

## **Science Students' Association – Agenda for council meeting**

**Date & Time – January 25th, 6:00pm Winnipeg time**

**Venue – Online**

**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  10\_01\_2024.pdf

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)
- XVI. Racialized Representative (see 10.16)
- XVII. Women's Representative (see 10.17)

6. **Reports of committees**

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

7. New Business

- a) Motion \_\_\_\_\_ (see ..)

8. Unfinished Business & Final Considerations

9. Adjournment

10. Attachments

## ATTACHMENTS

### **10.1) President & VP Reports:**

#### **Pres / VP Report**

**1. Housekeeping / Reminders**

- a. Meeting attendance: shoutout to Hiruni, Piolo and Eldrec who had perfect attendance in the fall semester!!! :)

**2. Consent Culture Update**

- a. If you didn't attend (or haven't sent a certificate from a past workshop), Amy will be in contact with you. You must complete a session in order to gain CCR credit for SSA.

**3. Motion 1: Vote on CRO**

**4. Motion 2: Vote on election timeline**

- a. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EieFPycwi74sl\\_jbnPiNdt6iXwPK7Ztl8RRgCQhnBSk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EieFPycwi74sl_jbnPiNdt6iXwPK7Ztl8RRgCQhnBSk/edit?usp=sharing)

**5. Election Presentations**

- a. Reach out to Caleigh / fill out the form in the discord to sign up

**6. New Visitor Hazards Protocol**

- a. A “Visitor safety form” is required to be completed by the host for any UofM visitor who is participating in an educational, volunteer or research activity that exposes them to a hazard or some type of risk to health and safety. This does NOT include visitors who are on campus to make deliveries or to attend lectures, conferences, ceremonies or social events
- b. For more information:  
<https://umanitoba.sharepoint.com/sites/um-intranet-about-environmental-health-safety/SitePages/hosting-a-visitor.aspx>

**7. COCAP Meeting (Jan 17)**

- a. Discussed course and program changes in science, will be brought to Faculty Exec Council next for approval & discussion

**8. Dr Luong & Trevor Schultz meeting (Jan 19)**

- a. Moving forward with referendum funding of student club spaces
- b. Outreach funding & student club funding
  - i. Will be making changes for 2024/25 year. No more outreach component to endowment fund, create a separate outreach initiative through referendum

**9. UMSU tabling & UMSU Connect Event**

- a. Both went well, thanks to everyone that helped table!

**10.2) Senate reports:**

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**10.3) UMSU Reports:**

*Director* .....  
Paul Houston

*Representatives* .....  
Noah Banmann

Julia Suderman

Janvi Vaswanii

***UMSU BoD Meeting***

***January 11, 2023, 6:30 PM***

***UMSU Council Chambers, 176 Helen Glass***

**Presentations**

- Victoria delivers presentation on the pros of ranked ballot voting to the board prior to vote
- CRO hired for upcoming spring election introduced to board, delivers short presentation outlining dates for the UMSU election (presentation provided upon request)

**Current Business**

***Motion 0588***

- BoD votes to approve ranked ballot voting effective immediately for upcoming election

### ***Motion 0589***

- Amendments of duties and positions of President, VPA, VPSL, VPFO
- Amendments provided upon request

### ***Motion 0591***

- Black student's representative by-election, new president selected by board after candidates brief 2-minute Q & A period
- Mature/part time students representative remain vacant after 2023 Annual General Election

### ***Motion 0592***

- Amendments to VPA course requirements

## **Reports of Executives**

### ***President***

- pre-budget submissions to university and province, including EDI funding, free printing for students
- provincial submission will include housing, mental health, etc.

### ***VPA***

- senator seat for IHPSA
- laptop loan program at Dafoe (coming years)
- contingency plan for potential transit strike

### ***VPFO***

- ongoing Bannatyne space negotiations

#### **10.4) Indigenous Students' Rep Reports:**

Starting to plan an event for the indigenous community; Thinking about hosting a beading workshop around March 17- 29 -> collaboration with UMISA for this event due to their resources

Motioning for \$1000 of the Indigenous rep. funds to go towards the Indigenous Community Involvement Scholarship

#### **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 - January 25th, 6pm**  
**Annie, Erika, Dexter, Rushal**

##### **1. Lockers**

- a. Thanks for your help!
- b. If students want to come rent a locker, please give them one but charge an extra \$5 for a late fee

##### **2. Grad photos**

- a. Next week Monday, January 29 to Thursday Feb 1th, 2024
- b. Located in the SSA office
- c. For councilors:

- i. **Out of respect and privacy to students taking their photos, please do not hang out in the office, there will be no space anyways**
  - ii. If you have anything in the cubbies you need, please take it out before next week
  - iii. Show up for your office hours
  - iv. Office door should be kept open 8:30-4:30pm for students
- d. Tentative dates:
- i. March 20-29th, 2024
  - ii. April 29th - May 3rd, 2024

### **3. Lost and found**

- a. Rushal has prepared a lost and found bin
- b. Items should be labeled with date and location found with the labels provided

#### **10.10) Treasurer reports:**

#### **10.11) Director of Academics reports:**

## **Academics Report**

**Meeting Date: Jan. 25, 2023**

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**Tutoring Program:**

- Had a meeting with Patrick on January 15, 2023. He informed me about the program's stats for the Fall 2023 term: we held 397 one-on-one sessions (about a four-fold increase from last year) and onboarded 88 new tutors.

- The Fall 2023 scholarship applications have been opened. The deadline is February 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 11:59 PM.
- We are hoping to hold an appreciation event for the tutors. Time and date are TBD and the Academics team will meet soon to discuss the details.

### MedTALK

- Kapilan and I are discussing the details of that event again. It had to be postponed due to my personal circumstances so we will be picking up the preparation this week.

### Anthony:

Nothing to report

### Clarissa:

Nothing to report

### Aishat's Report:

Nothing to report



## **10.12) Special Events Reports:**

### **SSA Meeting #12 Special Events Report**

**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Jacob, Huda, Rabia, Carl, Amina**

#### **1. Gala**

- a. Gala tasting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- b. Thanks to everyone who came, confirmed menu to come shortly
- c. Give update on how it went

#### **2. Ski trip**

- a. Ski trip registration began today
- b. Thank you everyone who helped out so far
- c. Give an update on numbers

#### **3. Other events**

- a. Planning social after all of the major club socials
- b. More info to come

## **10.13) Director of Communications Reports:**

*Verbal Report*

## **10.14) First Year Representative Reports:**

Report:

Instagram Giveaway:


- Posted a post on our SSA and Faculty of Science Instagram on January 17 to spread awareness about the giveaway for First Year Students. A link to the Google Form created was shared as well and students have until January 27<sup>th</sup> to enter. So far, have received a minimum of 37 responses where students have shared some advice from the things, they learned in their first term and questions they would like answered.
  - o From the advice shared will be creating some posts so it can be shared with more students so they can benefit from it. Posts will be broken down to a monthly basis. So, there will be one in January, February, March, and April.
  - o Questions will be answered in the takeover. Date TBD.

Scholarships:

- From my budget for First Year Students, I have a bit more than \$1500 remaining and due to this I would like to create three scholarship opportunities for science students in their first year at the University of Manitoba to give back to them as much as possible. Each scholarship will be worth \$500 and will have a focus on community engagement.

Part of the reason why I did small giveaways throughout the term and have focused on being involved in our orientations and open houses on a larger scale is to engage with the first-year community so I can hear from them. I have been asked regarding scholarship opportunities for first year students a lot and due to this would like to go forward with putting the rest of the money from my budget into this. Once approved will be promoting the scholarship opportunity on Instagram, emailing instructors teaching first year courses in the Faculty of Science to share on UM Learn and presenting in front of classes.

- Application form:

 [First Year Student Scholarship Application Form.pdf](#)

### **10.15) 2SLGBTQ+ Representative Reports:**

Report:

Movie night a documentary about HIV awareness and protection more focused on Canada and Manitoba, Feb 16th start time: between 5-6 PM with snacks and prizes , in the lounge

next post for community scientists would feature a giveaway worth 50\$ bookstore gift cards

From umsu rep, vice provost students and equity and equity hosting drop in office hours thursday and it will happen bi weekly

Motions:

Flag cost after taxes 308 CAD can be customized with our logo Intersex inclusive flag, nylon , and it will take 4 weeks to prepare, motion to submit the order for the flag

motion for ordering buttons as well, with our logo, our pride logo, 1.5" buttons, full colour, pin backs, gloss laminated 100 - \$1.50 each \$168 after taxes

motion for 2 community scholarships two 500\$, total of 1000\$

for promoting movie night, 8 gift cards each 25\$ total of 200\$

### **10.16) Racialized Representative Reports:**

### **10.17) Women's Representative Reports:**

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### **10.a) Executive Committee Reports:**

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## **10.b) Bylaws Committee Reports:**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

1)

Whereas the SSA council currently has three UMSU Representative Positions to maintain redundancy in representation on the Board of Directors,

Whereas it has been noted that this increased redundancy has been of sufficient utility in the extent of having two UMSU representatives,

Be it resolved that the SSA By-laws be amended to remove the third UMSU Representative position and limit the total to two.

2)

Whereas it has been noted that supplemental documents are important in extending all information to election candidates,

Be it resolved that the SSA By-laws be amended to reflect that the following documents are required to be prepared and disseminated by the CRO for each election cycle:

- i) Nomination Package
- ii) Expense Sheet
- iii) Complaint form
- iv) Appeal form
- v) Conflict of Interest form

