

Science Students' Association – Agenda for council meeting

Date & Time – October 4th, 6:00pm Winnipeg time

Venue – Science Lounge

Chaired by – Yashas Samtani, chairperson

1. Call to Order

2. Acknowledgement of Treaty 1 Territory:

The University of Manitoba campuses is located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes dated 20/09/2023 (see 10.c)

5. **Reports of councillors:**

- I. President & Vice President (see 10.1)
- II. Senate (see 10.2)
- III. UMSU (see 10.3)
- IV. Indigenous Students' Representative (see 10.4)
- V. International Students' Representative (10.5)
- VI. Women's Representative (see 10.6)
- VII. Accessibility Representative (see 10.7)
- VIII. Lounge Programmer (see 10.8)
- IX. Student Services (see 10.9)
- X. Treasurer (see 10.10)
- XI. Director of Academics (10.11)
- XII. Special Events (see 10.12)

- XIII. Director of Communications (see 10.13)
- XIV. First Year Representative (see 10.14)
- XV. 2SLGBTQ+ Representative (see 10.15)

6. **Reports of committees**

- a) Executive Committee Report (see 10.a)
- b) Bylaws Committee Report (see 10.a1)

7. New Business

- a) Motion _____ (see 10.b)

8. Unfinished Business & Final Considerations

9. Adjournment

10. Attachments

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10.1) President & VP Reports:

Pres / VP Report

1. SSA Office Updates & Reminders

- a. Office hours updates:
 - i. Approve posters as per the new poster policy
 - ii. Can now borrow out the new chargers (in exchange for ID)

2. UofM Open House Event

- a. If you're interested in tabling for SSA let Amy know
- b. Date: Wednesday October 25
- c. Time: 5:30-8:30pm (could split this into shifts if enough people)
- d. Requirements: chat with interested students, hand out some brochures and snacks

3. Board of Student Groups Meeting (Sept 22)

- a. Went very well, lots of communication & collaboration between groups

4. SSA By-Election


- a. Positions to be filled:
 - i. Indigenous Students' Representative
 - ii. Women's Representative
 - iii. Accessibility Representative
 - iv. Racilaized Representative (pending bylaws change approval)
- b. CRO Applications due: October 10th 2023
 - i. CRO = Chief Returning Officer, they will oversee the election
 - ii. Conditions: Can't be a UofM Faculty of Sci student or have a close relationship with anyone running or volunteering in the election
- c. By-election Town Hall Info Night: TBD (dependant on CRO availability)
 - i. Over zoom before nomination period
 - ii. Any Faculty of Science students are welcome to join and learn more about the by-election and what positions are available
- d. Nominations Period: October 30th - November 3rd 2023
 - i. Candidates must obtain at least 30 signatures from science students in support of them running in the election
- e. All Candidates Meeting: TBD (November 4th or 5th 2023)
 - i. A meeting for all candidates that obtained enough valid signatures
 - ii. Outlines the expectations for the election & campaigning
- f. Campaign Period: November 6th - 10th 2023, Voting November 9&10
 - i. Candidates allowed to campaign, hang posters, etc.
 - ii. Will include a Candidates Forum (date TBD)

10.2) Senate reports:

10.3) UMSU Reports:

10.4) Indigenous Students' Rep Reports:

10.5) International Students' Rep Reports:

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10.7) Accessibility Rep Reports:

10.8) Lounge Programmer Reports:

10.9) Student Services Reports:


SSA Student Services Report - October 4th, 6pm

Annie, Erika, Dexter, Rushal

1. Charger rentals

- a. Ready to go!
 - i. Laptop, tablet, iPad and phone chargers for a variety of models
 - ii. Available to use during SSA office hours
 - iii. Students need to hand in student ID to use the charger
 - 1. One charger at a time
 - 2. An envelope for student IDs has been added beside the pool, foosball..etc envelopes
- b. Thank you Hiruni for preparing the chargers!

10.10) Treasurer reports:

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10.11) Director of Academics reports:

Academics Report

Meeting Date: Oct. 4, 2023

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Tutoring Program:

- Sent the list of tutors for academic verification to the FoS office

- In talks with Antoanela, Coordinator of Content and Study Skills tutors at the ALC, to organize a service presentation for the tutors.
- Talked to the Chem club about SSA tutors attending study nights for Chemistry courses.

MedTALKS:

- Kapilan has recruited a physician (Dr. Premal Patel – a urologic surgeon) to come and speak to the students for the evening of November 23rd.
- Hoping to have a capacity of 150 people.
- We will announce more details closer to the event.

Research Night:

- SSA Academics is collaborating with UMULH and IHPSA for a Research Night on November 2nd (still in the preliminary stages of planning)

Test Bank service:

- Have started the process of reaching out to department heads for permission so we can reach out to the instructors/profs as well.
- We will be collecting questions from all departments, including the ones that have already been covered by BUGS and MISC.

Anthony:

Peer Mentorship Program:

- Mentors and Mentees have been matched up
- We are beginning to plan our mentor/mentee meet and greet event (likely a collab with the special events team)

Clarissa:

Nothing to report

Aishat's Report:

Nothing to report

10.12) Special Events Reports:

SSA Meeting #6 Special Events Report

October 4th, 2023

Jacob, Huda, Rabia, Carl, Amina

1. TEDxMeeting

- a. Meeting this week with UMSU to discuss if we will move forward (was delayed)

2. SOSA collaboration

- a. Met with president and vice-president on Thursday last week to discuss how we could collaborate
- b. Talked about potential Halloween or fall event at a neutral site, more coming soon

3. Carl + Rabia's meeting (Sept. 22nd)

- a. Thinking of doing big social (Christmas, December 1st)
- b. Midterm/de-stress around October 14th-15th
- c. Game night/succulent painting as well

10.13) Director of Communications Reports:

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10.14) First Year Representative Reports:

10.15) 2SLGBTQ+ Representative Reports:

1. SSA 1 on 1 zoom session with community rep for student questions and concerns
2. Bi_weekly posts for introducing scientists in the community

motion for SSA to donate 150 CAD to Indspire a support organization advocating for indigenous students across the province

10.a) Executive Committee Reports:

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10.a1) Bylaws Committee Reports:

- Bylaws committee met on September 28th
- Strike a motion to amend the bylaws
- Amend Article 5.2.a.5 to add a 7th community representative titled “Racialized students’ representative”
- Amend article 9.2.8.5 to add a section “p” councillor report called “racialized planning”
- Amend article 10.5.b to add a section “xiii” for “racialized representative”
- Amend article 11.2.a to add a section “xii” for “racialized students’ representative” with the duties including subsections 1- 4 of their duties and responsibilities being:
 1. Present concerns about racialized students to council
 2. Create and support initiatives to enhance student life for racialized science students
 3. Maintain frequent and punctual communication with the UMSU racialized students’ representative
 4. Maintain contact and be aware of initiatives of on-campus groups

and services related to racialized students

- Amend article 14.5.b to include “racialized students’ representative”

10.b) Previous Meeting Minutes (pending approval):

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