bytyqi, Ahuso Okojie

1. Call to order - 11:14 AM

2. Quorum

A quorum was not met for this meeting.

3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- None

4. Introductions

- Krunal Chavda(he/him) - President USSU - 4th Year computer engineering student
- Paras Sidhu (he/him) - MSC from the College of Law
- Muqtasida Fatima - SAL Advocacy Committee - 4th Year in College of Kinesiology.
- Jason Ventnor - Communications & Marketing Manager (non-voting)

5. Role of Advocacy Committee - Advocacy

- President Chavda outlined the committee's purpose, emphasizing the focus on improving communication between the USSU and national/provincial lobbying organizations.
- The committee advocates on behalf of students to the university administration, as well as at provincial, federal, and municipal levels, with a particular focus on supporting international students and Indigenous students and promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion.

6. 2024-2025 Advocacy Roadmap

- The committee will develop an advocacy roadmap to guide their efforts for 2024-2025, setting goals for the year.



- Immediate focus areas include addressing the cost of living, housing, etc. while considering the larger provincial context after recent elections.

7. Provincial Lobby Document and Priorities

- Discussion on creating a provincial lobby document that reflects students' needs and budgetary recommendations.
- Committee members will gather insights from peers on specific concerns to be included, such as removing interest on provincial student loans, in alignment with recent federal changes.

8. Advocacy Strategy - USSU:2030

- President Chavda mentioned that the USSU is working on the USSU's 2030 Plan. This committee will be key in setting advocacy goals for the next five years.
- The committee will contribute to the plan by laying a foundation of advocacy priorities and facilitating continuity in efforts to support future executives and council members.

9. Questions/Comments

- Committee members discussed various issues affecting students, including challenges specific to professional programs (e.g., limited loan availability for certain periods), high tuition costs in fields like dentistry, and the high interest on lines of credit.
- Members are encouraged to engage with peers to identify additional advocacy topics.

10. Action items

- None

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

Academic Relations Committee

2024-2025

The USSU's Academic Relations Committee is a committee of the USSU's Students' Council. The Committee's mandate: "Determines all the USSU's academic policies and monitors and analyse academic concerns at the University." This broad and generalized mandate allows us to focus on particular interests and issues for our school year.

Current responsibilities:

- Discuss relevant academic concerns and hold advocacy initiatives
 - Generalized Academic concerns
 - AI
 - Academic Misconduct
 - Academic Advising
 - Academic grievances
 - Resource requests
 - Etc.
- Teaching Excellence Awards
 - Survey classrooms
 - Evaluate results
 - Organize awards ceremony (event planning!)
 - Host the event
- USSU's Undergraduate Symposium
 - Planning
 - Organizing
 - Day-of volunteering
 - Awards Ceremony
- USSU Academic Policies Amendments

Membership:

1. Elisabeth Bauman, Vice President Academic (Chair)
2. Emily Lischynski, Student At Large (voting member)
3. Jason Kovitch, USSU Senior Manager (resource member, non-voting)
4. Norah Jacob, Member of Council (voting member)
5. Queen Tayab, Member of Council (voting member)
6. Ritu Patel, Member of Council (voting member)
7. Sakshi Sakshi, Student At Large (voting member)
8. Brock Neufeldt, Academic Governance Assistant (resource member, non-voting)

Meetings (term 1)

1. Tuesday, November 5, 12:00 noon
2. Tuesday, November 19, 12:00 noon
3. Tuesday, November 26, 12:00 noon (optional)
4. Tuesday, December 3, 12:00 noon

Meetings (term 2) To Be Determined

**Campus Group Committee Meeting
Minutes for October 31, 2024 – 1 PM
PR-Main-Council Chamber**

Present: Moses Ahiabu , Stefanie Ewen , Zachary Cey , Angi Patel , Hamza Abdi

Regrets: Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez

1. Call to Order

VP Ahiabu called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

None

4. Introductions

- a. This was a kick off meeting
- b. Each Committee member introduced themselves:
 - i. Name
 - ii. Pronouns
 - iii. College, Program and Major
 - iv. Fun things over the summer

5. Business

- a. We discussed all the policies partnering to Campus Groups:
 - i. Operations
 - ii. Grants
 - iii. Insurance
 - iv. Administration
 - v. Conduct
- b. Went over the funding request spreadsheet

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM.