
Agenda
University Students' Council
January 15, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber

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Minutes
University Students' Council
January 8, 2026 – 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
- **Elmer Vincent**, International Students
- **Isheanesu Nhiwatiwa**, International Students
- **Max Clark**, Kinesiology
- **Paras Sidhu**, Law
- **Caleb Hammond**, Medicine
- **Mayank Jain**, Nursing
- **Bahram Fazel**, Pharmacy and Nutrition
- **Hanna De Peel**, Prince Albert Campus
- **Jordie Finnie**, St. Thomas More
- **Suki Xiong**, St. Thomas More
- **Joel Bilyk**, WCVM

Also Present:

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

Absent:

- **Wajahat Qureshi**, Edwards School of Business
- **Logan Matechuk**, Engineering
- **Kal Ledoux**, Indigenous Students
- **Johnny Tootoosis**, Indigenous Students

Guests:

- **Dr. Angela Jaime**, Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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

No amendments were made to the agenda.

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

USC070	Councillor Finnie / VP Jacob	Carried
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5. Council Address

Motion to enter informality.

USC071	VP Hubick / Councillor Finnie	Carried
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5.1. Dr. Angela Jaime – Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement

Dr. Jaime shared some of the responsibilities of the OVPIE. As of July 1, Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre has moved into the portfolio of the Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement; it was previously overseen by the Vice-Provost Students and Learning. Additions will be made to Gordon Oakes, including a family activity centre for Indigenous students and a maker's lodge. Other responsibilities of the OVPIE include enforcing policies for verification of indigenous membership and citizenship, leading USask's indigenous strategy, and providing student support.

President Wintermute asked for more information about Indigenous Achievement Week.

- Dr. Jaime shared that Indigenous Achievement Week is during the week of March 9-13, and most colleges will host an event during the week.

President Wintermute shared that the USSU is working on an Indigenous strategy information session in February.

Dr. Jaime shared that the tenth anniversary of Gordon Oakes will be on February 3 and the 9th ohpahotân/oohpaahotaan symposium will be held on April 17.

Councillor De Peel asked if there will be any events at the Prince Albert campus.

- Dr. Jaime answered that there is a building intercultural resilience mentorship program for grades 10-12, which helps with resume building and academic skills. There is also a knowledge keeper living in Prince Albert.

Motion to return to formality.

USC072	Councillor Possberg / VP Hubick	Carried
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6. Minutes and Reports for Information

6.1. USC Minutes – November 27, 2025

Motion to approve the USC minutes from November 27, 2025.

USC073	Chairperson Johnson / President Wintermute	Carried
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6.2. Executive Committee Minutes & Report:

- December 1, 2025
- December 8, 2025
- December 19, 2025
- December 22, 2025
- January 6, 2026

The following were shared by the executives as highlights:

- President Wintermute attended a Board of Governors meeting that dealt with the university's administrative transfer.
- There will be student focus groups meetings about accessibility at the end of January.
- The USSU made and distributed approximately 350 final exam goodie bags.

Motion to approve the following Executive Committee meeting minutes:

- December 1, 2025
- December 8, 2025
- December 19, 2025
- December 22, 2025
- January 6, 2026

USC075	Chairperson Johnson / President Wintermute	Carried
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6.3. Campus Groups Committee Minutes – November 28, 2025; December 5, 2025

VP Deis reported that the USSU does not provide funding for movie licensing fees as these are classified as "operating and administrative costs." There has also been a change to room booking for constituency groups: constituency groups will get up to three bookings per week, but the eight hour limit still applies.

6.4. Governance Committee Minutes – November 27, 2025

President Wintermute shared that the committee reviewed three of four executive position portfolios and updated outdated language and references.

6.5. Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Minutes – November 27, 2025

President Wintermute shared that the committee is organizing a game day at Gordon Oakes at the end of February.

Move to approve the following USC committee minutes:

- Campus Groups Committee Minutes – November 28, 2025; December 5, 2025
- Governance Committee Minutes – November 27, 2025
- Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Minutes – November 27, 2025

USC076	VP Jacob / Councillor NHiwatiwa	Carried
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7. College/Constituency Report

7.1. Agriculture and Bioresources

Councillor Albrecht reported the following:

- During December, they had a Christmas toy drive, a winter formal, and distributed food hampers with the Legion.
- They are having a bingo fundraiser for their graduation banquet during the weekend of January 24.
- They are having a bowling grad fundraiser on January 14.

7.2. Arts and Science

Councillor Govardhan reported the following:

- Their sexy bingo event will be held on February 11.
- The Arts & Science Gala will be held on January 16. Submissions are due on Monday, January 12.

7.3. Dentistry

Councillor Ge reported that construction in the Dentistry has been partially completed.

7.4. Education

Councillor Fielding reported the following:

- Their hockey trip is next weekend.
- ESS meeting times are Thursdays at 5 PM this term.
- Their AGM date is set for March 9 at 5 PM.
- Their next steps conference has been pushed back.

7.5. Edwards

Councillor Abedi reported the following:

- On Monday, the EBSS presidential campaign will begin and VP applications will open.
- The JDC West competition is next weekend.

7.6. Engineering

No Councillor present.

7.7. Indigenous Students

No Councillor present.

7.8. International Students

Councillor NHiwatiwa reported that community engaged learning projects have begun, and they are trying to get international students involved.

7.9. Kinesiology

Councillor Clark reported the following:

- They had a bake sale fundraiser for grad and are planning another fundraiser.
- They are planning an exercise class in February.
- The Kin formal will be held on February 7.

7.10. Law

Councillor Sidhu reported that their upcoming events include a malpractice mixer and a legal follies event.

7.11. Medicine

Councillor Hammond reported that they have a new booking system.

7.12. Nursing

Councillor Jain reported the following:

- There was an orientation for new students on January 2.
- The CNSA national conference will be held in Saskatoon. There will be changes to the leadership positions in the constitution.
- There is a new associate dean.

7.13. Pharmacy and Nutrition

Councillor Fazel reported the following:

- They had a pancake breakfast yesterday.
- They are hosting a bowling event on January 11.
- Pharmacy development week is upcoming.
- There will be a cheesecake fundraiser hosted by the grad committee.

7.14. Prince Albert Campus

Councillor De Peel reported the following:

- student advisory meeting
- There was a flood on the second floor causing some damage. However, it has been cleaned up and should not impact students.
- Meet your USSU will be held on Tuesdays from 8 AM to 12 PM this term.

7.15. St. Thomas More

Councillor Finnie reported the following:

- The STMSU meeting time for this term is 2:30 PM on Thursdays.
- The office hours of STMSU executives have changed.
- Their snack program is limited to two per person per day.

7.16. Western College of Veterinary Medicine

Councillor Bilyk reported that equine education day will be this weekend.

8. Business

8.1. AGM Letter - Item for Information

President Wintermute reported that the letter about Palestine that was requested at the AGM has been completed and shared with the Advocacy Committee. The letter must be sent tonight to make the deadline for the next Board of Governors meeting.

8.2. Appointments to USC Committees

VP Deis shared that the Campus Groups Committee and Finance and Assessment Committee each have a vacancy.

There were no nominations.

9. New Business

9.1. Removal of MSC

VP Deis shared that Wajahat Qureshi, MSC for Edwards School of Business, has not attended any meetings since being elected and has not responded to emails. Being absent from this many meetings is a violation of the USSU Bylaw and grounds for removal.

Move to remove MSC Qureshi from office.

USC077	VP Deis / Councillor Albrecht	Carried
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10. Questions, Comments, and Announcements

Councillor Possberg asked if the USSU has considered adding a seat for St. Peter's College on the USC.

- SM Ventnor answered that such a change would require an amendment to the USSU Bylaw.

VP Hubick announced that the USSU is hosting a movie night tonight at 8 PM.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Executive Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2026

Present:

VP Operations and Finance – Owen Deis

VP Academic Affairs – Norah Jacob

VP Student Affairs – Emily Hubick

SM Communications & Marketing – Jason Ventnor

Academic & Governance Assistant – Brock Neufeldt

Regrets:

President/Chair – Emma Wintermute

1. Call to Order

VP Deis called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM and stated the land acknowledgement.

Land Acknowledgement

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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VP Deis / VP Hubick

Approved

4. Roundtables

a. President Wintermute

- i. Meetings
- ii. Projects/Initiatives
- iii. Events
- iv. Other

b. VP Deis

i. Meetings

- 1. AGM Recap Scripting
- 2. Planning and Priorities Committee
- 3. Meeting with USask Copyright Coordinator

4. President's Executive Committee
5. Finance and Assessment Committee
6. Discussion RE: Tuition with Loleen Berdahl and Marjorie Delbaere
7. University Students' Council
8. Campus Groups Committee
9. Fee Review with Kyla Shea and Jennifer Beck

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Events Toolkit
2. Lobbying Document
3. Campus Groups Week
4. Grant Promotion Videos
5. Group Funding System Updates
6. Student Fees
7. Budget Prep
8. Tabling for Finance and Assessment Committee

iii. Events

1. Winter Welcome Movie Night

iv. Other

c. VP Jacob

i. Meetings

1. Alex / Norah
2. Student Meeting
3. Exec/SM Meeting
4. Executive Meeting
5. APC Meeting
6. Student Meeting
7. PEC Meeting
8. Meeting with Nicole
9. Meeting with Marjorie and Loleen re tuition
10. USC Governance Meeting
11. USC Prep Meeting
12. USC
13. Student Meeting
14. Student Meeting
15. Student Council Hearings and Appeals Training

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. uRSAW Strategic Planning
2. Lobbying Document
3. Symposium Prep
4. Academic Integrity Forum
5. Assessment Policy Change Management

6. Accessibility Focus Group
7. Undergraduate Research INTS
8. SLEQ Publicization
9. Exec Scholarship

iii. Events

iv. Other

d. VP Hubick

i. Meetings

1. AGM Script Writing
2. Meeting with Dana Kwan (USOS)
3. Exec/SM Meeting
4. Executive Committee Meeting
5. Student Life and Sustainability Committee Meeting
6. PEC/Student Leaders
7. Childcare Centres Governance Committee
8. Tuition Strategy Meeting with Senior Leadership
9. USC Governance Committee Meeting
10. USC Prep Meeting
11. University Students' Council
12. Meeting with President Wintermute

ii. Projects/Initiatives

1. Finalizing Details for Welcome Week Events
2. Planning for Winter Term Events
3. Student Concerns
4. Reviewing Childcare Centre Policies

iii. Events

1. Skating Night
2. Music Trivia
3. Movie Night
4. USSU x ISSAC Speed Friending

iv. Other

1. Picking Up Skate Night and Movie Night Supplies
2. Tabling for Major Possibilities
- 3.

5. New Business

a. Funding Requests

- i. [Pan-African Students' Association \(PASA\)](#) - ARAO \$750.00

Motion to approve Pan-African Students' Association (PASA)'s funding request of \$750.00 (ARAO).

EXECMOTION088	VP Deis / VP Hubick	Carried
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b. Executive Scholarship

- i. Late Submissions
 - Two late submissions will be accepted.
- ii. Process of Review
 - Applications will be anonymized. Executives will each select their top five applications. If there is not a consensus on which applications will be selected, then executives will review the reference letters.

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.



Campus Group Committee Minutes for January 9, 2026

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 - Emma Gillingham

1. Call to Order

VP Deis called the meeting to order at 10:29 AM and stated the land acknowledgement.

■ Land Acknowledgement

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

■ CGC 2025.12.05

VP Deis/Councillor Clark

Approved

4. Business

a. Funding Requests for Approval

- i. [Pan-African Student Association](#) - P&I (XL) \$254.75
 - Retroactive request
- ii. [Power to Change Ministries](#) - P&I (Cash) \$250.00 and P&I (XL) \$200.00
- iii. [Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society](#) - P&I (Louis') \$500.00
- iv. [Muslim Women's Justice Association](#) - P&I (Louis') \$500.00
- v. [Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter](#) - P&I (Cash) \$250.00
- vi. [Pan-African Students Association \(PASA\)](#) - EDI (International) \$500.00
 - Presenting at meeting.

- Will come back to the committee with an updated request containing a long term learning component
- vii. [Coptic Orthodox Christian Association](#) - P&I (Cash) \$190.00
- viii. [Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter](#) - P&I (Cash) \$350.00
 - Approved on the condition that insurance payment is received prior to the event
- ix. [Canadian Society for Civil Engineering \(CSCE Usask\)](#) - P&I (Cash) \$350.00

Motion to approve funding requests for Pan-African Student Association (P&I (XL) \$254.75), Power to Change Ministries (P&I (Cash) \$100.00 and P&I (XL) \$200.00), Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society (P&I (Louis') \$500.00), Muslim Women's Justice Association (P&I (Louis') \$500.00), Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter (P&I (Cash) \$250.00), Coptic Orthodox Christian Association (P&I (Cash) \$190.00), Muslim Medical Association of Canada U of S Chapter (P&I (Cash) \$350.00), and Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE Usask) (P&I (Cash) \$350.00)

CGMOTION029	VP Deis / Councillor Clark	Carried
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- b. Funding Requests for Information
 - i. [Islamic Relief USask](#) - P&I (Cash) \$100.00
 - ii. [USask Fur Club](#) - P&I (New) \$50.00
 - iii. [Math and Stats Society](#) - P&I \$15.00

- c. Campus Groups Week

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM.



Finance and Assessment Committee Minutes for January 8, 2026

Present:

VP Operations & Finance/Chair - Owen Deis
SM Financial Controller - Amanda Mitchell
Member of Students' Council - Sakina Abedi
Student-at-Large - Nada Boulal
Student-at-Large - Shahrukh Sarwar

Regrets:

Member of Students' Council - Logan Matechuk

1. Call to Order

VP Deis called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and stated the land acknowledgement.

❑ Land Acknowledgement

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

None - quorum not present

4. Business

a. Facilities Policy Updates

■ ❑ FCL-1, Space Booking and Rental Policy

Motion to approve edits to the Space Booking and Rental Policy to provide Constituency Groups with up to three room bookings per week and to transfer policy authority to the Executive Committee.

FACMOTION001	VP Deis / Councillor Abedi	Carried
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b. Student Fee Vote

- VP Deis explained the purpose of each student fee. He further compared the differences between this year's and the proposed fees for the 2026-27 academic year.
- VP Deis explained that the fee for the health & dental plan is pending, as costs are associated with claims, which the USSU has yet to receive a report or recommendation from Alumo, the plan manager.

Motion to approve the 5% increase in the Students' Union Fee, from \$61.34 to \$64.40 per term for full-time students, and from \$30.67 to \$32.20 per term for part-time, spring and summer, and off-campus/audit-only students.

FACMOTION002	VP Deis / SAL Sarwar	Carried
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Motion to approve the contractually-required 2.1% CPI increase in the U-PASS, from \$98.87 to \$100.94 per term for full-time and part-time students, and from \$49.43 to \$50.47 for part-time and spring and summer students.

FACMOTION003	VP Deis / Councillor Abedi	Carried
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Motion to approve keeping the infrastructure fee at \$64.96 per term for full-time students and from \$32.48 per term for part-time and spring and summer students.

FACMOTION004	VP Deis / SAL Boulal	Carried
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5. Other Business

- a. October Accountabilities
 - VP Deis explained the October accountability statements.
- b. The USSU Budget
 - VP Deis explain that reviews and planning for the USSU budget will begin soon

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.



Governance Committee Minutes for January 8, 2026

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
Vice President Academic Affairs - Norah Jacob
Student-at-Large - Mia Szabo

Regrets:

Student-at-Large - Elizabeth Lisitza
Member of Students' Council - Paras Sidhu

1. Call to Order

President Wintermute called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

2. Quorum

Quorum was present.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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President Wintermute / VP Jacob

4. Business

- Discussion on the next steps for the governance committee
- Review and changes to be made to the VP Academic Portfolio
- Emma will review and make changes to the documents from the changes made by the next meeting and send out to the committee

5. New Business

- Continue to review changes to the position portfolios
- Call for committee members to look at other policies for review

6. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:26PM.



Indigenous Student Advisory Committee Minutes for January 7, 2026

Present:

Student at Large: Myra Mckenzie

Student: Nathaniel Desjarlais Jra756@usask.ca

USSU President/Co-Chair: Emma Wintermute

SM Controller/Accounting: Amanda Mitchell

Student: Ava Gansauge

Student: chelsea.ochoa@usask.ca

Indigenous Student Success Coordinator (OVPIE): tianna.sangwais@usask.ca

Regrets:

Member of Student Council: Kal Ledoux

Member of Student Council: John Tootoosis

Student at Large: Teagan Pooyak

Student at Large: Malcolm McKay

Student at Large: Keith Sanderson

Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre Support: Dallas Pelly

Co-Chair: Jayden Bellegarde

1. Call to Order

President Wintermute called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. Quorum

Do not meet quorum.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous meeting was discussed

4. Business

Conversation Circles:

- Links have been posted to PAWS and will be shared shortly USSU once the graphics are finished

- First session will take place on February 6, 2026 at 10AM
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1977627948430?aff=odddtcreator>
- We have blocked a few more days in Feb and March for following sessions and will go from here
- Support by spreading the word and sharing it on socials once posted

Discussion about Hackathon:

- Need to determine a date and venue
- Make graphics (USSU)
- Determine theme and how teams and registration will work
- Game idea project (Explores an idea together)
- Nathan talked about how in Edwards they do these kind of ideas
- More of a brainstorming idea
- A shorter day event for this (keep people engaged)
- Bringing students together and sharing ideas and knowledge
- Team baked or Team fried (Different kinds of games - incorporate ideas about games and making things in the spirit of a hackathon)
- Bring traditional games and then have people merge ideas and concepts and make their own game from this. Less argumentative and more cohesive.
- Present a poster or a short presentation about what you came up with in this time frame
- Everyone could present and then do categories for “most creative,” “most fun,” etc.
- Intentionally vague to bring more conversation to the forefront.

Emma will email Dallas about dates (**Last week of Feb or first week of March**)

Discussion about collaborating with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner:

- Emma will reach out after connecting with the Dean of Education about if there is any conversation started in the college about Treaty Education Certificate

Meeting with the Dean of Education regarding Treaty Education Certificate

- Start the process of figuring out if this has been in conversation

Possible Film Screening

From JanaLee:

"1. Please let Indigenous students, profs, and community members at the U of S (and beyond) know our hope is that they will be able to feel like they have agency over conceiving of and planning events around SUGARCANE / Julian's visit (to the extent that Indigenous folks would like to be involved and have capacity to do so). I hope very much that all these folks can be involved from the beginning in whatever initial meeting we set up.

2A. I'd like to work out how we can provide child care or other material services / meet needs so they feel like their communities will be able to attend the planned events. It would be good to have them name what other needs these might be so we can explore how to build in appropriate support.

2B. At some screenings in the past we have had spiritual support and mental health support present as some of the film's subject matter can be upsetting or distressing. I'd like to know if this is something we should pursue in this environment, and what would feel appropriate.

2C. Just a story to share: at the film's Canadian premier in Vancouver members of the Indigenous Health Authority came and smudged and drummed everyone who viewed the film out of the theatre afterwards. It was a very beautiful and powerful way to create ceremony around the film.

3. If it is welcome, we'd also really like to see the film / Julian and events around the film or Julian's book reach some of the surrounding Indigenous communities in SK in meaningful ways. This past year the film has gone on a "Rez Tour" to Indigenous communities in the US, Canada, Hawaii and New Zealand as part of its social impact campaign. If members of the USask Indigenous community are connected to communities that they think would find it meaningful to screen the film or host a conversation in SK while we are there, they are very much invited to share ideas / connections around this and we can try to work on organizing something to coincide with what we are planning. For example, I've spent a bunch of time in and around Treaty Four territory / Fort Qu'Appelle and I'd love to collaborate with those nations to see if they'd like to host a screening or conversation (if they feel that would be meaningful for them). Other ideas like this or connections to people in nations / communities that would welcome the film are very much encouraged!

4. If Indigenous students would also find it meaningful to have a separate, closed, conversation with Julian we can try to make that happen.

5. I'd love to listen to Indigenous student voices and learn more about their experiences at the U of S in general and also learn about other areas they feel like they still need support from the university (financial or otherwise).

Basically my hope is that anything planned around this can be grounded in community in ways that are conceived to be meaningful for relevant members of all these communities. I am here to listen and follow the lead of whatever communities want to come to the table and help shape these events!"

Additional correspondence as JanaLee was unable to attend the meeting:

“1. We probably need to look at the week of March 16 to mesh with Julian's schedule.

2A. I think we will try to plan 2 phases of SK engagement. To keep it simple the initial visit in March might just be in Saskatoon / at the U of S. We will definitely want ISAC's support with this to ensure high attendance and engagement in March. But...

2B. My long term vision includes sharing the film and discussions with indigenous communities in SK as we continue the "Rez tour" portion of the film's outreach. We want to suss out interest for having such events come to various indigenous communities in the province (we have a budget to make this happen at no cost to the community). This bigger piece is where ISAC might really be helpful. We can start the conversation now and then also, given our division of the plan into 2 phases, continue the conversation through March. IF we were to come back for a Rez tour portion we'd probably be thinking more about going in Autumn.

Hope this helps situate a little bit and lets people prioritize timelines for engagement!”

JanaLee would love to attend a meeting in the future to follow up

- Ensuring support for people was present at the screenings and conversation
- Having it open to the public for campus community to engage with the film screening
- Opportunity for non-Indigenous students to engage with this content and with the stories and therefore brings broader education to community
- Not just showing but having the opportunity to actually speak to the person who worked to create this film
- Help to challenge misinformation about history and combat ignorance

Funding Distribution of the Indigenous Engagement Fund

- As a way to mobilize the funding in the time we have left this year one possible way to do this would be to sponsor a number of scholarships for students for IAW.
- Discussion following this to make a terms of reference so that we have a better understanding of how this fund could be used in the future.
- Questions regarding IAW and nominations for how this works in order to have representation from Indigenous students
- Emma will ask Angela about this process when she meets with her later in the week; what is the process for verification vs self identification (We need more information about how we would go about this in terms)

New Business

- Hackathon discussion and planning
- Possible update from Dr. Kathy Walker

- Update for JanaLee regarding next steps with the film
- Funding for the Indigenous Engagement Fund
- Thursday January 22, 2026 @3:30

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16PM.

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**Student Life and Sustainability Committee
Minutes for January 7, 2026 – 3:00 PM
Roy Romanow Student Council Chamber, Place Riel**

Present:

Vice-President Student Affairs/Chair - [Emily Hubick](#)

SM Facilities Manager - [Stefanie Ewen](#)

Member of Students' Council - [Melissa Fielding](#)

Member of Students' Council - [Hanna De Peel](#)

Member of Students' Council - [Logan Matechuk](#)

Student-at-Large - [Tessa Verstappen](#)

Student-at-Large - [Trisha Quiocho](#)

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:

Student-at-Large - [Daniel Marron](#)

1. Call to Order

VP Hubick called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

VP Hubick stated the Land Acknowledgement

[Land Acknowledgement](#)

3. Quorum

Quorum was present.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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5. Business

a. Review of Grants from December

- i. The committee reviewed grant applications that were decided on by the USSU Executive Committee during the month of December for information.
- ii. The committee had no concerns regarding the approved applications
- iii. VP Hubick noted that a section can be added to the grant application asking groups/individuals to reflect on their project success
- iv. Committee members generally agreed to add this; VP Hubick will look into adding this.

b. Update on Muggings

- i. Dana Kwan (USOS) gave an update on the cost and design of reusable mugs for a “Mugging” event.
- ii. There is a minimum order amount of 50 units, totalling a cost of \$1486 for the black, laser engraved unit and ~\$1600 for 50 of the coloured, sticker application unit.
- iii. Matt Wolsfeld (USOS) confirmed that the Office of Sustainability would be willing to pay for the units.
- iv. Senior Manager Stefanie Ewen recommended handing the mugs out during SDG Month

c. Upcoming Events

VP Hubick gave an update on the following events:

- i. Welcome Week
- ii. Style Swap
- iii. USSU’s Got Talent
- iv. Inter-College Family Feud
- v. Valentine’s Day Sustainability Event

Senior Manager Ewen will book the North Concourse for February 12 for a Sustainable Valentine’s Day Craft Event.

6. Comments

- a. Dana noted that Janelle, the Chief Sustainability Office at USOS, recently met with Environment and Climate Change Canada about the new Sustainable Development Strategy
 - i. They are looking for ways to gather feedback on the strategy and asked about the potential to host a student focus group or survey for the new plan.
- b. Senior Manager Ewen mentioned potentially hosting an event in Residence to engage these students.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.