

Agenda
University Students' Council
March 6, 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. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 5.1. USC Minutes – February 27, 2025
 - 5.2. Executive Committee Minutes & Report – March 4, 2025
 - 5.3. Campus Group Committee Minutes & Report – March 3, 2025
 - 5.4. Governance Committee Minutes & Report – February 12, 2025;
February 26, 2025
- 6. College/Constituency Report**
 - 6.1. Agriculture and Bioresources
 - 6.2. Arts and Science
 - 6.3. Dentistry
 - 6.4. Education
 - 6.5. Edwards School of Business
 - 6.6. Engineering
 - 6.7. Indigenous Students
 - 6.8. International Students
 - 6.9. Kinesiology
 - 6.10. Law
 - 6.11. Medicine
 - 6.12. Nursing
 - 6.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition
 - 6.14. St. Thomas More
 - 6.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine
- 7. Business**
 - 7.1. Infrastructure Policy
 - 7.2. Experience in Excellence Awards
 - 7.3. USSU Budget Attendance Expectations
 - 7.4. USSU Elections
- 8. New Business**
- 9. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
- 10. Adjournment**

**University Students' Council Minutes
February 27, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present:

- **Njemile Wickham**, Nursing
- **Elisabeth Bauman** (she/her), VP Academic Affairs
- **Eliaking Cabrera** (he/him), Nursing
- **Krunal Chavda** (he/him), President
- **Upkar Singh** (he/him), VP Student Affairs
- **Zachary Cey** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Nisarg Chaudhary** (he/him), International Students
- **Selim Bytyqi** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Norah Jacob** (she/her), St. Thomas More
- **Kyungsoo Ryu** (she/her), Edwards
- **Guillermo Tellez-Hernandez** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Shayan Ahmed** (he/him), Kinesiology
- **Joel Bilyk** (he/him), WCVM
- **Chang Ge** (he/him), Dentistry
- **Jordie Finnie** (he/him), Arts and Science
- **Moses Ahiabu** (he/him), VP Operations and Finance
- **Paras Sidhu** (he/him), Law

Also Present:

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

Absent:

- **Ritu Patel** (she/her), Edwards
- **Taihre Lafond** (he/him), Indigenous Students
- **Nahian Mashrafi** (he/him), International Students
- **Karlin Frykas** (he/him), Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Melissa Fielding** (she/her), Education
- **Eileen Lennie-Koshman** (she/her), Indigenous Students
- **Meet Patel** (he/him), Medicine

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **Land Acknowledgement**
Chairperson Rafid-Hamed stated the land acknowledgment.
3. **Roll Call & Quorum**
Roll call was completed, and the list of attendees is listed on the first page of these minutes. Quorum was present.
4. **Adoption of an Agenda**
No amendments were made to the agenda.

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

USCMOTION0114	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Cey	Carried
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5. Minutes and Reports for Information

5.1. USC Minutes – February 13, 2025

President Chavda proposed an amendment to item 7.4: change “bake sale” to “food sale.”

Move to accept the amendment to item 7.4

USCMOTION115	President Chavda / Councillor Jacob	Carried
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Councillor Jacob proposed an amendment to item 7.14: change “February 22” to “February 27.”

Move to accept the amendment to item 7.14.

USCMOTION116	Councillor Jacob / Councillor Bytyqi	Carried
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Move to enter the USC minutes from February 13, 2025, as amended into the official record.

USCMOTION117	President Chavda / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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5.2. Executive Committee Minutes & Report – February 13, 2025

President Chavda reported the key items included in the February 13, 2025, Executive Committee minutes, including a plan to work with the University to set up a legal assistance service.

Councillor Chaudhary asked if the legal service will be free of charge.

- President Chavda answered yes.

Councillor Bytyqi asked what the plan is to incentivize Law students to operate the legal service

- President Chavda answered that the plan is still in the early stages, so those details are not determined yet.

Councillor Ge asked how booking appointments will work for the legal service.

- President Chavda answered that the plan is still in the early stages, so those details are not determined yet.

Move to enter the Executive Committee minutes from February 13, 2025, into the official record.

USCMOTION118	President Chavda / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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5.3. Academic Relations Committee Minutes & Report – February 24, 2025

VP Bauman reported the key items included in the February 24, 2025, Academic Relations Committee minutes, including AES concerns.

Move to enter the Academic Relations Committee minutes from February 24, 2025, into the official record.

USCMOTION119	Councillor Jacob / Councillor Chaudhary	Carried
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5.4. Campus Group Committee Minutes & Report – February 24, 2025

VP Ahiabu reported the key items included in the February 24, 2025, Campus Group Committee minutes.

Move to enter the Campus Group Committee minutes from February 24, 2025, into the official record.

USCMOTION120	Councillor Tellez-Hernandez / Councillor Cey	Carried
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5.5. Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee Minutes & Report – February 25, 2025

VP Ahiabu reported the highlights from the February 25, 2025, Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee meeting, including information about Link bus rapid transit.

Move to enter the Student and City of Saskatoon Connection Committee minutes from February 25, 2025, into the official record.

USCMOTION121	Councillor Ryu / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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6. College/Constituency Report

6.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Cey reported the following:

- They had a lunch and learn on Monday with MMP.

6.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Bytyqi reported the following:

- ASSU is planning a sexy bingo event on March 18 at 7 PM in Louis' Loft.
- The ASSU AGM will be held on March 5.

6.3. Dentistry

Councillor Ge reported the following:

- There is an MMI on Saturday, March 8.
- First-year students are going to a hockey game in Manitoba.

6.4. Education

No Councillor present.

6.5. Edwards

Councillor Ryu reported the following:

- They concluded their MSC elections today.
- There are a lot of events happening at Edwards, including a Women's Day Gala next Friday.

6.6. Engineering

No Councillor present.

6.7. Indigenous Students

No Councillor present.

6.8. International Students

Councillor Chaudhary reported the following:

- They hosted a movie night recently.
- Their AGM will be in mid-March.

6.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Ahmed reported the following:

- The KSS annual charity hockey tournament is on March 14.
- They are getting ready to open nominations for the KSS council.
- Their AGM will be held during the week of March 10.

6.10. Law

Councillor Sidhu reported that their winter formal will be held this Saturday.

6.11. Medicine

No Councillor present.

Chairperson Rafid-Hamed shared that there is a health innovation and public policy conference on March 5 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

6.12. Nursing

Councillor Cabrera reported the following:

- The CNSA conference will be held in Saskatoon next year.
- The Canadian Black Nursing Association held its first meeting yesterday.

Councillor Wickham added that the College of Medicine, Student Wellness, and the CBNA founder spoke at the first CBNA meeting.

6.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

No Councillor present.

6.14. St. Thomas More

Councillor Jacob reported that they are currently hosting a dance until 10 PM.

6.15. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Councillor Bilyk reported the following:

- They have a hockey tournament on Saturday.
- There is a week left in their elections.

7. Business

7.1. Excellence Awards Policy

President Chavda shared that the Executive Committee is updating the Excellence Awards policy by separating the Teaching Excellence Awards from the other Excellence Awards; the latter set of awards will be overseen by the Scholarship and Awards Committee. The Student Excellence Award for Equity Enhancement and the Barb Yanko Outstanding Citizenship Award have been combined into one award. A call for nominations will be released on Monday.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

- President Chavda announced that the call for nominations for USSU Executive Committee positions has been released. Anyone interested must attend the orientation meeting on March 3 at 4 PM and the procedures meeting on March 6 at 4:30 PM.
 - Councillor Finnie asked what should someone do if they have another meeting at that time.
 - SM Ventnor said that he can meet with students at another time for an orientation meeting, but all candidates must attend the procedures meeting.
- President Chavda announced that the USSU is hosting a wall climbing event on Monday.
- VP Bauman announced that next week will be the last week of Teaching Excellence Awards survey. She encouraged Councillor to volunteer for surveying.
- VP Ahiabu that USask is currently hosting a Black History Month Gala.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for March 04, 2025

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 1:12 PM and stated the land acknowledgment.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

EXEC 2025.02.25

VP Singh / President Chavda
Carried

4. Roundtables

a. President Chavda

i. Meetings

1. Admin Team
2. Meeting Karim - Research IT coordinator USask
3. Governance Committee - USSU
 - a. Finished election governance policy.
4. Anti Racism Anti-Oppression Symposium Planning
5. Pre-Council
6. USC
7. Sean - CEO Bounce x Krunal
 - a. Discussed student organizations and clubs.



- b. Sean wants to bring Bounce to USask.
 - 8. Budget Review: Facilities
 - 9. Budget Review: Centres
 - 10. Budget Review: IT
 - 11. Budget Review: Student Governance and Grants
 - 12.
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - iii. **Events**
 - 1. February Community Night - Co.Labs
 - 2. Black History Month Gala
 - 3. Parichay 2025 - ISA
 - 4. USSU Undergraduate Symposium
 - iv. **Other**
- b. **VP Ahiabu**
 - i. **Meetings**
 - 1. Execs Meeting
 - 2. SCCC (Student and City Connection Committee) Meeting
 - a. Concern with safety at the proposed centre median bus stop on College Drive.
 - 3. Meeting with potential USSU Executive
 - 4. Admin Team Meeting
 - 5. CG Policy Meeting
 - 6. Pre-Council Meeting
 - 7. USC Meeting
 - 8. USSU 2025-2026 Budget Review
 - a. Facilities
 - b. Centres
 - c. IT
 - d. Student Governance & Grants
 - 9. Black History Planning Committee: Rounding Project Gathering
 - 10. Social Committee Meeting
 - 11. Check in with Jason Ventnor
 - 12. Bi-Weekly Mistatimōk Committee Meeting
 - a. Indigenous awards ceremony on Friday.
 - 13. Campus Group Committee Weekly Meeting
 - a. Funding Presentation: USASK Hip Hop
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - 1. Cheque Requests
 - 2. Ratification (1)
 - 3. Funding
 - 4. Insurance
 - 5. Campus Groups Policy Review with Jason Ventnor



- iii. **Events**
 - 1. Black History Month Gala
- iv. **Other**

c. VP Bauman

i. Meetings

- 1. Exec Meeting
- 2. Symposium Open Office
- 3. Admin Team
- 4. Jae Morgans
- 5. Student Panel Preparation with Dr. Susan Bens
- 6. Students' Council
- 7. TEA Review with Brock
- 8. Surveys (3 or 4?)
- 9. Meeting with a student regarding elections
- 10. Student Case Meeting

ii. Projects/Initiatives

- 1. Undergraduate Symposium
- 2. Teaching Excellence Awards

iii. Events

- 1. Undergraduate Symposium

iv. Other

d. VP Singh

i. Meetings

- 1. Exec Meeting
- 2. Admin Team
- 3. Meeting with a student regarding elections
- 4. Pre-Council Meeting
- 5. University Students' Council
- 6. Budget Review: Facilities
- 7. Budget Review: Centres
- 8. Budget Review: IT
- 9. Budget Review: Student Governance and Grants

ii. Projects/Initiatives

iii. Events

- 1. Undergraduate Symposium
- 2. USSU Wall Climbing Social

iv. Other



5. New Business

a. Scholarships and Awards

- i. Nominations will close Sunday night.
- ii. The Scholarship and Awards Committee will meet on Monday to select award winners.

b. Funding

Motion to grant the following sponsorships to English Undergraduate Society for their Humanities Formal event: \$50 Exec XL, \$400 Exec Louis', and \$150 Exec Cash.

EXECMOTION103	President Chavda / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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- Abstain: VP Bauman

Motion to grant \$500 of Exec Cash sponsorship to Indian Students' Association for their Parichay 2025 event.

EXECMOTION104	VP Ahiabu / VP Bauman	Carried
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- Abstain: President Chavda

c. Global Village 2025

- i. Thursday, March 13, 5 - 9 PM.

d. Executive Transition Documents

- i. Executive transition documents should be completed in the next couple weeks.

e. Saskatchewan Budget

- i. The USSU executives have been invited to attend the Saskatchewan budget presentation on March 19.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM.

**Campus Group Committee Meeting
Minutes for March 3, 2025 – 12 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

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

Also Present: Stefanie Ewen

Regrets: N/A

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 2025.02.24

Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / SAL Patel

Carried

4. Introductions

a. How does everyone feels about the warm-winter weather

5. Business

a. Ratification

i. N/A

b. Funding

Motion to **deny** “Red Cross Usask” \$500 cash of EDI-Gender funding for their event,
“Women’s day fundraiser” from March 6 to March 7, 2025.

CGMOTION085	Councilor Cey / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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Motion to grant **“Philosophy Students Society”** \$385 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Meet-the-Pros Night”** on January 30, 2025.

CGMOTION086	Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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Motion to grant **“Mechanical Engineering Students' Association”** \$338.16 XL Credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Not specific event - used for outreach for multiple events”** on February 28, 2025.

CGMOTION087	VP Ahiabu / Councilor Cey	Carried
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Motion to grant **“USask Pre-Dental Club”** \$350 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Presentation on Oral Hygiene and Dental Care”** on February 27, 2025

CGMOTION088	Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / Councilor Cey	Carried
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Motion to grant **“MIX Print Collective”** \$1,000 (\$500 cash and \$500 XL Credit) of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“MIX Print Sale”** from March 10 to March 14, 2025.

CGMOTION089	VP Ahiabu / SAL Abdi	Carried
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Motion to grant **“Linguistics Student Committee”** \$517 Louis' Credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Humanities Formal”** on March 20, 2025.

CGMOTION090	SAL Abdi / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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Motion to grant **“World University Services of Canada (WUSC): U of S Local Committee”** \$350 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Charity Gala”** from March 4 to March 7, 2025.

CGMOTION091	Councilor Tellez-Hernandez / VP Ahiabu	Carried
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Motion to grant **“World University Services of Canada (WUSC): U of S Local Committee”** \$230 Louis' Credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Charity Gala”** from March 4 to March 7, 2025.

CGMOTION092	SAL Abdi / Councilor Cey	Carried
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Motion to grant **“Write On USask”** \$545 Louis' Credit of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“The Humanities Formal”** on March 20, 2025.

CGMOTION093	VP Ahiabu / Councilor Cey	Carried
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Motion to grant **“Pre-Law Student Society”** \$276.08 cash of projects & initiatives funding for their event, **“Model Court Conference”** from March 7 to March 8, 2025.

CGMOTION094	SAL Abdi / Councilor Tellez-Hernandez	Carried
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Motion to **deny** **“USASK Hip Hop”** \$500 cash of EDI-Indigenous funding for their event, **“USASK Indigenous Connection”** from March 10 to March 14, 2025.

CGMOTION095	SAL Abdi / Councilor Cey	Carried
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6. New Business

- a. EDI Funding Presentation: USASK Hip Hop

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.



Governance Committee Meeting

Minutes for February 12, 2025

Members:

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 - 4:15 PM
2. **Quorum**
 - a. Quorum
3. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Governance Committee - Feb 05, 2025 - MSC Bytyqi/MSC Fielding
4. **Elections Governance Policy**

Motion to approve the USSU Elections Governance Policy

GCMOTION07	MSC Bytyqi/ MSC Cey	Carried
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Motion to recommend to the USC the USSU Elections Governance Policy

GCMOTION08	MSC Cey/ SAL Prajapati	Carried
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5. **Excellence Awards Policy**
 - a. Assigned Rubrics
 - b. Discussed merging of awards.
 - c. Staff Spirit Award: Nominations from staff, selection by executives
 - d. Walter Murray Leadership Award - Rubric to be developed, scholarships and awards committee
 - e. Vera Pezer Award - Volunteerism - Rubric to be developed, selection by Scholarships and Awards Committee
 - f. Campus Group of the Year - To be determined by CG committee
 - g. Potential Awards -
 - i. College society of the year award
 - ii. New Campus Group of the Year Award



- iii. Event of the award
- h. Make nominations public and widespread.

6. Action items

- a. Excellence Awards Rubrics

7. Adjournment - 5:05 PM



Governance Committee Meeting

Minutes for February 26, 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 - 4:19 PM

2. Quorum

a. Quorum was present

3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

a. Governance Committee Meeting - February 12th, 2025 - MSC Bytyqi/MSC Fielding

4. USSU Experience In Excellence Awards

a. Walter Murray Leadership Award

i. The President will handle advertising.

ii. The Scholarships and Awards Committee will review nominations and grant the award, using Rubric 1 of Appendix A.

b. Student Enhancement Student Council Award:

- Executives remain responsible for the award.

c. Volunteerism Award (USSU Center Volunteer):

- Presidential asks the Center coordinators to put forward the names.

- Executives will review and grant the award.

d. Vera Pezer Award - Volunteerism

- The Scholarships and Awards Committee will review names and recommend the winner using provided rubrics.



- e. Campus Group of the Year Award The Vice President of Operations and Finance will issue a call for nominations.
- The Campus Groups Committee will review nominations and select the winner, promoting a more democratic process.
 - If no nominations are received, the Campus Group committee will grant the award to a suitable campus group.

5. Adjournment 5:15 PM



Policy Name:	Student Infrastructure Fee Terms of Reference		
Category:	USC	Policy #	USC-3

1. Preamble

In March of 2003, a referendum was held, which empowered the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) to begin collecting a Student Infrastructure Fee. The purpose of this fee is to ensure that the USSU is able to expand and maintain its facilities in a sustainable manner. In the fall of 2007, the fee was increased to enable construction of new space, contiguous with the current Place Riel Student Centre Building and to renovate the existing building. Students have made a thirty-year commitment to collect an infrastructure fee per student per term to service a debt of 18.3 million dollars for renovation and expansion. However, the USSU's administrative team and the auditors recommend that the fee be permanent in order to provide continual contributions to a building reserve fund.

The funds collected through the Student Infrastructure Fee are to be maintained within a separate trust fund (Student Infrastructure Fund) managed by the USSU on behalf of past, current, and future students. The fund is to be governed by the USSU's financial policies and practices. As per University Students' Council (USC) minutes of October 9, 2008 and as allowed by the Bylaw, the USSU will increase the fee by Saskatoon Consumer Price Index yearly, at the beginning of the fall term.

2. Expenditures

The Student Infrastructure Fee and the Student Infrastructure Fund may only be used for planning and design, capital purchases, renovations, building systems and controls repair and maintenance, and building construction related to USSU facilities.

3. Release of Funds

In normal circumstances and in order to release funds from the Student Infrastructure Fund, a motion must be made to this effect by USC at least one week prior to voting at a regular council meeting, excluding building systems and controls repair and maintenance.

4. Release of Funds for the Capital Projects

Due to the complexities of capital infrastructure projects, permission from University Students' Council to proceed shall be given on a project basis rather than on the basis of each \$1,000.00 expenditure. Thus, for the purposes of capital infrastructure projects, Article 3 is suspended. Capital infrastructure projects will be supervised by the professional staff of the USSU with executive oversight from the VP Operations and Finance. Project progress and budget updates will be reported on to USC at regular, agreed upon intervals.

5. Reserve

Any excess of revenues over expenses will accrue in a reserve fund to be maintained at First Nations Bank of Canada under the terms of reference articulated in the USSU's Investment Policy. This reserve may be used for the following purposes once permission to do so has been obtained, by motion, from USC.

- a. Ongoing Infrastructure Projects to maintain in excellent condition Place Riel and the Memorial Union Building; and,
- b. To pay down the principal on the USSU's mortgage, jointly held by TD Canada Trust and First Nations Bank of Canada, should the terms of the Bankers' Acceptance (ISDA) allow.

6. Amendments of Terms

The authority to amend the terms of reference for the Student Infrastructure Fee is held by the USSU's University Students' Council (USC). In order to amend the terms, a motion must first be endorsed by a majority of the USSU's Finance and Assessment Committee. The motion must then be presented separately to the USC, at least one week prior to voting at a regular council meeting, and passed by a 2/3 majority of all voting members of council.

Contact Information:	Vice President Operations & Finance: (306) 966-6967		
Policy Authority:	University Students' Council		
Approvals	Board/Committee	Date	Motion
Created/Adopted	USC	04/03/2003	USC247
Amended	USC	03/13/2008	USC155
Amended	USC	01/26/2012	USC121
Amended	USC	09/13/2018	USC012