

**Agenda**  
**University Students' Council**  
**January 16, 2025 – 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. Dr. Julian Demkiw - University Secretary
- 6. Business**
  - 6.1. Presidential Search Consultation
  - 6.2. Motion for Appointment to the Academic Relations Committee
- 7. Minutes and Reports for Information**
  - 7.1. USC Minutes – January 9, 2025
  - 7.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – January 14, 2025
  - 7.3. Academic Relations Committee Minutes and Report – January 13, 2025
  - 7.4. Campus Group Committee Minutes and Report – January 13, 2025
  - 7.5. Governance Committee Minutes – November 6, 2024; December 4th 2024
- 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. New Business**
- 10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

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

**Present:**

- **Elisabeth Bauman** (she/her), VP Academic Affairs
- **Jordie Finnie** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Eliaking Cabrera** (he/him), Nursing
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More
- **Nisarg Chaudhary** (he/him), International Students
- **Karlin Frykas** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Joel Bilyk** (he/him), WCVM
- **Shayan Ahmed** (he/him), Kinesiology
- **Selim Bytyqi** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Taihre Lafond** (he/him), Indigenous Students
- **Zachary Cey** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Melissa Fielding** (she/her), Education
- **Paras Sidhu** (he/him), Law
- **Kyungsoo Ryu** (she/her), Edwards
- **Moses Ahiabu** (he/him), VP Operations and Finance
- **Krunal Chavda** (he/him), President
- **Eileen Lennie-Koshman** (she/her), Indigenous Students
- **Ritu Patel** (she/her), Edwards
- **Chang Ge** (he/him), Dentistry

**Also Present:**

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

**Absent:**

- **Upkar Singh** (he/him), VP Student Affairs
- **Queen Tayab** (she/her), Nursing
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students
- **Meet Patel** (he/him), Medicine
- **Yusup Guldadov** (he/him), Engineering
- **Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez** (he/him), Arts and Science

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 amendment to the agenda: removing item 6.6, "Governance Committee Report" from November 6, 2024.

Motion to remove item 6.6, "Governance Committee Report" from November 6, 2024, from the agenda.

<b>USCMOTION062</b>	<b>President Chavda / VP Bauman</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

<b>USCMOTION063</b>	<b>Councillor Finnie / Councillor Jacob</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**5. Council Address**

There was no council address at this meeting.

**6. Minutes and Reports for Information**

**6.1. USC Minutes – November 21, 2024; December 5, 2024**

Move to enter the USC minutes from November 21, 2024, and December 5, 2024, into the official record.

<b>USCMOTION064</b>	<b>Councillor Bytyqi / Councillor Finnie</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**6.2. Executive Committee Minutes and Report – December 2, 2024; December 13, 2024; January 7, 2025**

President Chavda highlighted the following:

- The USSU met with USask administration regarding the tuition consultation survey. The USSU's budget recommendations aligned with survey responses.
- USask board of governors meeting.

- A meeting regarding USask’s new merch policy.
- A meeting about how USask will implement AI.
- He is working on the letters that were proposed and carried at the USSU AGM. Drafts will be shared with the USC soon.
- The USSU is working on the wage report that was proposed and carried at the USSU AGM.
- The executives are working on the USSU executive scholarship.

Councillor Bytyqi asked what the results of the meeting with USask VP Hamelin were regarding renaming the Place Riel North Concourse after Chancellor McCreath.

- President Chavda shared that USask will not be moving forward with the proposed change to the North Concourse and has identified a different location to rename instead.

Councillor Finnie asked what location will be renamed instead of the North Concourse.

- President Chavda explained that this information is still confidential, but he confirmed the location will not be a USSU facility.

Councillor Frykas asked if President Chavda’s meeting about USask’s new merch policy was about the same issues that he had discussed with the USC previously.

- President Chavda answered yes.

Move to enter the Executive Committee minutes from December 2, 2024; December 13, 2024; and January 7, 2025, into the official record.

<b>USCMOTION065</b>	<b>VP Bauman / President Chavda</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**6.3. Academic Relations Committee Minutes – December 3, 2024**

VP Bauman shared that dates have been selected for the USSU Undergraduate Symposium and Excellence Awards ceremony.

Move to enter the Academic Relations Committee minutes from December 3, 2024, into the official record.

<b>USCMOTION066</b>	<b>VP Bauman / Councillor Jacob</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**6.4. Campus Group Committee Report & Minutes – November 28, 2024; December 5, 2024**

VP Ahiabu shared that the CGC discussed making changes to the grant policy to increase clarity of the criteria for EDI grants. VP Ahiabu is also working on a program called “Campus Group GPT,” an AI program that will be able to answer questions about procedures related to campus groups.

Move to enter the Campus Group Committee minutes from November 28, 2024, and December 5, 2024, into the official record.

<b>USCMOTION067</b>	<b>VP Ahiabu / Councillor Cey</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**6.5. Finance Committee Report & Minutes – December 10, 2024**

VP Ahiabu shared that the committee is responsible for reviewing USSU fees and the budget for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Move to enter the Finance Committee minutes from December 10, 2024, into the official record.

<b>USCMOTION068</b>	<b>VP Ahiabu / Councillor Ryu</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**6.6. Governance Committee Minutes – November 6, 2024**

President Chavda shared that the Governance Committee reviewed procedures and proposed bylaw amendments ahead of the AGM.

**6.7. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Report & Minutes – December 3, 2024**

VP Ahiabu shared that the USSU seeks to work with the City of Saskatoon in these areas: housing affordability, student safety, and consultation on Link (bus rapid transit).

Chairperson Rafid-Hamed asked when Link will be in operation.

- VP Ahiabu answered that Link will be in operation by 2027.

Move to enter the Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee minutes from December 3, 2024, into the official record.

<b>USCMOTION069</b>	<b>VP Ahiabu / Councillor Frykas</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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**7. College/Constituency Report**

**7.1. Agriculture and Bioresources**

Councillor Frykas reported the following:

- Their annual graduation banquet is set for January 18.
- The AgBio challenge, where students attempt to solve a problem in the industry, will be held on January 25.
- They had a pancake breakfast this morning for their graduates.

**7.2. Arts and Science**

Councillor Bytyqi reported the following:

- They are focused on the ASSU Gala, which will be held on Friday, January 17, at 8 PM in Louis'.
- There are students who have expressed dissatisfaction with the USSU for not informing student-at-large applicants that they were not appointed to a committee.
  - President Chavda explained that informing all applicants would be a significant administrative task. Furthermore,

applicants who were not initially appointed may be called upon if a seat on a committee becomes available.

- Chairperson Rafid-Hamed suggested that in the future the USSU simply includes a line in the application saying that only successful applicants will be contacted.
- At the last USC meeting, Councillor Bytyqi informed Council about a policy change the College of Arts and Science is making: requiring students to declare a major prior to the start of their second year; he believes the student response to this change is mixed. The ASSU claims to lack the capacity to conduct a survey, so they would like the USSU's assistance to conduct a survey about students' feelings about the policy change.
  - President Chavda recommended the ASSU first discuss the logistics of the survey with the College before the USSU steps in.

### **7.3. Dentistry**

No Councillor present.

### **7.4. Education**

Councillor Fielding reported the following:

- Their 'Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader' event is tomorrow (January 10).
- Their hockey trip is January 24-26.
- They are hosting a trivia night on February 13.
- Their AGM will be held on March 5.
- They are planning a traffic light night for March 8.

### **7.5. Edwards**

Councillor Ryu reported the following:

- They are hosting a Big Brothers and Sisters event on January 14.
- They are hosting another event on January 15.
- They are hosting a charity coffeehouse and talent show on January 24.

### **7.6. Engineering**

No Councillor present.

### **7.7. Indigenous Students**

Councillor Lafond reported that they host a men's health circle every second Thursday at 4:30 PM in Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre.

Councillor Lennie-Koshman reported that Dallas Pelly has been appointed as Director of the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre.

### **7.8. International Students**

Councillor Chaudhary reported that they are trying to get back on track after the departure of their president.

- 7.9. Kinesiology**  
Councillor Ahmed reported that they are planning a winter formal event for February 1.
- 7.10. Law**  
Councillor Sidhu reported the following:
- They are hosting a malpractice mixer event with Medicine, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine on January 17.
  - There is an MLT labour event upcoming.
- 7.11. Medicine**  
No Councillor present.
- 7.12. Nursing**  
Councillor Cabrera reported the following:
- A Nursing formal event will be held on January 25.
  - The SNSA's anti-racism committee is looking to establish a Canadian Black nursing alliance.
- 7.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition**  
No Councillor present.
- 7.14. St. Thomas More**  
Councillor Jacob reported the following:
- They implemented a program in STM's Shannon Library that provides students with supplies for exams.
  - She has been made aware of a concern regarding lecture halls not being accommodating for plus-sized students. The student feels that the solution proposed by AES was inadequate.
    - President Chavda encouraged students facing a situation like this to contact him so he can amplify their concerns.
    - VP Bauman shared that USask has a classroom renewal committee that is able to review up to five classrooms per year, and accessibility is a concern for it.
    - Councillor Lennie-Koshman shared her experience with inadequate accommodations.
- 7.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine**  
Councillor Bilyk reported the following:
- They are hosting a symposium next week with different veterinary medicine colleges from across Canada.
  - They are hosting a malpractice mixer event with Medicine, Dentistry, and Law on January 17.
  - Their winter formal is scheduled for January 17 but may get rescheduled.
- 8. Business**
- 8.1. USC Committee Elections**  
President Chavda shared that there are vacancies on the Campus Group Committee and the Academic Relations Committee open to MSCs. VP

Bauman added that an MSC who is seeking to join the Academic Relations Committee should be available for meetings on Mondays from 4:30-5:30 PM and to help with the Symposium on February 26.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if a Councillor who sits on the Academic Relations Committee is able to participate in the Symposium.

- VP Bauman answered that they can participate but not win.

President Chavda opened the floor for nominations.

Councillor Cey nominated Councillor Lennie-Koshman for the Academic Relations Committee. Councillor Lennie-Koshman accepted the nomination.

There were no nominations for the Campus Group Committee.

## **8.2. Presidential Search Consultation**

President Chavda shared three questions that will be used in the USask presidential search consultation process. He encouraged MSCs to take these questions back to their constituencies and think about what they believe should be priorities for the University under the next President.

## **9. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**

- VP Bauman shared that USask has been working on changes to its academic integrity policies and is looking for students to consult. Several MSCs expressed interest in participating in the consultation.
- President Chavda announced the following regarding the USSU's Winter Welcome events:
  - The Taylor Swift Karaoke Night will be moved to January 14.
  - Ice skating is tentatively scheduled for January 21 at 6 PM.
  - The Winter Whiteout Ball is on January 24.
- Councillor Sidhu announced that the malpractice mixer costs \$11.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.





## Executive Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2025

### 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 1:14 PM and stated the land acknowledgment.

### 2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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VP Ahiabu / VP Bauman - carried.

### 4. Roundtables

#### a. President Chavda

##### i. Meetings

1. Exec meeting
2. Exec/SM
3. Meeting Dr. Cranston x Elisabeth Bauman x Krunal
4. Senator Muggli Meeting Prep
5. Meeting with Senator Muggli x Krunal x Elisabeth
  - a. Discussed concerns of international students
  - b. Discussed student financial aid program
6. Pre Council meeting
7. USC
8. Salome x Krunal x Amanda Mitchell
  - a. Tuition can be paid directly via online payment
  - b. Consider to check whether the student is registered or not



**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

1. Tabling Arts tunnel - welcome week x 3
2. USC agenda
3. Scavenger Hunt Planning
4. Movie Night Planning

**iii. Events**

1. Scavenger Hunt
2. Movie Night

**iv. Other**

**b. VP Ahiabu**

**i. Meetings**

1. Executives Meeting
2. Exec/SM Meeting
3. GSA & USSU FRC Submission Discussion
  - a. Proposal must be submitted for new and incremental fees
  - b. We will need to send an email to the Fee Review Committee (feecommittee@usask.ca) if we decide to keep a fee constant.
4. Pre Council meeting
5. University Students' Council (USC) Meeting

**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

1. Welcome Week Tabling: Arts Tunnel
2. Campus Groups Week (CGW)
3. Ratification
4. Funding
5. Insurance

**iii. Events**

1. Scavenger Hunt

**iv. Other**

**c. VP Bauman**

**i. Meetings**

1. Exec meeting
2. Exec/SM
3. Beau from Student Outreach
4. Dr. Cranston + President Chavda
5. Academic Programs Committee
6. Raegan Villeneuve from library
  - a. Academic Awareness Week collaboration.
7. Senator Muggli + President Chavda
8. Mandy Fehr + Brock Neufeldt, Symposium Planning
9. Pre-Council Meeting



10. University Students' Council Meeting

11. Jordan Hartshorn

12. Student Case Meetings (6)

**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

1. Academic Awareness Week

2. Symposium Planning

3. Tabling for Welcome Week

**iii. Events**

1. Welcome Week Movie Night

**iv. Other**

**d. VP Singh – Out of Office**

**i. Meetings**

**ii. Projects/Initiatives**

**iii. Events**

**iv. Other**

**5. New Business**


**a.** Letters - Please check them

**b.** Budget and Fees

i. There are a series of upcoming meetings to review the budget. Each executive member should review their own portfolios and what they will need for their budgets.

ii. USSU fees will be reviewed soon. The USSU will need to review Studentcare services to determine the fees.

**c.** SAL Selection for FAC

i.  USC Committee Description

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:38 PM.

# Academic Relations Committee

January 13, 2025

## Attendance:

- Present: VP Bauman, SAL Emily, SM Kovitch, AGA Neufeldt
- Absent: Councillor Jacob, Councillor R. Patel
- **Quorum: not met**

## Agenda:

- Academic Awareness Week
  - Next week: January 20-24th
  - Tabling in the North Concourse, 21st, 23, 24th (morning?)
  - Videos: Library resources
    - New video topics?
    - Scholarships and bursaries?
    - Where to find information, how to?
  - Ask me Anything: Thursday + Friday
- Teaching Excellence Awards?
  - Nomination forms open soon
  - Need help as a committee to survey classroom
  - Awards Ceremony March 22: 10 am - 3 pm
- Symposium Planning Document:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EtyhaimMc2ci9PemptyR8H8XvZ-jq176fOnGQaZKbS\\_k/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EtyhaimMc2ci9PemptyR8H8XvZ-jq176fOnGQaZKbS_k/edit?usp=sharing)
  - What role do you want to do during the Symposium?
    - Think about what volunteer jobs you would like to do
  - Preparation:
    - 2 “What Is a Symposium” sessions: 1 online, 1 in person
    - 1 poster/presentation workshop with the library
    - Canvas Course: students upload
      - Volunteer interested in being a “TA” in the course and help supervise student submissions
    - Help review data (?)
  - Symposium Award Ceremony: Tuesday March 4th
    - Check people in, hand out awards, directions, etc.
- AES Concerns:
  - AES staff are becoming less and less supportive and more dismissive when you bring a concern forward.
  - Have to do a lot of self-advocacy
  - When looking for help: “you should know how to speak to a professor.”

- How CAN AES help us? Verify disability
- Concerns this year she has to navigate on her own
- Do not understand what AES
- Bring in VP Singh, next week, have a discussion
- Some instructors give students incorrect information about how AES supports students. Need to push out correct information. A lot of student advocacy is correcting what instructors say. Do not know how to articulate all those pieces
- Advocacy Points:
  - VP Upkar Singh
  - Collaboration with Student Outreach
  - Collect Information
  - PEC?
- Committee members:
  - Bring concerns
  - Bring ideas or solutions
- Susan Bens, Academic Integrity Policy Feedback:
  - Thoughts on Tuesday evenings for a one-time meeting?
    - 1 time thing, could make space. Generally speaking, try to keep campus activity before 6 pm
    - 1 time thing, could make a Tuesday evening work once
- Assignments due after classes end, what is this?
  - Papers due finals, finishing assignments due during finals
- Next Meetings:
  - Monday Jan 20th
  - Monday, February 3rd
  - Tentatively cancel Monday the 27th ACR meeting, and meet on Tuesday instead with Dr. Susan Bens.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm

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**Campus Group Committee Meeting  
Minutes for January 13, 2025 – 12 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 12:10 PM.

**2. Quorum**

Quorum was present.

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

[CGC 2024.12.05](#)

Councilor Cey / SAL Abdi

Carried

**4. Introductions**

a. Recap of Christmas break

- i. We started with introductions and shared highlights from our Christmas break, including time with loved ones, travel, and traditions, creating a warm and engaging atmosphere.

**5. Business**

a. Ratification

- i. N/A

b. Funding

Motion to grant **“Formula 1 Club”** \$450 (\$350 cash & \$100 XL Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“F1 Season Kick off Event”** on January 18, 2025.

<b>CGMOTION029</b>	<b>Councilor Cey / SAL Abdi</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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Motion to grant “**South Indian Students Association (SISA)**” \$380 (\$80 cash & \$300 XL Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, “**Tags of Joy: Giving through Culture**” from January 14 to January 17, 2025.

<b>CGMOTION030</b>	<b>VP Ahiabu / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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Motion to grant “**Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter**” \$781.30 (\$281.30 cash & \$500 Louis Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, “**Winter Social**” from January 18 to January 19, 2025.

<b>CGMOTION031</b>	<b>SAL Abdi / Councilor Cey</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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Motion to grant “**Agriculture Students’ Association**” \$500 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, “**AgBio Graduation Banquet**” from January 18 to January 19, 2025.

<b>CGMOTION032</b>	<b>VP Ahiabu / SAL Patel</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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Motion to grant “**UNICEF Usask**” \$750 Louis Credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, “**331**” on January 10, 2025.

<b>CGMOTION033</b>	<b>Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / Councilor Cey</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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Motion to grant “**Usask Photography Association**” \$300 (\$100 cash & \$200 XL Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, “**Campus Group Week**” on January 16, 2025.

<b>CGMOTION034</b>	<b>SAL Abdi / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez</b>	<b>Carried</b>
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## **6. New Business**

### **a. CGW**

- i. Committee members provided their availabilities for tabling in the Arts Tunnel

## **7. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 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



## Governance Committee Meeting

**Minutes for December 04, 2024**

**Present:** Krunal Chavda, Zachary Cey, Melissa Fielding, Jason V

**Regrets:** Selim Bytyqi, Nidhi Prajapati

**Absent:**

1. Call to order - 2:44 pm
2. Quorum - present
3. Approval of last meeting minutes -
  - ☰ Governance Committee Meeting - 2024.11.06Councillor Zachary Cey, Councillor Melissa Fielding
4. Annual General Meeting - Proposed Amendments and Bylaws  
<https://ussu.ca/agm/>
5. Discussions

### **Executive Policies**

- The Executive Protocol Policy and Executive Sponsorship Policy will be reviewed for potential updates.
- A streamlined approval process for policies will be discussed.

### **Scholarships Policy**

- Current metrics: diversity, financial need, community service, extracurricular activities, and leadership.
- Proposed changes:
  - Payments will be redirected directly to recipients' tuition accounts to ensure appropriate use.
  - One \$2,000 scholarship will be replaced with four \$1,000 scholarships to support more students.
- Discussions will be held with the university to finalize logistics.



## **Free Speech Policy**

- The committee will determine the relevance of the policy, given its coverage under the **Charter of Rights and Freedoms**.
- The policy, originally created for compliance with external ranking systems, will be reviewed.

## **Executive Transition and Compensation**

- Recent changes to ensure smooth transitions between outgoing and incoming executives will be reviewed.
- The elimination of "double-dip" compensation for outgoing executives during transitions will be further evaluated.

## **Election Policies**

- Updates to campaigning rules, specifically regarding activities in university libraries, will be proposed.

## **Student Senate Elections**

- The process for electing students to fill Senate positions will be reviewed.
- A plan will be made for council members to fill vacant positions as needed.

## **Communications and Investment Policies**

- The privacy and investment policies will be reviewed to ensure compliance with external audit requirements (e.g., KPMG).

## **USSU Plan 2030**

- Comparisons with policies of other university student unions will be initiated to identify areas for improvement.
- Efforts will focus on tailoring policies to fit the unique demographics and needs of the university.



## **6. Action Items:**

1. Follow up with the university to finalize logistics for scholarship payments to tuition accounts.
2. Update election policies to address specific concerns related to campaigning.
3. Begin drafting comparisons for the **USSU Plan 2030** against other student union policies.

## **7. Adjournment - 3:04**