
Agenda
University Students' Council
October 23, 2025 – 5:30 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. JoAnn Murphy - Library Assistant Dean, Learning and Curriculum Support
- 6. Minutes and Reports for Information**
 - 6.1. USC Minutes – October 16, 2025
 - 6.2. Executive Committee Minutes & Report – October 20, 2025
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 - 7.12. Nursing
 - 7.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition
 - 7.14. Prince Albert Campus
 - 7.15. St. Thomas More
 - 7.16. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

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- 8. Business**
 - 8.1. Vote on Additions to Health & Dental Plan
 - 8.2. Appointments to USC Committees
 - 9. New Business**
 - 9.1. Questions for Liz Hoffman - Special Projects Manager, City of Saskatoon
 - 10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements**
 - 11. Adjournment**

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**University Students' Council Minutes
October 16, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present:

- **Emma Wintermute**, President
- **Owen Deis**, VP Operations and Finance
- **Norah Jacob**, VP Academic Affairs
- **Emily Hubick**, VP Student Affairs
- **Quinten Albrecht**, Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Spencer Possberg**, Agriculture and Bioresources
- **Atharv Govardhan**, Arts and Science
- **Avantika Sharma**, Arts and Science
- **Emma Gillingham**, Arts and Science
- **Chang Ge**, Dentistry
- **Melissa Fielding**, Education
- **Sakina Abedi**, Edwards School of Business
- **Logan Matechuk**, Engineering
- **Elmer Vincent**, International Students
- **Max Clark**, Kinesiology
- **Paras Sidhu**, Law
- **Caleb Hammond**, Medicine
- **Hanna De Peel**, Prince Albert Campus
- **Jordie Finnie**, St. Thomas More

Also Present:

- **Ava Johnson**, Chairperson
- **Jason Ventnor**, Communications & Marketing Manager

Absent:

- **Kal Ledoux**, Indigenous Students
- **Johnny Tootosis**, Indigenous Students
- **Mayank Jain**, Nursing
- **Nguyen Tran**, Nursing
- **Joel Bilyk**, WCVI

Guests:

- **Jocelyn Orb**, Student Wellness
- **Ali Versi**, Alumo

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chairperson Johnson stated the  Land Acknowledgement .

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

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

USC035	Councillor Finnie / Councillor Sidhu	Carried
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5. Council Address

5.1. Jocelyn Orb, Student Wellness

The Student Wellness Centre gives students access to a range of health services, including doctors, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, dietitians, massage therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, and psychologists.

Changes among students in the last few years include higher rates of substance use and more financial needs, especially related to the cost of housing and food. To address the latter concern, the SWC has a breakfast program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Councillor Hammond asked what the average wait time for an initial meet & greet is.

- Ms. Orb answered that they do not do meet and greets for most students. An exception might be for a new mental health case.

Councillor Hammond inquired about the triage priority.

- Ms. Orb explained that students at risk of becoming suicidal are prioritized. For a health emergency, students should go to the ER.

Councillor De Peel explained that Prince Albert campus students must opt in to the USSU's health & dental plan. She therefore wondered if PA students are able to access USask wellness services even if they have opted out of the USSU's plan.

- Ms. Orb answered yes, students who have opted out of the USSU's plan can still access services. The PA campus has full-time staff to deliver health services. The only service that SWC charges for is massage.

Councillor De Peel asked if the kids of mature students can use nurse practitioner services.

- Ms. Orb answered that it would depend on what the nurse practitioner was comfortable with.

Councillor Ge asked about lab tests.

- Ms. Orb explained that yes, nurses can do tests based on a standing order from physicians.

Councillor Finnie asked what happens if a student is from another province.

- Ms. Orb answered that the other province is billed.

VP Hubick asked if international students can access services.

- Ms. Orb answered no, the SWC does not provide services to international students.

6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – October 9, 2025

No amendments were made to the minutes.

Move to adopt the USC minutes of October 9, 2025, into the official record.

USC036	Councillor Finnie / VP Deis	Carried
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6.2. Executive Committee Report – October 14, 2025

President Wintermute shared the following highlights from the week:

- Meeting with the Dean of Arts and Science regarding experiential learning.
- Association of Constituency Presidents (AOCP) meeting.
- Meeting with campus legal services. A student legal clinic will open in the winter or spring.
- Meeting regarding the anti-racism anti-oppression symposium on November 17.

VP Deis shared the following highlights from the week:

- Updates to space booking on the USSUHub.
- Working on campus group videos.
- Working on a campus group survey.

VP Jacob shared the following highlights from the week:

- Academic integrity forum.
- Meeting with UBC AMS regarding centralized exam database.
- Meeting with the Governance Office.
- TEA nominations are now open until October 26.

VP Hubick shared the following highlights from the week:

- Centres meeting. Queerapalooza is next week.
- Meeting with the Office of Sustainability.
- The clothing swap went well, so there may be another one in the future.
- Presented to dental hygiene first- and second-year students.

Councillor Fielding asked about the changes made to anti-racism and anti-oppression funding.

- VP Deis explained that the ARAO grant was reduced from \$1500 to \$750. There is a total of only \$2000 for ARAO grants, so lowering the maximum amount granted to a campus group will allow more groups to access funding.

Councillor Fielding asked why the change was made by the Executive Committee rather than the Campus Groups Committee or Governance Committee.

- VP Deis explained that the Executive Committee is the authority for the policy. Additionally, the Campus Groups Committee had yet to meet.

6.3. Advocacy Committee Minutes – October 10, 2025

6.4. Campus Groups Committee – October 10, 2025

6.5. Governance Committee – October 9, 2025

Move to adopt the Executive Committee minutes from October 14, 2025; Advocacy Committee minutes from October 10, 2025; Campus Groups Committee minutes from October 10, 2025; and Governance Committee minutes from October 9, 2025, into the official record.

USC037	VP Jacob / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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7. College/Constituency Report

7.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Possberg reported that they are continuing to sell tickets for Ag Bag Drag, which will be held next Friday.

7.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Gillingham reported the following:

- The ASSU is planning a mystery event for Halloween.
- The Arts & Science Gala will be held on January 16.

7.3. Dentistry

Councillor Ge reported that they are hosting a fall formal event on October 18.

7.4. Education

Councillor Fielding reported the following:

- Their purple party event will be held on Friday, October 17, at 7:00 PM. The event will be at Dino's, and tickets are \$8.
- They will have pumpkin carving in the Education student lounge on October 27 from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. President Wintermute will be one of the judges.

7.5. Edwards

Councillor Abedi reported that they have elected their second MSC.

7.6. Engineering

Councillor Matechuk reported the following:

- Tomorrow, the Mechanical Engineering Students' Association is hosting a haunted hunt event at 6 PM.
- On October 29, there will be an integrity pledge ceremony.

7.7. Indigenous Students

No Councillor present.

7.8. International Students

Councillor Vincent reported the following.

- They are meeting with ISSAC during the first week of November.
- INSA is waiting for approval for its election. If approved, the election will be held next Thursday.

7.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Clark reported that they will have therapy dogs on November 5 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

7.10. Law

Councillor Sidhu reported the following:

- They are hosting their fall formal event on October 18.
- They are planning a Halloween party.

7.11. Medicine

Councillor Hammond had nothing to report.

7.12. Nursing

No Councillor present.

7.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

No Councillor present.

7.14. Prince Albert Campus

Councillor De Peel reported the following:

- There will be a sweat lodge ceremony on Saturday.
- There will be a safety and security expo on Monday.

7.15. St. Thomas More

Councillor Finnie reported the following:

- There will be a fall festival on October 23 and 24 at which there will be pumpkin painting.
- The byelection for their second MSC will be held at the end of month.

7.16. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

No Councillor present.

8. Business

8.1. Discussion Regarding Health & Dental Plan

Mr. Versi shared that the USSU has an opportunity to add service enhancements to its health & dental plan. The new programs to be considered are virtual healthcare and gender affirming care. If approved, these programs will come into effect in January 2026. Before these additions, the health & dental plan fee for the year was \$483 and the plan cost was \$413, leaving a surplus of \$70 per student in the USSU's reserve fund.

Virtual healthcare would be available 24/7 to domestic, out of province, and international students, and usage would be unlimited. However, some diagnoses (such as ADHD) must be done in person and cannot be done virtually.

Gender affirmation care would include both medical care and legal care. For medical care, the program would cover up to \$5000 per procedure and a lifetime total of up to \$50,000. Travel and accommodation expenses of up to \$1000 could be claimed. Legal coverage would be unlimited. Students who would seek coverage for this program would not require a gender dysphoria diagnosis, just gender incongruence.

If these programs are approved, they would be in effect from at least January to August 2026. The additional cost to the health & dental plan for virtual healthcare for this period would be \$27.30 and the additional cost for gender affirmation care would be \$6.13, reducing the surplus to \$13.15.

Councillor Ge asked how students would access the gender affirmation legal assistance.

- Mr. Versi explained that students would go to the website, click on legal assistance, and provide their contact information. Their information would be sent to a law firm, and then the law firm would contact the student.

Councillor Ge inquired about the Empower Me service.

- Mr. Versi explained that Empower Me is a virtual mental health counselling service that USSU members already have access to. Empower Me uses the same app as virtual healthcare.

Councillor Gillingham asked if a student accesses multiple services, will the health providers be in conversation with each other.

- Mr. Versi answered yes.

Councillor Possberg asked why there is such a large surplus in the USSU's health & dental plan.

- Mr. Versi explained that the USSU voted last year to increase the plan fee. USask requires that fee amounts be submitted in January (rather than March or April, the deadline for some other institutions). This means that there are fewer months to analyze

data, making projections less accurate. Also, surplus funds on deposit subsidize the cost.

Councillor Possberg asked what the surplus has been over the past several years.

- Mr. Versi answered that in some years there has been a deficit of 5-10%, while other years there has been a surplus of up to 15%.

Councillor Possberg asked if the plan fee of \$322 is for the coming year.

- Mr. Versi answered no, that figure will be for January to August if the two new program are added to the plan.

Councillor Possberg asked what will happen if one or both of the programs do not pass.

- Mr. Versi answered that the money will be kept in the USSU's reserve fund.

Councillor Fielding asked what percent of students would use gender affirmation care.

- Mr. Versi answered 1-2%.

Councillor Albrecht inquired about the legal assistance in the gender affirmation care program.

- Mr. Versi explained that it is for students seeking legal assistance related to their gender transition. Gender affirmation care is provided by a different insurer than the rest of the health & dental plan.

Councillor Sidhu asked who will be performing the gender affirmation procedures.

- Mr. Versi explained that coverage extends to all licensed providers across the country, and it is the student's choice where they go. Saskatchewan has some gender affirmation providers. The proposed gender affirmation care program would supplement existing provincial coverage, and would not cover whatever is already covered by the province.
- VP Hubick added that major surgeries are generally performed in places like Montreal. The province would cover most major procedures, but the proposed gender affirmation care program would cover travel and accommodation expenses. which the province does not cover.

Councillor Albrecht asked if it is normal for elective procedures to be included in an insurance plan.

- Mr. Versi and President Wintermute indicated that gender-affirming procedures are lifesaving.

Councillor Possberg asked if students can opt out virtual healthcare and gender affirmation care.

- Mr. Versi explained that, if approved, these programs would be attached to health & dental plan. If a student opts out of the health & dental plan, they would opt out of the proposed programs.

Councillor Possberg asked if it is projected that fees will rise in the future and, if so, by how much.

- Mr. Versi answered that there is only one month of data so far from this academic year, which is enough to make an accurate projection.

Councillor Possberg asked how much the plan fee generally has increased each year.

- Mr. Versi answered that the plan fee usually does not increase by more than 5% per year. However, the increase was higher last year.

Councillor Possberg inquired about the surplus with Sunlife.

- Mr. Versi answered that the surplus is \$230,000 and will be exhausted by the end of this year.

Councillor Fielding sought clarification on the plan fee and plan cost.

- Mr. Versi explained that the plan fee is the amount the USSU collects per student; for this year, the plan fee was set at \$483. The plan cost is the average amount that the USSU pays out in claims; for this year, the plan fee is projected to be \$413. However, the plan fee is collected for two separate periods each year: from September to December, and from January to August. If the USSU votes to add the two new programs, the plan fee for January to August 2026 will be \$322 and the plan cost will be \$308.

Mr. Versi shared that the USSU will be hosting a housing workshop on October 27 from 5-7 PM in the Arts Building. The workshop will discuss the rights of tenants.

8.2. Vote on USC Start Time Change

President Wintermute asked if Council would like to hold the vote to change the USC start time from 6:00 PM to 5:30 PM today or at the next meeting. Most Councillors preferred that the vote be held at this meeting.

Motion to change the weekly USC meeting start time from 6:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

USC038	Councillor Possberg / Councilor Sidhu	Carried
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Chairperson Johnson announced that the vote passed and the change will be in effect for the next meeting on October 23.

Councillor Fielding asked if the change will apply for both the Fall and Winter terms, or just the rest of the Fall term.

- President Wintermute answered that it will apply for both terms but a vote to change the start time back to 6:00 PM can be requested next term.

9. New Business

9.1. Vote on Additions to Health & Dental Plan

President Wintermute asked if Councillors would prefer an open vote or a ballot vote for the proposed additions to health & dental plan at the next meeting. Most Councillors preferred a ballot vote.

10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

- VP Hubick announced that tickets are now available for the Halloween party at Louis'.
- Councillor Possberg requested clarification on the voting process for next week and if Councillor would be able to see the ballots.
 - SM Ventnor explained that he will create the ballots. The ballots will ask if a Councillor is in favour, not in favour, or abstaining. He and Chairperson Johnson will tally the votes, and Councillors can see the ballots after the count if requested.
- Councillor Abedi announced that the second MSC for Edwards will be attending his first USC meeting next week, and asked if he will be able to vote.
 - SM Ventnor answered yes, the MSC can vote and will be provided with the necessary information. Additionally, the MSC can meet with executives if requested.
- Councillor Finnie asked if the vote is tied, will it be redone.
 - Chairperson Johnson answered yes.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.



Executive Meeting Minutes for Oct 20, 2025

Present:

President/Chair – Emma Wintermute
VP Operations and Finance – Owen Deis
VP Student Affairs – Emily Hubick
VP Academic Affairs – Norah Jacob
SM Communications & Marketing – Jason Ventnor
Academic & Governance Assistant – Brock Neufeldt

Regrets:

None

1. Call to Order

President Wintermute called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM and stated the land acknowledgement.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

EXEC 2025.10.14

VP Deis / VP Hubick
Approved

4. Roundtables

a. President Wintermute

i. Meetings

1. Meeting with Vince Bruni-Bossio
 - a. Discussed presidential transition.
2. Meeting with Tianna OVPIE
 - a. Discussed Indigenous Student Advisory Committee.
3. Executive Committee Meeting
4. University Council Governance Committee
 - a. Requested that a seat be added to TLARC for an Indigenous student.
5. Meeting with Dr. Colleen Bell



- a. Discussed Palestine.
 - 6. Meeting with Jarren and Education Students' Society
 - a. Discussed the accessibility plan.
 - 7. Meeting regarding Campus Group
 - 8. FARC meeting
 - 9. Bi-Weekly Mistatimok Committee
 - 10. Meeting with the Dean of Law regarding CLASSIC Law
 - 11. University Student Council Governance Committee
 - 12. University Student Council
 - 13. Meeting with Councillor Fielding
 - a. Clarification regarding health & dental plan.
 - 14. Meeting with Norah Jacob
 - 15. Indigenous Student Advisory Committee
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - 1. AGM 101
 - 2. ARAO MOU
 - 3. 2 Years Down 3 Years to Go (Bill 137)
 - 4. EDI Framework for Action
 - 5. Conversation Circles with Carson Magnuson
 - 6. Ethical Investment Reply
 - iii. **Events**
 - 1. Purple Party
 - iv. **Other**
- b. VP Deis**
- i. **Meetings**
 - 1. Campus Group Meetings (x3)
 - 2. Meeting with Dr. Colleen Bell
 - 3. Meeting with Student RE: Transit
 - 4. Campus Groups Committee
 - ii. **Projects/Initiatives**
 - 1. Updates to USSUHub - Design and navigability
 - 2. Social Media Snapshots
 - 3. CG Toolkits
 - 4. Campus Group Insurance and Funding Info Session
 - 5. Campus Group Videos - Why Ratify, Club Space
 - 6. Campus Groups Services Survey
 - 7. Attending Constituency Meetings RE: Insurance Updates
 - iii. **Events**
 - iv. **Other**



c. VP Jacob

i. Meetings

1. Meeting with Nancy Turner
2. Student Meeting DA
3. Student Meeting RN
4. Dean Search Committee
5. TEA Filming Discussion
6. USC Prep
7. University Students' Council
8. Student Meeting RF
9. Student Meeting AM
10. Student Meeting AC
11. Student Meeting LM
12. Meeting with President Wintermute
13. Meeting with Wendy James

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. RespondUs
2. SLEQ
3. TLARC AI Working Group
4. TLARC Teaching Effectiveness Working Group
5. Assessment Policy Implementation Working Group
6. Assessment Policy Implementation Student Focus Group
7. Accessibility Plan
8. VASU Mural
9. Student Navigator Position
10. Student Intake Position
11. Student v College Hearing

iii. Events

iv. Other

d. VP Hubick

i. Meetings

1. Executive Committee Meeting
2. Meeting with Colleen Bell
3. USC Prep
4. University Students' Council
5. USC Student Life and Sustainability Committee Meeting
6. Student Meeting DA
7. USC International Student Advisory Committee Meeting

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Scheduling meetings, preparing agendas for SLSC and IntSAC
2. Preparing University Council Report
3. Student Case



4. Halloween Party Advertising
5. Finalizing Details for Clothing Swap

iii. Events

1. USSU x USOS Clothing Swap

5. New Business

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.



**Campus Group Committee
Minutes for October 17, 2025**

Present:

VP Operations & Finance/Chair - Owen Deis
SM Facilities Manager - Stefanie Ewen
Member of Students' Council - Max Clark
Student-at-Large - Hamza Abdi
Student-at-Large - Keeon Shirazi

Regrets:

Member of Students' Council - John Tootoosis

1. Call to Order

VP Deis called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and stated the land acknowledgement.

 Land Acknowledgement

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

 CGC 2025.10.10

VP Deis/SAL Abdi
Approved

4. Business

a. Ratifications

- i. U of S Powerlifting
- ii. Undergraduate Bangladeshi Students Association

Motion to ratify U of S Powerlifting and Undergraduate Bangladeshi Students Association.

CGMOTION003	VP Deis / SAL Shirazi	Carried
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b. Funding Requests for Approval

- i. [Muslim Students' Association](#) - P&I (XL) \$305.25
- ii. [Pakistani Students' Association](#) - P&I (CASH) \$350.00



- iii. [Neuroscience Students' Society](#) - P&I (LOUIS') \$150.00
- iv. [Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Saskatoon Student Group](#) - P&I (XL) \$300.00
- v. [English Undergrad Society](#) - P&I (LOUIS') \$250.00

Motion to approve funding for Muslim Students' Association (P&I (XL) \$305.25), Pakistani Students' Association (P&I (CASH) \$350.00), Neuroscience Students' Society (P&I (LOUIS') \$150.00), and Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Saskatoon Student Group (P&I (XL) \$300.00), English Undergrad Society (P&I (LOUIS') \$250.00)

CGMOTION004	VP Deis / Councillor Clark	Carried
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c. Funding Requests for Information

- i. [Citizens Foundation](#) - P&I (CASH) \$100.00
- ii. [Islamic Relief](#) - P&I (CASH) \$40.00
- iii. [Islamic Relief](#) - P&I (CASH) \$75.00
 - Approved on the condition that the group applies for, receives, and pays for a USSU insurance extension.
- iv. [Islamic Relief](#) - P&I (CASH) \$47.00
- v. [MedLife USask](#) - P&I (CASH) \$55.00
 - Retroactive funding, the group may receive up to 50% of expenses listed on receipts.

5. New Business

a. Campus Groups Services Survey

- i. VP Deis spoke about the survey sent out to campus groups a few weeks ago asking about their usage of USSU services and ratification benefits. The Executive Committee has added a gift card giveaway to incentivise students to complete the survey.
- ii. VP Deis suggested that, once the survey receives more responses, the committee can look over the data and consider implementing changes to policies as needed.
- iii. SAL Abdi suggested sending the survey to groups that have been approved for funding, along with the funding approval letter.

b. Suspended Campus Group Accounts

- i. VP Deis explained that campus group accounts that are not accessed for over a year are subject to suspension by the USSU. He further explained that it is the committee's decision to delete the accounts, and that this will be brought to a vote at the next meeting.



6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.



Governance Committee Minutes for October 16, 2025

Present:

President/Chair - Emma Wintermute
Vice-President Operations & Finance - Owen Deis
Vice President Student Affairs - Emily Hubick
SM Communications and Marketing Manager - Jason Ventnor
Member of Students' Council - Quinten Albrecht
Member of Students' Council - Spencer Possberg
Student-at-Large - Mia Szabo

Regrets:

Vice President Academic Affairs - Norah Jacob
Student-at-Large - Elizabeth Lisitza

1. Call to Order

President Wintermute called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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President Wintermute / Councillor Possberg
Approved

4. Business

- There were no suggested amendments to be made to the USSU Bylaws from the Governance committee
- Members sec. 9 - There are a small number of students who are not members of the USSU and thus do not pay the assessed fees.
- Discussion regarding the role of fees and tuition and what the fees we pay as students which are encompassed within the
- Share the Amendments from the USSU proposed for the USSU Bylaws
- There have been no submissions thus far by students from the general membership of undergrad students

5. New Business

- November 6th the committee will be meeting to discuss possible changes and updates to position portfolios



- The two portfolios being reviewed at the next meeting will be President and Operations and Finance

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11PM.



Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Minutes for October 17, 2025

Present:

Co-Chair: Jaden B.

USSU President/Co-Chair: Emma Wintermute

Student at Large: Malcolm McKay

Indigenous Student Success Coordinator: Tianna Sangwais

SM Controller/Accounting: Amanda Mitchell

Regrets:

Member of Student Council: Kal Ledoux

Member of Student Council: John Tootoosis

Student at Large: Myra McKenzie

Student at Large: Teagan Pooyal

Student at Large: Keith Sanderson

1. Call to Order

President Wintermute called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was not present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

None

4. Business

- Discussion about the history of the committee and how we want to use this committee
- Ways to bring in the Métis Students of USask
- Connect with the ISU regarding cross campus survey
- Discussion about the Building Bridges Connection piece and how to engage with International Students
- Structure hybrid meetings for folks to join to make meetings more accessible
- Discussion about Conversation Circles and ways to connect with the Indigenous Strategy
- Share out bylaws document

5. New Business

- October 30th meeting to discuss next steps for survey and any changes to the bylaws
- The two portfolios being reviewed at the next meeting will be President and Operations and Finance

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM.

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**International Student Advisory Committee
Minutes for October 17, 2025 – 3:30 pm
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present:

Vice-President Student Affairs/Chair - Emily Hubick
President of the International Students' Association/Co-chair - Atharv Govardhan
Member of Students' Council - Elmer Vincent
Student-at-Large - Anosua Atosee
Student-at-Large - Siyu Huang
SM Communications and Marketing Manager - Jason Ventnor

Regrets:

Student-at-Large - Prisha Patel

1. Call to Order

VP Hubick called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM and stated the land acknowledgement.

 Land Acknowledgement

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

No previous meeting minutes.

4. Business

a. Introductions

b. Internationalization Initiatives

- Co-chairperson Govardhan proposed recurring ice skating events through the winter

- Senior Manager (SM) Jason Ventnor described the range of initiatives the committee may take on (i.e. concerns on campus, events, lobbying)
- Co-chairperson Govardhan proposed collaborating with Career Services for International students to learn more about job opportunities, applications, resources, etc.
- VP Hubick said Elder Roland Duquette has expressed interest in collaborating with International students regarding knowledge exchange.
- SM Jason Ventnor described previous campaigns, such as the We Are International campaign, ice skating, letter writing.

c. Reports

Co-chairperson Govardhan reported INSA will have their AGM in the 3rd week of November

- SM Jason Ventnor said the USSU could include this on socials

5. New Business

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.



Student and City Connections Committee Minutes for October 21, 2025

Present:

VP Operations & Finance/Chair - Owen Deis
SM Business and Services Manager - Jason Kovitch
Member of Students' Council - Elmer Vincent
Student-at-Large - Liam Sales
GSA Operational Manager - Brenna Maxwell
City Representative - Amanda Lindgren
City Representative - Siobhan Takala
Vice-Provost's Representative - Pirta Mattola

Regrets:

Member of Students' Council - Jordie Finnie
Student-at-Large - Laila Haider
GSA VP Finance & Operations - Lindsay Carlson

1. Call to Order

VP Deis called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM and stated the land acknowledgement.

 Land Acknowledgement

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

None

4. Business

a. Introductions

- i. The committee members introduced themselves

b. Meeting Structure

- i. VP Deis explained how the committee meetings are scheduled.

c. How the Committee Works

- i. VP Deis, Jason Kovitch, and Amanda Lindgren explained how the committee is designed and what its function in the past has been.
- ii. Amanda Lindgren and Siobhan Takala explained what potential topics the committee will consider this year.



1. SAL Sales asked about potential open houses for the Link project and system redesign.
2. Pirita Mattola asked about how ridership data and demographics are used to inform bus route changes. Amanda explained that data is used to project ridership and help make decisions about routes.
- iii. VP Deis noted that he added each student member of the committee to the Link RSS feed to receive updates from the city. He also shared that he would send the city's approved Link routes via email.
- d. Surveys, Panels, and Priorities
 - i. Amanda and Siobhan shared three surveys from the City, one on the bus system redesign, one on a Transit fare review, and one on residential parking.
 - ii. They also shared the potential to join the city's Community Advisory Panel to receive regular updates on surveys and other engagement opportunities.
 - iii. Link, Transit fare reviews, Nutana Corridor land use and zoning changes, affordable housing, active transportation (walking and biking), and a City Hall tour or meet & greet with city staff were mentioned as potential committee priorities for the year.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

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**Student Life and Sustainability Committee
Minutes for October 17, 2025 – 11:30 AM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber**

Present:

Vice-President Student Affairs/Chair - Emily Hubick

SM Facilities Manager - Stefanie Ewen

Member of Students' Council - Melissa Fielding

Student-at-Large - Tessa Verstappen

Student-at-Large - Jory LaBatte

Student-at-Large - Daniel Marron

USask Office of Sustainability Reporting and Engagement Specialist - matt.wolsfeld@usask.ca

USask Office of Sustainability Community Engagement and Events Coordinator -
dana.kwan@usask.ca

Regrets:

None

1. Call to Order

VP Hubick called the meeting to order at 11:32 AM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

No previous meeting minutes.

4. Business

a. Introductions

b. Sustainability Initiatives

Dana Kwan (USask Office of Sustainability, USOS) shared that October and March are designated as Campus Sustainability Months by USOS and shared the following highlights from the month:

- Zero waste challenge
 - Paint and Plant event in partnership with Peer Health earlier in the month
 - Clothing Swap in partnership with the USSU October 15 and 16 went well, communications could be improved if the event were to be repeated
 - Sustainability Craft Night in partnership with the USSU and The Sheaf October 20
 - WCVM is doing a clothing swap next week
- Councillor Fielding asked if there is a university-wide composting program. Senior Manager (SM) Stefanie Ewen explained food locations on campus are required to collect compostables, but it is not university wide. Matt Wolsfeld (USOS) said the Office of Sustainability is pushing for university-wide composting and that student initiatives may help support this.
 - VP Hubick mentioned lab waste in sciences as a possible avenue for sustainability initiatives

c. Funding Request

- i. Western College of Veterinary Medicine Students' Association - Sustainability Grant \$409.87

Motion to approve the funding request of \$409.87 Sustainability Grant from Western College of Veterinary Medicine Students' Association.

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- Matt Wolsfeld (USOS) noted composters are a gap solution, could become an issue of recycling them if there is movement to public composting
- SAL Marron asked what will happen if the composter is overwhelmed by students.
 - VP Hubick said she will contact WCVMSA with a request for more information following the funding approval letter.

d. Student Life Initiatives

- SM Stef Ewen described previous initiatives: accessibility audit, term 2 international student engagement, scavenger hunts.
- Councillor Fielding proposed a Christmas Movie Night around finals.

- SAL Marron emphasized importance of event timing - events on the first day of classes make it difficult for students to attend
- SM Stef Ewen asked how students take in information regarding events and initiatives
 - SAL Marron recommended social media such as TikTok
 - SAL Verstappen said postering where there may not be Buzz Boards (i.e. Kinesiology)
 - Councillor Fielding suggested tabling in the Arts Tunnel and promoting events during Excellence Awards surveys and presentations
- SAL Marron explained first-year engineering biology focuses on sustainability - potential opportunity to promote grant or sustainable activities.
 - Mentioned first-year engineering module on student wellness - potential opportunity to promote resources, student life initiatives.

5. New Business

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM.