

Agenda
University Students' Council
February 13, 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. Jason Kovitch - Businesses and Services Senior Manager - USSU
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1. USC Minutes – February 6, 2025
 - 6.2. Campus Group Committee Minutes & Report – February 10, 2025
 - 6.3. Governance Committee Minutes & Report – February 5, 2025
 - 6.4. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Minutes & Report – February 10, 2025
- 7. College/Constituency Report**
 - 7.1. Agriculture and Bioresources
 - 7.2. Arts and Science
 - 7.3. Dentistry
 - 7.4. Education
 - 7.5. Edwards School of Business
 - 7.6. Engineering
 - 7.7. Indigenous Students
 - 7.8. International Students
 - 7.9. Kinesiology
 - 7.10. Law
 - 7.11. Medicine
 - 7.12. Nursing
 - 7.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition
 - 7.14. St. Thomas More
 - 7.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- 8. Business**
 - 8.1. Vote on Removal of Non-Compliant MSC
 - 8.2. Election Governance Policy
 - 8.3. USSU Excellence Awards
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

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

Present:

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

Also Present:

- **Jason Ventnor** (he/him), Communications & Marketing Manager

Absent:

- **Zoher Rafid-Hamed** (he/him), USC Chairperson
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More
- **Taihre Lafond** (he/him), Indigenous Students
- **Yusup Guldadov** (he/him), Engineering
- **Joel Bilyk** (he/him), WCVM
- **Ritu Patel** (she/her), Edwards
- **Meet Patel** (he/him), Medicine
- **Eliaking Cabrera** (he/him), Nursing
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students

Guests:

- **Dr. Jerome Cranston** (he/him), Vice-Provost Students and Learning

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Acting Chairperson (VP Bauman) 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

VP Bauman proposed an amendment to the agenda: add item 8.2, "Elections Committee Election."

Motion to accept the proposed amendment.

USCMOTION096	VP Ahiabu / VP Singh	Carried
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Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

USCMOTION097	VP Ahiabu / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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5. Council Address

Motion to enter informality.

USCMOTION098	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Bytyqi	Carried
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5.1. Dr. Jerome Cranston

Dr. Cranston provided an overview of his portfolio. Units under his purview include AES, Career Services, ISSAC, Student Affairs and Outreach, Student Wellness Centre, Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre, and TLSE Service Team.

Councillor Bytyqi asked what the relationship is between AES and residency & internships.

- Dr. Cranston explained that certain professional colleges (such as Dentistry) require students to possess a level of dexterity, but AES can work with these colleges to make appropriate academic accommodations.

Councillor Bytyqi asked for examples of ways in which AES might work with colleges.

- Dr. Cranston said that AES can help with academic accommodations, such as allowing more time for exams. Some clinical accommodations may be made, such as obtaining unique equipment that a student might need.

Councillor Ge asked what mitigating measures can be implemented to help students.

- Dr. Cranston explained that it is ultimately up to the professor and a doctor to determine what accommodations are appropriate. However, some examples might include assisting with learning strategies and providing access to medication.

President Chavda asked what is being done about the high demands at Student Central.

- Dr. Cranston explained that he is looking to redesign Student Central so that it is more spacious. Also, he is looking to implement an ICT booking appointment system. He is willing to meet with USSU Executive to get their feedback.

Councillor Lennie-Koshman asked if there are plans to expand AES to speed up its services.

- Dr. Cranston answered that he is looking to implement technological solutions and update the fee structure. Currently, the fee that covers the cost of AES also covers the cost of Student Wellness Centre and Student Affairs and Outreach.

Motion to return to formality.

USCMOTION099	Councillor Bytyqi / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – January 30, 2025

Move to enter the USC minutes from January 30, 2025, into the official record as presented.

USCMOTION100	VP Ahiabu / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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6.2. Executive Committee Minutes & Report – February 4, 2025

President Chavda reported the key items included in the February 4, 2025, Executive Committee minutes, including creating a joint fund with USFA for events.

Move to enter the Executive Committee minutes from January 28, 2025, into the official record.

USCMOTION101	VP Singh / President Chavda	Carried
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6.3. Academic Relations Committee Minutes & Report – February 3, 2025

VP Bauman reported the highlights from the February 3, 2025, Academic Relations Committee minutes, including potential changes to the USSU's Excellence Awards.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if the registration deadline for the USSU Undergraduate Symposium had been extended.

- VP Bauman answered yes.

Councillor Finnie asked when surveying for the Winter Term Teaching Excellence Awards will begin.

- VP Bauman answered that surveying will begin next week.

Move to enter the Academic Relations Committee minutes from February 3, 2025, into the official record.

USCMOTION102	Councillor Lennie-Koshman / Councillor Bytyqi	Carried
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6.4. Campus Group Committee Minutes & Report – February 3, 2025

VP Ahiabu reported the highlights from the February 3, 2025, Campus Groups Committee meeting.

Councillor Chaudhary asked what criteria determine whether a funding request is approved or denied.

- VP Ahiabu answered that the request must be of value to students.

Move to enter the Campus Group Committee minutes from February 3, 2025, into the official record.

USCMOTION103	Councillor Tellez-Hernandez / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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7. College/Constituency Report

7.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Frykas reported the following:

- On February 12, they are holding an exec auction fundraiser.
- They are holding their AGM on March 14. Executive elections will be held the following week.

7.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Bytyqi reported the following:

- The Arts and Science Gala raised \$3000 for the ASSU Scholarship. Applications are now open for the scholarship.

7.3. Dentistry

Councillor Ge reported that the National Dental Board exam is in March.

7.4. Education

Councillor Fielding reported the following:

- Their trivia & board game night is on February 13 from 6-10 PM.
- Their executive elections will be held after reading week.
- Their traffic light night event is on March 1.
- The next steps conference has been cancelled.
- Their AGM will be held on March 5.

7.5. Edwards

Councillor Ryu reported the following:

- Their merch sale is closing soon.
- Edwards MSC candidate applications are now open.
- They are having a bake sale next Thursday.

7.6. Engineering

No Councillor present.

7.7. Indigenous Students

Councillor Lennie-Koshman reported the following:

- They are starting beading circles, and the first one will be on February 13 from 10 AM to 4 PM in the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre.
- They are planning a murder mystery event.
- Other upcoming events include study buddy and tea with ISU an member.

7.8. International Students

Councillor Chaudhary reported that they are hosting a movie night in the ISSAC lounge on February 15.

7.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Ahmed reported that the Kinesiology Winter Formal went well.

7.10. Law

Councillor Sidhu reported that they have a formal event upcoming in February.

7.11. Medicine

No Councillor present.

7.12. Nursing

No Councillor present.

7.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

No Councillor present.

7.14. St. Thomas More

No Councillor present.

7.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

No Councillor present.

8. Business

8.1. Scholarship and Awards Committee

President Chavda shared that he would like to create an ad hoc committee, the Scholarship and Awards Committee, that will meet in the fall to select recipients of the USSU Executive Scholarship and meet in the winter to select winners for the Excellence Awards. The composition of this committee will be the President as chair, one Vice-President, and three Councillors.

Councillor Bytyqi asked how frequently the committee will meet.

- President Chavda answered that the committee will meet after February 17.

Councillor Lennie-Koshman asked what the time commitment is.

- President Chavda answered that meetings will be one or two hours long.

Motion to create an ad hoc Scholarship and Awards Committee for the 2024-2025 academic year.

USCMOTION104	Councillor Cey / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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VP Bauman called for nominations for the Scholarships and Awards Committee.

- Councillor Bytyqi nominated himself.
- Councillor Lennie-Koshman nominated herself.
- Councillor Finnie nominated himself.
- President Chavda nominated Councillor Cey, but Councillor Cey declined.

Motion to appoint Councillor Bytyqi, Councillor Lennie-Koshman, and Councillor Finnie to the Scholarships and Awards Committee.

USCMOTION105	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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8.2. Elections Committee Election

VP Bauman explained that there is a vacancy on the Elections Committee that needs to be filled.

SM Ventnor shared that the Elections Committee will meet on March 6 at 4:30 PM and again on March 27 to ratify the election results. In between these meetings, members of this committee will correspond via email.

Councillor Bytyqi asked if an SAL on this committee can run as MSC.

- SM Ventnor answered yes, because it is the college societies, not the USSU, who conduct MSC elections.

VP Bauman called for nominations for the Elections Committee.

- Councillor Finnie nominated Councillor Cey.

Motion to appoint Councillor Cey to the Elections Committee.

USCMOTION106	VP Singh / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

- Councillor Fielding asked if any college societies are able to donate prizes for a raffle at the Winter Whiteout Ball. If they have a prize to donate, they should let her know by noon tomorrow.
- Councillor Finnie asked if anything will be done about the MSCs who have been absent from most meetings.
 - President Chavda answered yes, non-compliant MSCs will face a vote of removal at the next USC meeting.
- Councillor Bytyqi asked for clarification about what the Winter Whiteout Ball is.
 - VP Singh explained that the Winter Whiteout Ball started is a semi-formal party event but then became Valentine's Day themed. People with tickets to the Huskies women's hockey game earlier that evening will get a free ticket to the Ball.
- President Chavda announced that they are now accepting the USSU Executive Scholarship. There are four scholarships of \$1000 available.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.



**Campus Group Committee Meeting
Minutes for February 10, 2025 – 12 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

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

Also Present: Stefanie Ewen

Regrets: Angi Patel

1. Call to Order

VP Ahiabu called the meeting to order at 12:17 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

[CGC 2025.02.03](#)

Councilor Cey / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez

Carried

4. Introductions

a. N/A

5. Business

a. Ratification

i. Canadian Black Nurses Alliance- Saskatchewan Chapter

Motion to fully ratify Canadian Black Nurses Alliance- Saskatchewan Chapter for the 2024-2025 academic year

CGMOTION058	VP Ahiabu / SAL Abdi	Carried
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b. Funding

Motion to grant **“Queers in Health Sciences (The QHS)”** \$650 (\$150 cash and \$500 Louis’ Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Queers in Health Science Social Mixer Night Extravaganza”** on February 28, 2025.

CGMOTION059	VP Ahiabu / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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Motion to grant **“Pan-African Students Association (PASA)”** \$500 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Radiant Roots Gala”** on February 22, 2025.

CGMOTION060	Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / SAL Abdi	Carried
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Motion to grant **“LLP (Legal Lifters Partnership)”** \$290 XL Credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Valentine’s Caveat Issue”** on February 11, 2025.

CGMOTION061	Councilor Cey / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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Motion to grant **“UNICEF Usask”** \$320 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Flowergrams”** on February 14, 2025.

CGMOTION062	VP Ahiabu / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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Motion to grant **“Neuroscience Students’ Society”** \$500 cash of EDI-Gender funding for their event, **“Women and Girls in STEM”** on February 13, 2025.

CGMOTION063	Councilor Cey / SAL Abdi	Carried
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Motion to **deny** **“Black Student’s Mentorship Association (BSMA)”** \$500 XL Credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Advertisement and Promotion”** on February 10, 2025.

CGMOTION064	Councilor Cey / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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6. New Business

a. Policy Changes

- i. [Grants](#)
- ii. We made some changes to the following sections. Most of these changes will take effect on May 1, 2025.
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 2. 1.4 (New)
 3. 3

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.



Governance Committee Meeting

Minutes for February 5th, 2025

Members:

Voting - Krunal Chavda, Selim Bytyqi, Zachery Cey, Melissa Fielding, , Nidhi Prajapati

Non Voting - Jason Ventnor , Upkar Singh , Moses Ahiabu , Elisabeth Bauman

Present: Krunal Chavda, Selim Bytyqi, Zachery Cey, Melissa Fielding, Nidhi Prajapati

Regrets: Jason Ventnor , Upkar Singh , Moses Ahiabu , Elisabeth Bauman

Absent:

1. Call to order

- a. Time - 4:03 PM

2. Quorum

- a. Quorum was present

3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes Zach/Melissa

GCMOTION05	MSC Cey/ MSC Fielding	Carried
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4. Elections Governance Policy

- a. Discussed allowing executives to attend campaign events
- b. Decided executives should only attend USSU-hosted events to maintain impartiality
- c. Removed clause requiring USC to be informed of all transactions
- d. Policy to be finalized and approved at next council meeting

5. USSU Excellence Awards Policy

- a. Current Policy -
<https://ussu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/ARC-2-USSU-Excellence-Awards-Policy.pdf>
- b. Proposal to split current policy into two: Teaching Excellence Awards and Student Leadership Awards
- c. New Scholarships and Awards Committee to be formed
 - i. Fall term: focus on scholarships
 - ii. Winter term: focus on awards



- d. Committee to ratify center awards, staff spirit awards, and member of student council award
- e. Committee to decide on Walter Murray Leadership Award, Barb Yanko Awards, and Vera Pezer Student Enhancement Award

6. Scholarship Application Process

- a. USSU Executive Scholarships (\$1000 x 4) application deadline: February 17th
- b. Scholarship selection meeting scheduled for February 19th, 4-5 PM
- c. Committee members to receive rubric and applications 2-3 days before meeting
- d. Top scorers to be discussed and debated in the meeting

7. Awards Policy Development

- Need to develop rubrics for each award category
- Tight deadline to have new policy in place by February 10th
- Executives to decide on Member of Student Council Award to avoid conflicts of interest

8. Action Items

- Work on the Excellence Awards Policy

9. Adjournment - 5:00 PM

SLSC Meeting Minutes
10th February, 2025

1. Call to order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 3:43 pm

2. Quorum (Quorum Not Met)

- a. Present: Upkar Singh, Stefanie Ewn, Dana Kwan, Shayan Ahmed, Matt Wolsfed
- b. Regrets: Jordie Finnie, Nahian Mashrafi, Justus Adeleke, Onyeomachi Prince-Oparaku, Tiber Khan, Yusra Farooq

3. Agenda Items

- a. Introductions - Names, pronouns and portfolios
- b. The Committee and its roles and duties

1.	Committee Name	Student Life and Sustainability Committee
	Structure	The Student Life and Sustainability Committee is composed of (a) the Vice-President (Student Affairs) as chair; (b) three Councillors elected by Council; and (c) four students-at-large appointed by the Executive Committee; (d) the USSU Facilities Manager as a non-voting member; (e) a Member of the Office of Sustainability as a non-voting member.
	Goals	The Student Life and Sustainability Committee shall: (a) focus on creating environmentally sustainable goals, events, actions, and initiatives within the USSU; (b) applications for the sustainability grant (c) organize and plan events to enhance USSU outreach and build a connection with the students and the community based on needs that address these topics but not limited to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous Student - International Students - EDI - Anti Racism and Anti-Oppression - Student events - Sustainability week - Accessibility Week

c. Sustainability

- 1) [Sustainability Policy](#)

SLSC Meeting Minutes
10th February, 2025

- 2) Sustainability Office Add-on -
- 3) [Sustainability Grant](#) - \$10000

Fund Breakdown:

- Contribution from USSU: \$2500
- Contribution from Office of Sustainability: \$2500
- Contribution from the President's Office: \$5000

As remaining funds get carried over year after year so there was no need for funds from the Office of Sustainability for this year.

- d. Sustainability Grant Request - ENVS 401 (Request for **\$3000**)
 - This is a Capstone Course for Undergraduate Sustainability Certificate.
 - We would require a presentation from the group regarding their initiative as the fund request surpasses the \$500 mark.
- e. Upcoming events
The Office of Sustainability is celebrating SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) Week the first week of March. A variety of events will take place to celebrate and spread awareness of SDG Week including:
 - EcoHack
 - March 1st at Collider Saskatoon from 8:30am-4:30pm
 - Looking for support in marketing the event
 - See graphic attached
 - Registration link --> <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/ecohack2025>
 - **Most important**
 - ARTCylced
 - Partnering with an upper-level sculpture class to develop an assemblage using found-materials for their first assignment
 - Sculptures will be displayed in North Concourse from March 3rd-6th ending with a formal art exhibit
 - Paint & Plant
 - Date TBD
 - Sponsoring CHEP Coupons for the Fresh Food Market
 - Looking for connection to determine ideal coupon amounts, and distribution strategy
 - Greening Move Out
 - Looking for connection to residence
- f. Next Meeting dates and poll.

4. New Business

- a. Promotion of the Sustainability Grant

5. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 pm