

Agenda
University Students' Council
January 9, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

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 - 7.5. Edwards School of Business
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 - 7.7. Indigenous Students
 - 7.8. International Students
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 - 7.10. Law
 - 7.11. Medicine

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- 7.12. Nursing
 - 7.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition
 - 7.14. St. Thomas More
 - 7.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine
 - 8. Business**
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 - 8.2. Presidential Search Consultation
 - 9. New Business**
 - 10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
 - 11. Adjournment**

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

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

- **Ritu Patel** (she/her), Edwards
- **Taihre Lafond** (he/him), Indigenous Students
- **Meet Patel** (he/him), Medicine
- **Yusup Guldadov** (he/him), Engineering
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students

Guests:

- **Cheryl Hamelin**, USask Vice-President University Relations

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 the following amendments to the agenda:

- Add item 4.1, "In Camera Session."
- Add item 9.2, "Christmas Contest."

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

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| USCMOTION052 | President Chavda / VP Bauman | Carried |
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4.1. In Camera Session

Motion for the USC to go in camera.

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| USCMOTION053 | President Chavda / VP Singh | Carried |
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5. Council Address

5.1. Introductions

MSCs introduced themselves to the guest. President Chavda introduced VP Hamelin.

5.2. Guests

5.2.1. Cheryl Hamelin - USask Vice-President University Relations

VP Hamelin shared that USask is looking to change the name of the Place Riel North Concourse. VP Hamelin claims this decision is not only about money. VP Hamelin shared that they are alumni of the College of Commerce (now called Edwards School of Business).

Initially, they approached President Stoicheff, and the university looked into Convocation Hall being renamed, but this request was

denied because of Convocation Hall's historical significance. USask offered them the Place Riel North Concourse instead. VP Hamelin claims she did not realize that Place Riel was leased by the USSU, but the Chief Governance Officer informed her that she must consult the USSU about this change.

The change to the North Concourse will not require any construction, only the installation of a plaque and banners.

Over half of their donations have gone toward undergraduate student programs.

Questions

Councillor Bytyqi asked if any other spaces were considered instead of the North Concourse.

- VP Hamelin answered yes, but they could not find any other spaces that met their criteria. The space should not be college-specific and cannot be outdoors.

Councillor Frykas asked how this change would benefit students.

- VP Hamelin explained that she cannot take donor money and apportion it somewhere else due to ethics and CRA regulations. However, she has a small alumni budget that she can take some money out of; she would be willing to make a \$10,000 contribution to the USSU in each of the next 5 years for a total of \$50,000.

Councillor Bilyk asked how it is ethical to take money from the alumni fund and use it for a different purpose.

- VP Hamelin explained that USask works with Meloche Monnex on affinity cards for alumni. The revenue from these cards is collected in a fund that she can use in any way to support the interests of alumni. She is not the only person running this fund.

Councillor Frykas asked if the donors could be put in contact with the USSU to learn the priorities of students rather than allowing USask to make decisions for students.

- VP Hamelin explained that the donors direct where their funds go, not the university.

Councillor Frykas clarified that he asked if the USSU can be put in contact with donors to make the case for why they should contribute to USSU initiatives, not that the USSU should direct where existing donations should go.

- VP Hamelin stated that the USSU seeking clarity about the benefits of the proposed name change is counter to philanthropy.

Councillor Sidhu asked, if the purpose of the donation is to benefit students, can students have a say in how the funds are used.

- VP Hamelin answered that the donors decide where the money goes.

Councillor Lennie-Koshman asked why USask has not been able to find a space in Edwards, of which they are alumni.

- VP Hamelin answered that they already have rooms named after them in Edwards and the Education Building and now they want their name on a space that is pan-institutional.

Councillor Fielding asked if they have signed a contract that guarantees their donations go towards a specific purpose.

- VP Hamelin answered yes, they have formal gift agreements.

Councillor Tellez-Hernandez asked if USask has an idea of where they want to direct their donations after the first year.

- VP Hamelin answered no, they will direct the money towards certain causes as these emerge.

Councillor Bilyk asked if they have ever contacted the USSU President to seek understanding of what students want.

- VP Hamelin answered that they talk to the deans and to Vice-Provost Cranston and they know President Chavda.

Councillor Sidhu asked how changing the name of the Place Riel North Concourse will benefit students.

- VP Hamelin said that she has already answered this question. She asked what the USC wants.
 - Councillor Bilyk answered that he wants more transparency with the donors. It would have been nice to engage in consultation about the change rather than having it forced on students.
 - VP Hamelin claims she did not know about the leasing agreement and that consultation with the USSU was necessary.

Councillor Bilyk asked if the donors have been informed about the change.

- VP Hamelin answered yes, they were informed before it became clear that there needed to be consultation with the USSU. However, USask does not need the approval of the USSU.

VP Ahiabu asked how she would proceed now that VP Hamelin is aware of the leasing agreement.

- VP Hamelin reiterated that USask does need the USSU's approval; as the landlord, they can rename whatever assets they like.

Councillor Frykas asked, given that students have contributed \$30 million for Place Riel, should they not have a say in whether the name is changed.

- VP Hamelin acknowledged that students are not comfortable with the change and that she needs to do a better job of consultation before making promises to donors. She said she can withdraw the

name change to the North Concourse and find another space to name after the donors instead.

Motion for the USC to go in camera.

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| USCMOTION054 | Councillor Sidhu / VP Ahiabu | Carried |
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Motion for SM Ventnor to join the USC in camera.

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| USCMOTION055 | Councillor Frykas / Councillor Sidhu | Carried |
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Motion to end the in camera session.

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| USCMOTION056 | Councillor Finine / Councillor Tayab | Carried |
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6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – November 7, 2024

6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – November 12, 2024; November 18, 2024

The USSU Executive Committee mentioned the following from the past week:

- CASA meeting.
- Meeting about a potential anti-racist symposium.
- Meeting with USask administration about new guidelines on use of USask branding on campus group merch.
- An event, Funding 101, for campus group leaders.
- Discussion about the ASSU Gala and the USSU Symposium.
- Teaching Excellence Awards surveying is underway.

Councillor Frykas asked for clarification on the new guidelines for campus group merch.

- President Chavda answered that the request for merch must be approved internally by USask, most merch must be purchased through the bookstore, and outside vendors should be used and doing so may be considered illegal. USask claims the guidelines are to ensure ethical sourcing of merch materials.

Councillor Finnie and Councillor Sidhu expressed concern about the new guidelines.

- President Chavda said he can meet with their college association presidents.

Councillor Cey stated that they already have to pay a fee to USask if they use the USask crest.

Councillor Fielding shared that they are in the process of making merch and asked if they should stop.

- President Chavda said they can proceed with their merch but they should discuss it with the university.

Councillor Sidhu asked if the college will get the money from merch sales.

- President Chavda answered yes.

Councillor Tellez-Hernandez asked what the consequences of not following the guidelines might be.

- President Chavda answered that he does not know yet.

Motion to table the discussion about USask's merch guidelines to the next meeting.

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| USCMOTION057 | Councillor Frykas / VP Ahiabu | Carried |
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6.3. Academic Relations Committee Report – November 19, 2024

6.4. Campus Group Committee Report – November 7, 2024; November 14, 2024

7. Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports

No corrections were made to the minutes or reports.

Move to adopt the USC minutes of November 7, 2024, into the official record.

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| USCMOTION058 | Councillor Finnie / Councillor Sidhu | Carried |
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Move to adopt the Executive Committee minutes of November 12, 2024, and November 18, 2024, into the official record.

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| USCMOTION059 | President Chavda / VP Bauman | Carried |
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Move to adopt the Academic Relations Committee minutes of November 19, 2024, into the official record.

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| USCMOTION060 | VP Bauman / Councillor Bytyqi | Carried |
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Move to adopt the Campus Groups Committee minutes of November 7, 2024, and November 14, into the official record.

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| USCMOTION061 | Councillor Cey / Councillor Tellez-Hernandez | Carried |
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8. College/Constituency Report

Chairperson Rafid-Hamed requested that only urgent matters be reported this week.

8.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

8.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Bytyqi reported to his constituency after the USC meeting in which USask's VP Administration and Director of Consumer Services were guests. His constituency had concerns about the consumer service food program. He was told that students who live in residence are required to pay for an RCC card.

- VP Singh stated that RCC applies to College Quarters, Graduate House, and McEown Park, and the amount varies per residence.
- President Chavda added that leftover RCC funds from the Fall term carry over to the Winter term. At the end of the year, students have the option to donate any remaining funds or the funds disappear.
 - Councillor Bytyqi asked why students cannot get the leftover funds back rather than having them disappear.
 - President Chavda answered that they cannot get their money back into their bank accounts because it is part of the residence agreement. The funds used to not carry over after the first term, but advocacy efforts have changed this and have given students the option to donate leftover funds into the food insecurity program.
 - VP Singh clarified that the RCC funds are not separate, they are part of the residence fees.
- Councillor Tellez-Hernandez stated it should not be necessary to pay for RCC if the residence has a kitchen.

8.3. Dentistry

8.4. Education

Councillor Fielding provided a reminder about their hockey trip.

8.5. Edwards

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. USSU AGM - Proposed Amendments

President Chavda shared that the Councillor who brings the most friends to the AGM will win a prize.

President Chavda shared that there is a proposed amendment that would reduce the maximum credit units an Executive Committee member can be enrolled in per term from nine to six. Because international students must be enrolled in at least nine credit units per term, the amendment will prevent international students from being members of the Executive Committee.

- SM Ventnor added that in the past, the law required that at least 25% of directors of a non-profit had to be residents of Saskatchewan. The law was changed in 2022, and the USSU amended its Bylaw at the 2023 AGM.

President Chavda shared that there is a proposed motion that would freeze the salaries of the Executive Committee until their average hourly income is no more than 25% higher than that of other student employees of the USSU. President Chavda stated that the average hourly income of the Centre Coordinators is already within 25% of that of members of the Executive Committee. Currently, the lowest paid employees of the USSU are those within StudentCrew, who are paid minimum wage.

- Councillor Tellez-Herandez stated that wages should keep up with inflation, so there should be clarification if this is happening.
- Councillor Finnie agreed that student employees at USask should get a raise.
 - President Chavda stated that the USSU is advocating for more student jobs on campus and an increase wages to an amount that is comparable to other U15 institutions.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if the members who have proposed amendments or motions will get to explain their rationale for doing so at the AGM.

- Chairperson Rafid-Hamed answered yes.

9.2. Christmas Contest

President Chavda shared that the USSU is hosting a Christmas contest: the college society with the best decorated lounge or office wins a prize.

10. New Business

11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

Councillor Bytyqi asked for clarification on the status of the conversation with VP Hamelin.

- President Chavda said that they can discuss this later.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**University Students' Council Minutes
December 5, 2024 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present:

- **Upkar Singh** (he/him), VP Student Affairs
- **Elisabeth Bauman** (she/her), VP Academic Affairs
- **Queen Tayab** (she/her), Nursing
- **Eliaking Cabrera** (he/him), Nursing
- **Jordie Finnie** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Selim Bytyqi** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Karlin Frykas** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **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
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students

Also Present:

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

Absent:

- **Nisarg Chaudhary** (he/him), International Students
- **Eileen Lennie-Koshman** (she/her), Indigenous Students
- **Kyungsoo Ryu** (she/her), Edwards
- **Shayan Ahmed** (he/him), Kinesiology
- **Paras Sidhu** (he/him), Law
- **Taihre Lafond** (he/him), Indigenous Students
- **Ritu Patel** (she/her), Edwards
- **Meet Patel** (he/him), Medicine
- **Yusup Guldadov** (he/him), Engineering
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More
- **Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Joel Bilyk** (he/him), WCVN
- **Chang Ge** (he/him), Dentistry

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 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 not present.

4. Adoption of an Agenda

President Chavda proposed the following amendments to the agenda:

- Remove item 5.1, "Dr. Jerome Cranston – Vice-Provost Students and Learning."

5. Council Address

There was no council address at this meeting.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – November 21, 2024

6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – December 2, 2024

President Chavda highlighted the following:

- The USSU held its AGM on November 28.
- He had several meetings with CASA during Advocacy Week. CASA advocated for the federal government to do the following:
 - Invest in the Student Work Placement Program
 - Increase the size of Canada's skilled trades workforce.
 - Make adjustments to graduate student funding based on changes to the consumer price index.
 - Double the number of points awarded in the Government of Canada's Comprehensive Ranking System for a prospective immigrant holding a university degree.
 - Renew student financial aids and increase aids for students with disabilities and/or dependents.
 - Increase the Post-Secondary Student Support Program for Indigenous students.
- He had a meeting with USask about AI principles.

- 6.3. **Academic Relations Committee Report – December 3, 2024**
VP Bauman shared that dates have been selected for the USSU Undergraduate Symposium and Excellence Awards ceremony.
 - 6.4. **Campus Group Committee Report – November 28, 2024**
VP Ahiabu shared that the CGC discussed making changes to the grant policy to increase clarity of the criteria for EDI grants.
 - 6.5. **Governance Committee Report – November 6, 2024**
President Chavda shared that the Governance Committee reviewed procedures and proposed bylaw amendments ahead of the AGM.
7. **Motions Arising from the Minutes and Reports**
8. **College/Constituency Report**
- 8.1. **Agriculture and Bioresources**
Councillor Cey reported the following:
 - The Dean made a presentation as part of the reappointment process.
 - The ASA held a blood drive.
 - They are planning their graduation banquet.
 - 8.2. **Arts and Science**
Councillor Bytyqi reported the following:
 - The ASSU has started selling tickets for its Gala and has made a call for works of art and research to be presented.
 - They had a meeting with the Dean and Vice Dean. The Dean plans to require Arts and Science students to declare a major before they start their second year, and this should be in effect by Fall 2025. The decision passed with the support of the faculty council.
 - The Vice Dean is looking to set up a committee with one student from each department and the ASSU executive to meet with the college administration.

President Chavda asked how students feel about the decision to require students to declare their major before the start of their second year.

 - Councillor Bytyqi said the response has been mixed. Initially, the response was negative. But once the Dean explained her reasoning for the decision and that there would be improvements to academic advising, support grew among students.

VP Ahiabu asked how the above change will affect students who are seeking to apply for non-direct entry programs.

 - Councillor Bytyqi does not think the change will have an impact in such cases. A student who declares a major may change their major and is not obligated to complete their degree.
 - VP Bauman confirmed that Arts and Science may change their major at any time.

Councillor Finnie asked how the change will impact STM students.

- VP Bauman answered that she believes STM students will have to comply with the change because they technically receive their degrees from the College of Arts and Science.
- Councillor Bytyqi affirmed VP Bauman's response.

8.3. Dentistry

No Councillor present.

8.4. Education

Councillor Fielding reported the following:

- They are hosting a 'Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader' event at the January 10 women's basketball game.
- The College and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation are hosting a conference on January 10.
- They are hoping to host a trivia night on February 13.
- They are planning a traffic night for March 8.
- The deadline for their hockey trip has been extended to December 6.

8.5. Edwards

No Councillor present.

8.6. Engineering

No Councillor present.

8.7. Indigenous Students

No Councillor present.

8.8. International Students

Councillor Mashrafi reported that they are undergoing organizational change.

8.9. Kinesiology

No Councillor present.

8.10. Law

No Councillor present.

8.11. Medicine

No Councillor present.

8.12. Nursing

Councillor Tayab

- They are planning a formal event that will occur during the first week of February.
- The next curriculum meeting is on December 10.
- There will be a games night in the new year.
- They are trying to form teams for rec sports.

- The anti-racism committee met today with guests from Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and the committee also met with the leadership team.
- They are working on a survey about faculty.

8.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

No Councillor present.

8.14. St. Thomas More

No Councillor present.

8.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

No Councillor present.

9. Business

9.1. Academic Relations Committee Elections

VP Bauman shared that Councillor Tayab will be leaving and needs to be replaced on the Academic Relations Committee. The USSU will accept nominations via email. During the Winter term, the Academic Relations Committee will be working on the USSU Undergraduate Symposium and Excellence Awards.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if a member of the Academic Relations Committee can participate in the Symposium.

- VP Bauman answered yes, but they cannot win a prize.

Councillor Finnie asked how to submit art for the Symposium.

- VP Bauman answered that this information will be released in late-December or early-January.

There is also a vacancy on the Campus Groups Committee, so President Chavda will send out an email with all available committee positions.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

- Councillor Bytyqi shared that applicants for student-at-large positions on USC committee responses have expressed concern about not receiving a response from the USSU Executive. He asked why the applicants did not receive a response.
 - President Chavda explained that there are two reasons why they did not receive a response: 1) there are a large number of applicants, and 2) applicants may be contacted later if a committee seat becomes vacant throughout the year.
- President Chavda announced that the Christmas lounge decorating contest is underway. The winning college will receive a smart TV.

- President Chavda announced the following events that the USSU will host in the Winter term:
 - Movie night on January 8.
 - Taylor Swift karaoke event on January 15.
 - Winter whiteout ball on January 24.
 - Skating event (date to be determined).
 - Scavenger hunt (date to be determined).
 - College Cup.

- Councillor Bytyqi asked for clarification on whether a college society, such as the ASSU, is eligible for the campus group of the year award or the college of the year award.
 - President Chavda answered that changes need to be made to the awards structure and will announce this information at a later date.

- President Chavda asked MSCs to give a round of applause for Councillor Tayab at her last USC meeting.

- VP Ahiabu announced that campus groups GPT is now live.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for December 02, 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 10:02 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. CASA Pre-Advocacy Week Training
2. Exec meeting
3. Survey RRM 421
4. Survey Chem 115
5. Implementation of USask AI Principles - Nancy Turner x Krunal x Elisabeth
6. Education Student Society Meeting
7. University Council
8. Pre-Council



9. University Students Council
 10. AGM discussion
 11. BOG - Land and Facilities committee meeting
 12. CASA Advocacy Week - Monday to Wednesday
 13. AGM talking points
 14. USSU AGM
- ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 1. Land and Facilities Material Review
 2. Funding 101 for CGs
 3. University Council Report
 - iii. **Events**
 1. Study Abroad and Beyond
 - iv. **Other**
- b. VP Ahiabu**
- i. **Meetings**
 1. Exec Meeting
 2. Student Case with Elisabeth Bauman
 3. TEA in ESB with Elisabeth Bauman
 4. CASA Pre-Advocacy Week Training
 5. Meeting with CG Leaders (2)
 6. FRC
 7. Campus Group Committee (2)
 8. Black History Month Planning: Student Subcommittee
 9. Pre-Council
 10. University Students Council
 11. AGM discussion
 12. CASA Advocacy Week - Monday to Wednesday
 13. AGM talking points
 14. USSU AGM
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 1. Ratification
 2. Funding
 3. Cheque Request
 4. Funding 101 for CG Leaders
 5. Campus Group GPT
 6. Campus Groups Discord
 - iii. **Events**
 1. Panel Discussion: Study Abroad and Beyond
 - iv. **Other**



c. VP Bauman

i. Meetings

1. Exec
2. Countless classroom surveys
3. Student Grievance meetings (6)
4. Student case with VP Ahiabu
5. Academic Relations committee
6. TLARC
7. AI Meeting with Nancy Turner & President Chavda
8. Training of Councillors to surveying (3)
9. APC
10. Meerah about social media campaigns
11. Vanessa B. from A&S about a grievance case
12. University Council
13. Pre-Council prep meeting
14. Students' Council Meeting
15. AGM Prep meeting 1
16. Tracy Spencer
17. Jordan Hartshorn for 2 academic cases
18. A&S EDI Committee meeting
19. Exec / SM
20. Admin Team
21. Mandy Fehr - Symposium Details
22. Susan Bens - Integrity office options
23. AGM Prep meeting 2
24. AGM itself
25. Amanda Storey for appeal

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Teaching Excellence Awards
 - a. 2 surveys left
 - b. Brock is doing great with the results
2. Symposium planning
 - a. Feb 26, 2024 Symposium

iii. Events

1. Campus Group Event

iv. Other

d. VP Singh

i. Meetings

1. Exec Meeting
2. Accessibility Committee Meeting
3. TEA Survey - RRM 421
4. TEA Survey - KIN 233



- 5. Pre Council Meeting
- 6. University Students' Council
- 7. USSU AGM Speaking Points
- 8. TEA Survey - ME 498
- 9. Parking and Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 10. Exec/SM Meeting
- 11. Admin Team
- 12. AGM Prep
- 13. USSU AGM
- ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - 1. Finals Week Goodie Bags
- iii. **Events**
 - 1. Funding 101 - CG Leaders
- iv. **Other**

5. New Business

a. Exec Holidays

- i. Submit vacation requests to President Chavda one week in advance.

b. Christmas Contest

- i. The contest will be from December 3 to 18.
- ii. Each college will decorate their student lounge or office, and the best will win.

Motion to allocate \$400 from Executive projects & initiatives for the Christmas Decoration Contest.

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| EXECMOTION082 | President Chavda / VP Ahiabu | Carried |
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c. Funding

- i. USask Hip Hop has requested \$450 of Executive sponsorship for their open dance sessions (three events).

Motion to grant \$225 of Executive sponsorship to USask Hip Hop for their open dance sessions.

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| EXECMOTION083 | President Chavda / VP Bauman | Carried |
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6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2024

Present:

President/Chair – Krunal Chavda
VP Operations and Finance – Moses Ahiabu
VP Academic Affairs – Elisabeth Bauman
SM Communications & Marketing – Jason Ventnor

Regrets:

VP Student Affairs – Upkar Singh
Academic & Governance Assistant – Brock Neufeldt

1. Call to Order

President Chavda called the meeting to order at 11:13 AM and stated the land acknowledgment.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

EXEC 2024.12.02

President Chavda / VP Ahiabu - Carried

4. Roundtables

a. President Chavda

i. Meetings

1. Exec meeting
2. Lunch with SWC
3. Meeting Krunal x Greg Fowler - VP Administration and COO - USask -
 - a. AI Implementation at USask specifically for Student Services
 - b. Integrated Services Renewal Project and student perspective on that.
 - c. Follow-up meetings with Chris Koshler and others to discuss more about this.
4. Meeting with Agriculture Students Association - Merch discussion



5. Joint Liason Prep Meeting
6. Financial Review
7. Student Care x USSU
 - Reported the findings of the survey.
8. Governance Committee - USSU
 - a. Decided which policies we would like to go over in the next term.
9. Meeting with Dr. Jennifer Lang, Dr. Khan Wahid, Dr. Pamela Downe
 - a. Discussed about a particular course in computer science.
 - b. Policy in Arts and Science that no one component of the class can determine a student's pass/fail grade. For example, instructors can't say that if the students are not able to pass an assignment or a lab exam worth 10% then they will automatically fail the course.
 - c. There will be follow-up discussions regarding this.
10. USSU Joint Liason Committee
11. Pre council meeting
12. University Students Council
13. Meeting with Basit Gilani - Halal Food on Campus
 - a. A survey was done by MSA on campus among Muslim students. 111 participants
 - b. 96% of Muslim students are not satisfied with Halal food options
 - c. Also compared the frequency of Students having food on campus.
 - d. 96% said they would eat more often on campus with more halal food options.
 - e. Working on drafting a letter with data findings.
14. University Librarian Search Committee
 - a. The search is continuing.
15. Provost's Budget Recommendation - Dr. Patti McDougall, Dr. Jerome Cranston, Deidre Hanne - CFO , Dr. Vince Bruni-Bossio
 - A document to track the continued progress of our budget recommendations that will help with continuity.
 - Organizational Structure change - from now on budget recommendations will go to the CFO who will bring them to the Strategic Finance Committee of USask and that committee will recommend budget recommendations to the President.
 - Very high chance of campus policy navigation office.
 - U15 has no data to benchmark scholarships and bursaries



- Undergrad and grad scholarships will be reviewed by the Strategic Finance committee
- AVP HR will work to identify how we can employ our students more here in USask.
- University Archives Relocating so there is a potential to increase some study spaces there.

16. Breakfast with Dr. Baljit Singh

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. College Of Engineering - Prayer Space email
 - a. Dean Bradley said he would give some thought to this.
2. Board of Governors Materials review
3. University Council Report
4. Winter Welcome Week planning
5. Christmas Contest.

iii. Events

iv. Other

b. VP Ahiabu

i. Meetings

1. Execs Meeting
2. Lunch with Student Wellness Centre
3. Liaison Prep Meeting
4. Financial Review-Oct 2024
5. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Meeting
6. StudentCare x USSU
7. Campus Group Committee
8. USSU Joint Liaison Committee meeting
9. Pre Council
10. USC
11. Saskatoon Link (BRT) Update Meeting
12. Exec/SM Lunch
13. FAC Pre-Meeting with Amanda Mitchell
14. Check in with Jason Ventnor
15. FAC Meeting
16. PPC
 - a. **CFO Updates-Policy Changes (FLIPP):**
 - i. Phase 1: Risk management and financial policies
 - ii. Phase 2: Policies supporting phase 1
 - b. **Financial Updates (2024/25 Q2 Results):**
 - i. Budgeted Undergraduate International Tuition Revenues dropped by \$11.7M
 1. Enrolment dropped about 22%

2. This is because of the IRCC policies restricting international students
 - a. The expansion of this policy to grad students will impact research and innovation in Canada.
 3. There is a possibility of further decrease in revenue over the next years
 4. Canada is being viewed as an unwelcoming country for most international students now, and this can continue for about 3 years as per IRCC policy.
 5. There is a projection of about 25% drop in international enrollment over the next
- ii. Next Steps: Strategy
 1. MOU
 - a. Signing MOU with the federal and provisional government will be ideal to tackle these challenges a little bit.
 2. Enrolment Plan
 - a. uSask to focus more on domestic students, primarily SK.
- c. **EDI Framework for Action: A University for Everyone - December 2024 Update**
- i. Three Strategies:
 1. Setting the foundation
 - a. Six Strategic Priorities:
 - i. Student Experience (Black history month, etc.)
 - ii. Teaching and Learning (Low Sensory Room, etc.)
 - iii. RSAW (CRC EDI target, Working with German U15, etc.)
 - iv. Employee Experience (hiring process for Indigenous, etc.)
 - v. Systems (Policy changes, etc.)
 - vi. Physical Space (Prayer spaces, etc.)
 2. Creating changes through actions
 3. Sustaining progress



d. Update on Health Human Resource Expansion:

- i. Most academic programs has been introduced to meet this initiative
 - 1. Most of this program will commence in 2025.
 - 2. These programs are good for the province, especially for healthcare
- ii. University is building a new clinic in addition to the Student Wellness Centre.
 - 1. This will serve on and off campus patients

17. Exec/SM Meeting

18. Social Committee

19. Black History Month Planning: Student Subcommittee

a. We discussed Black History month event (Feb 2025)

- i. PASA wants to host food related events during this period, but location on campus to accommodate this has become a barrier.
 - 1. Similar event was hosted this year (Feb 2024) at GSA Commons, but capacity was an issue.
 - 2. The last alternative location closer to campus will be Merlis Belsher Place

b. PASA reached out to USSU a while back asking for permanent space for Black Students as per the [Scarborough Charter](#) that was signed by uSask in 2021. Several universities across Canada have a dedicated space for Black students, including, but are not limited to [UBC](#), [U of T](#), [McMaster](#) University.

- i. From USSU's stand point on this matter, I am going to loop Dr. Patti in this email to see how best we can advocate for this initiative.

20. Breakfast with Dr. Baljit Singh

ii. Projects/Initiatives

- 1. Ratification
- 2. Funding
- 3. Cheque Request
- 4. Winter CGW Plan
- 5. CG Web Page New Design (Adding advanced filters)

iii. Events

- 1. Annual Vice-Presidents' Holiday Reception

iv. Other



c. VP Bauman

i. Meetings

1. Student cases (10)
2. Student Wellness + USSU
3. Academic Relations Committee SAL meeting
4. Academic Relations Committee
5. Financial Appeal
6. Cheryl Besse college of nursing
7. APC
8. Exec/SM lunch
9. Catherine from A&S advising about cases
10. Jordan Hartshorn
11. Shalisse
12. Pre-council
13. USC Council
14. Meerah: filming textbook/OER campaign
15. Jessica from Student Outreach
16. Scholarships and Awards
 - a. Examining the selection criteria for the Best and Brightest Awards
17. Mandy Fehr
18. Exec/SM
19. Vanessa from A&S
20. Social Committee
21. Lunch with English undergrad chair
22. RSAW committee
23. Breakfast with Dr. Singh
24. Dr. Wahid, computer science department head

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. TEA: Brock has finished calculations for this term
2. Symposium: dates, initial planning, call for submissions
3. Academic Awareness Week .2
 - a. Open Educational Resources campaign
 - b. Academic handbooks
 - c. AI information
 - d. Panel idea?
 - e. Library learning: promote sessions

iii. Events

1. University VP's Holiday Party

iv. Other



d. VP Singh

i. Meetings

1. Exec meeting
2. Lunch with SWC
3. Financial Review
4. Residence x USSU
5. StudentCare x USSU
6. Pre council meeting
7. University Students Council

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Goodie Bags for Finals
2. Proposals for Winter Term

iii. Events

iv. Other

5. New Business

a. Ratification

- i. Rihlah USASK

Move to provisionally ratify Rihlah USASK for the 2024-2025 academic year.

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| EXECMOTION085 | VP Ahiabu / President Chavda | Carried |
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b. Funding

Motion to **retroactively** grant “**Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter**” \$197.47 cash of projects & initiatives funding, but reimburse them **50%** of the approved amount or total cost (whichever is less) for their event, “**Board Game Night**” on October 19, 2024

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| EXECMOTION086 | President Chavda / VP Bauman | Carried |
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Motion to **retroactively** grant “**Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter**” \$239.91 cash of projects & initiatives funding, but reimburse them **50%** of the approved amount or total cost (whichever is less) for their event, “**UofS MMAC Summer Social**” on August 11, 2024

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| EXECMOTION087 | President Chavda / VP Ahiabu | Carried |
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c. USask Holiday Hangout

- i. \$500



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| EXECMOTION088 | President Chavda / VP Bauman | Carried |
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6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for January 07, 2024

Present:

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

Regrets:

VP Student Affairs – Upkar Singh

1. Call to Order

President Chavda called the meeting to order at 1:18 PM and stated the land acknowledgment.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

EXEC 2024.12.13

President Chavda / VP Ahiabu - Carried.

4. Roundtables

a. President Chavda

i. Meetings

1. Breakfast with Dr. Bajit Singh - VP Research USask
 - a. Discussed how to get more undergraduate students to pursue graduate degrees.
2. Jason V x Krunal Check-in
3. Tuition Consultation - USSU executive x Dr. Patti McDougall, Dr. Jerome Cranston, Jennifer Beck, Kyla Shea - Confidential
 - a. USSU's budget recommendations aligned with tuition consultation survey responses.
4. Board of Governors - 2 days
5. Dr. Jerome Cranston x Krunal and Elisabeth
6. Maddison Rheaume - SNSA President
 - a. Discussion about USask's new merch policy.



7. Krunal x Upkar Check-in
 8. University Council
 9. Admin Team
 10. New Student Welcome - Krunal x Elisabeth
 11. USask Presidential Search Committee meeting
 12. AI Discussion with VP Admin Greg Fowler and Chris Gaschler and Michael Barr
 - a. USask is looking to create a single online portal for students that will use AI. The timeline is 3-5 years.
- ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 1. Koffee with Krunal - Alandra Flynn-James
 2. University Council Report
 3. Winter Welcome Events Planning
 - iii. **Events**
 - iv. **Other**
- b. VP Ahiabu**
- i. **Meetings**
 1. Execs Meeting (Dec 13)
 2. USSU: Tuition Consultation with Dr. Patti McDougall and her team (Dec 13)
 3. No other meetings as I was off (Dec 16 - Jan 3)
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 1. Ratification
 2. Funding
 3. Insurance
 4. Winter 2025 Campus Group Week (CGW) Planning
 - iii. **Events**
 - iv. **Other**
- c. VP Bauman**
- i. **Meetings**
 1. Exec Meeting
 2. Tuition Consultation
 3. Dr. Cranston
 4. Dr. Beth Bilson
 - a. "Help centre student legal service"
 5. Academic Collaboration with ASSU Exec
 6. Student Central
 7. Symposium planning with Brock
 8. Meeting with Dr. Cranston and Jocelyn Orb
 9. APC
 10. Admin Team



11. University Council
12. Nursing orientation
13. Meeting with Kacia
14. First year activity and orientation
15. Meeting with student
16. Meeting with student
17. Meeting with Jordan Hartshorn
18. Meeting with Vanessa (A&S)

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Academic Awareness Week Planning
2. Symposium planning
3. Student cases / appeals
4. Create templates + transition information*** to do

iii. Events

1. First year orientation

iv. Other

d. VP Singh – Out of Office

i. Meetings

ii. Projects/Initiatives

iii. Events

iv. Other

5. New Business

a. Letters

- i. At the 2024 USSU AGM, motions were made for the Executive Committee to write several letters. The letters are now drafted and will be reviewed by the USC.

b. Wage Report

c. USSU Executive Scholarship

- i. Proposed changes:
 1. Applications will be reviewed by an ad hoc committee rather than the Advocacy Committee and Finance Committee.
 2. There will be four \$1000 scholarships rather than two \$2000 scholarships.
 3. The timeline of events will be shifted back. The process will begin on October 1 rather than August 1.

d. Winter 2025 USC Guests

- i. Possible guests:



1. Dr. Susan Bens / Dr. Wendy James: Academics + Academic integrity
2. Dr. Mandy Fehr: Undergraduate research
3. Dr. Cranston
4. Brad from Protective Services

e. Ratification

- i. Empower Minds
- ii. Health Sciences Students' Association
- iii. Just Rights
- iv. Usask EngiQueers
- v. Usask Photography Association

Motion to provisionally ratify the following groups for the 2024-2025 academic year: Empower Minds; Health Sciences Students' Association; Just Rights; Usask EngiQueers; Usask Photography Association.

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| EXECMOTION089 | VP Ahiabu / VP Bauman | Carried |
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f. Funding

- i. + CG Funding requests info 2024-25

Motion to grant Arts and Science Students' Union \$500 of Executive Louis' Credit for their 2025 Arts & Science Gala.

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| EXECMOTION090 | VP Ahiabu / President Chavda | Carried |
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Motion to grant Western Canadian Veterinary Students' Association \$400 of XL credit projects & initiatives and \$600 of Louis' credit projects & initiatives funding for their 2025 SCVMA Symposium.

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| EXECMOTION091 | VP Ahiabu / President Chavda | Carried |
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g. Campus Group Week

- i. \$1,300
- ii. 2 Campus Group Week January 2024 Project Proposal - USSU Exec

Motion to approve VP Ahiabu's project proposal for Campus Group Week (Winter 2025).

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| EXECMOTION092 | VP Ahiabu / President Chavda | Carried |
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6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 PM.

Academic Relations Committee

December 3, 2024

Attendance:

- Present: VP Bauman, Councillor Patel, Councillor Jacob, SM Kovitch,
- Guests: Councillor Bytyqi
- Absent: Councillor Tayab, SAL Emily L., SAL Sakshi, AGA Neufeldt
- **Quorum: not met**

Agenda:

1. Excellence Awards: Thank you!
2. Symposium:
 - a. February 26
 - b. Tuesday evening ish? For Ceremony
3. Excellence Awards Ceremony
 - a.
4. Topics of Advocacy
 - a. Academic Advising
 - b. Ombuds Office - how do we keep advocating?
 - c. Academic Integrity Policy Update
 - d. Saturday midterms for classes that are scheduled during the week?
 - e.
- 5.

Ombuds office

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**Campus Group Committee Meeting
Minutes for November 28, 2024 – 1 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present: Moses Ahiabu , Stefanie Ewen , Zachary Cey , Hamza Abdi ;
Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez

Regrets: Angi Patel

1. Call to Order

VP Ahiabu called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

[CGC 2024.11.21](#)

Sal Abdi / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez

Carried

4. Introductions

a. Experience on November 24 and 25, 2024. The snow storm

5. Business

a. Ratification

i. Formula 1 Club

ii. U of S Rowing Club

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

1. Formula 1 Club
2. U of S Rowing Club

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| CGMOTION022 | VP Ahiabu / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez | Carried |
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b. Funding

Motion to grant “**WCVM DIVERSE**” \$1,000 (\$500 cash & \$500 Louis Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, “**WCVM DIVERSE drag night**” on March 1, 2025

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| CGMOTION023 | Councilor Cey / Sal Abdi | Carried |
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Motion to **retroactively** grant “**Pre-Law Student Society**” \$125.87 (\$99.05 cash & \$26.82 Louis Credit) of projects & initiatives funding, but reimburse them **50%** of the approved amount or total cost (whichever is less) for their event, “**Ask a Law Student Night**” on October 24, 2024

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| CGMOTION024 | VP Ahiabu / Councilor Cey | Carried |
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6. New Business

a. Proposed Policy Changes

i. [Grants](#)

1. 1.1,2
2. 1.4 (New)
3. 4.1,2
4. 6.1

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:16 PM.

**Campus Group Committee Meeting
Minutes for December 05, 2024 – 1 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present: Moses Ahiabu , Stefanie Ewen , Zachary Cey , Angi Patel , Hamza Abdi ;
Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez

Regrets:

1. Call to Order

VP Ahiabu called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

[CGC 2024.11.28](#)

Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / Councilor Cey
Carried

4. Introductions

a. Committee Members share their Christmas plans

5. Business

a. Ratification

i. N/A

b. Funding

Motion to grant “**Queers in Health Sciences (The QHS)**” \$100 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, “**Study Break Night**” on December 3, 2024

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| CGMOTION025 | Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / SAL Abdi | Carried |
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Motion to **retroactively** grant “**Medical Students for Social Accountability (MSSA)**” \$200 cash of projects & initiatives funding, but reimburse them **50%** of the approved

amount or total cost (whichever is less) for their event, **“MSSA food drive”** from October 21 to November 8, 2024.

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| CGMOTION026 | Councilor Cey / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez | Carried |
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Motion to grant **“Medical Students for Social Accountability (MSSA)”** \$270 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Lunch”** on November 29, 2024.

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| CGMOTION027 | Councilor Cey / VP Ahiabu | Carried |
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Motion to grant **“Arts and Science Students' Union”** \$700 (\$200 cash & \$500 Louis Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“2025 Arts & Science GalaArts and Science Student Union Gala”** from January 17 to January 18, 2025.

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| CGMOTION028 | SAL Patel / SAL Abdi | Carried |
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6. New Business

- a. Winter Term Meeting Times
- b. Policy Changes
 - i. [Grants](#)
 - ii. We will be making changes to the following sections during the Fall break
 - 1. 1.1,2
 - 2. 1.4 (New)
 - 3. 4.1,2
 - 4. 6
 - a. EDI Policy [uSask](#)
 - iii. Insurance
 - 1. 5.3 (New from [grants](#) - reimbursement)
 - 2. 5.4 (Move note here)
 - iv.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.

**Finance and Assessment Committee
Minutes for December 10, 2024 – 1 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present: Moses Ahiabu , Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez , Eliaking Cabrera

Also Present: Amanda Mitchell

Regrets: Kyungsoo Ryu , Aastha Patel , Sahib Hothi

1. Call to Order

VP Ahiabu called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

2. Quorum (50% + 1: 3 out of 6 voting members were present)

Quorum was not present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

N/A

4. Introductions

- a. All committee members introduced themselves with their names, pronounces, and something fun they did during the fall term.

5. Business

- a. USSU Fees
 - i. USSU Infrastructure Fee (Frozen since 2022/23)
 1. Building and related expenses, excluding utilities
 - a. It is basically used for maintaining USSU buildings
 2. This fund is invested when they are not needed
 3. Mortgage is about \$120,000 per month
 - ii. USSU Saskatoon Transit Fee (increases by CPI - Nov)
 - iii. USSU Undergrad Student Fee: increases 5% per year
 1. 4% for USSU & 1% for University (Service/Admin. Fees)
- b. 2 Benefits (Student Care sets this fee after negotiating with Sun Life)
 - i. % Increase is usually higher, but USSU pays the difference if possible with reserved funds.

1. USSU Undergrad Dental Plan
 2. USSU Undergrad Health Plan
- c. Dates for budget approval
- i. March 1, 7 or 8
 1. Time: About 6 hours
 - ii. During this meeting, we will go over each budget line and give a brief explanation of each.
 - iii. We will have breaks in between. Food will be provided!
- d. Meeting in January for Student Fees
- i. Jan. 20-24
 - ii. Will send Doodle Poll out to find a date and time that works best
 1. This meeting will be hybrid.

6. New Business

- a. Accountabilities
 - i. Monthly financial reporting on each areas of USSU

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.



Governance Committee Meeting

Minutes for November 06, 2024

Present:Krunal, Elisabeth, Selim, Zachary, Celina, Upkar, Melissa, Jason V

Regrets: Moses,

Absent: Nidhi

- 1. Call to order 2:32**
- 2. Quorum Present**
- 3. Approval of last meeting minutes - n/a**
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Role and tasks of Governance Committee**
 - a. Composition:
 - i. President: Chair
 - ii. 3 VPs: non-voting
 - iii. 3 council members
 - iv. 2 students at large
 - v. 1 member of USSU's senior management team (non-voting)
 - b. Make appointments
 - c. Ensure positions open for nominations/applications follow procedures
 - d. Review USSU bylaws and policies
- 6. Annual General Meeting**
 - a. AGM date and Time - November 28th, 6PM CST
 - b. Amendments due date - November 08th
 - c. Bylaw review - <https://ussu.ca/bylaw> - **homework**
 - i. Become familiar with the bylaw
 - ii. Reach out to President Chavda with questions, proposed amendments, or ideas
 - iii. Any student member can submit a proposed amendment. A lawyer will check them and make sure they are in the spirit of the bylaw.
- 7. Overview of AGM**
 - a. Purpose of AGM: review last year's financials and approve them. A representative from KPMG will be present, as they did the audit last year. We then need to appoint KPMG to do the audit this next year. We are a membership-based non-profit, so the members have to vote



to accept the audited financials. We have the opportunity to ask questions of the auditor. Transparency.

- i. The council is the appropriate place to give specific feedback or change how we use funding
- b. Report by President
- c. Amendments
- d. Questions
- e. Room 143 Arts
- f. Quorum at AGM**
 - i. 50 members present, and of the 50, 15 have to be councillors
 - ii. If Quorum is not met, the meeting will be rescheduled
- g. Student Engagement Strategy**
 - i. Advertise it in your colleges
 - ii. Each college society: ask your execs to come
 - iii. Food is a big draw: free pizza and pop
 - iv. Councillors: whoever brings the most friends gets a prize. We will keep a tally
- h. Length of the meeting:
 - i. Report from KPMG
 - ii. Depends on how many questions there are
 - iii. Aim for 1-2 hours

8. Proposed Changes

- 8.1 - [W](#) AGM 63.docx
- 8.2 - [W](#) AGM 38.docx
- 8.3 - [W](#) AGM 37.docx
- 8.4 - [W](#) AGM 35.docx

9. Questions

- a. What does the committee do once the AGM is done?
 - i. Review USSU policies, and compare policies with other student unions across Canada
 - ii. USSU 2030 plan, look at governance model
 - iii. If the council decides that another committee needs to be struck, this committee determines what that committee looks like
- b. Difference between a bylaw and a policy in the USSU?
 - i. Bylaw is the overarching structure from which the USSU is governed. Can only be amended in AGM



- ii. Policies: specific to operations. Policies have to be amended by council or council committees.

10. Action items

- a. Read the bylaw

11. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm

**Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Meeting
Minutes for December 03, 2024 – 3 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present: Moses Ahiabu , Kyungsoo Ryu , Karlin Frykas , Bret Stovra ,
Jason Kovitch , Jerome Cranston, Brandi Gartner, Opeyemi Esamagu

Regrets: Nisarg Chaudhary , Aisha Abdulai , Zeel Devani , Zoey Garza , Sheri
Watkins

Guests: Karen Lynch (Manager of Public and Stakeholder Engagement)

1. Call to Order

VP Ahiabu called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM and stated the land acknowledgment.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

N/A

4. Introductions

a. Name, Pronounces, Position

- i. Each Committee Member introduced themselves with their names, pronouns, and positions.

5. Business

a. Presentation for City of Saskatoon

- i. USSU Connection Committee COS Engagement Dec 2024

b. Overview and stats of U-Pass

- i. Usask is the largest ridership for Transit
- ii. Eligible students: 17,000+ Undergraduates and about 2,800+ Graduates
- iii. Actual usage: 11,000+ undergrads and 1,700 grads
- iv. Opt Outs: About 550 undergrads and 250 grads per term

- c. Priorities for the year (2024-25) and beyond
 - i. City of Saskatoon
 - 1. Organics Reduction for Public Events and Spaces
 - 2. Link (BRT) and transit reroute
 - 3. Corridor Planning land use and zoning changes
 - 4. Flood Control Strategy (Brevoort Park, and Cumberland Park)
 - 5. Park upgrades to Robert Hunter West, Buena Vista, John Avant.
 - 6. Accessibility in Saskatoon – 2025 Engagement
 - 7. Living in Harmony Awards 2025 – Young Adults Submissions
 - ii. University Representative
 - 1. Transit efficiency for students
 - 2. Accessibility map with transit routes for students
 - 3. HAF (Housing Accelerator Fund) Program
 - iii. Students Representative
 - 1. Safety concerns in some areas of the city
 - 2. Transit matters a lot to students as we use it the most
 - 3. Concerns with reliability of transit
 - 4. Transit timing in app vs actual schedule

6. New Business

- a. BRT/LINK

7. Questions, Comments, Announcements

- a. What is BRT/LINK all about?
 - i. A transit system to enhance accessibility, frequency, and efficiency to move people faster around the city
 - 1. Feeder (secondary) routes will be modify to feeder LINK
 - a. Starts later 2025-26, and will be rollout in 2027
 - ii. More details can be found [here](#).

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 PM.