

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

**Date & Time – February 28th, 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

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)

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. \*\*Special Guest - Laurie Schnarr, UofM Vice Provost (Students)\*\***

- a. Bio: "Committed to inclusive excellence, academic success, and the health and well-being of all students, the Vice-Provost (Students) mobilizes people and resources to advance the University's strategic priority to deliver an outstanding student experience. The Vice-Provost (Students) leads a dynamic Student Affairs team of approximately 250 staff, instructors and student employees across three departments: the Office of the Registrar and Enrolment Services, Student Engagement and Success, and Student Support.  
Laurie arrived at the University of Manitoba in 2019 from the University of Guelph, where she was the Director, Student Experience and Interim Director, Experiential Learning. Throughout her career, Laurie has played a key role in advancing initiatives that promote student retention, civic

engagement and leadership development, Indigenous achievement and intercultural competence."

b. Q & A with Laurie

## **2. Election Reminders**

- a. Forums went well - thanks to all those that attended. Recordings are on the instagram.
- b. Reminder that voting is on Thursday Feb 29 & March 1st. Voting link will be sent by email to all registered science students
- c. Contact Sean, CRO, with any questions you may have

## **3. UofM Open House (Feb 22)**

- a. Connected with hundreds of high school students interested in pursuing sciences at UofM
- b. Gave presentations in lecture halls about SSA, did tabling
- c. Thank you to Anshika, Noor and Jasmine for their work!

## **4. Dr Luong & Trevor Schultz meeting (Feb 27)**

- a. Oral report on updates

## **5. Meeting with Physical Plant for Lounge Furniture (Feb 27)**

- a. Oral report on updates

## **6. New computer in lounge**

- a. Available for all students to use, can sign in with their UM account

### **10.2) Senate reports:**

**February 7, 2024 - 1:30 p.m. in Senate Chambers, Room E3-262 EITC**

SSC

N/A

February 5 2024 12:00pm

PRESENATE

Sean McKenna leading again

Nothing for concern

Waiting to develop the Science plan until the University plan is done as to not contradict each other.

Adjournment 12:04pm

February 7th 2024 1:30 PM

SENATE

- **Candidates for Degrees - Diplomas and Certificates**
  - Presented during meeting for review
  - 1176 graduates - more than ever before for February Graduations!

- Proposal of 4 degrees notwithstanding for FoS to be approved
- **Motion passed**
- **Matters to be considered in Closed Session**
  - None
- **Election of Senate Representative**
  - To the Senate Executive Committee (From members among Vice-Presidents, Deans of Faculties and Directors of Schools)
    - To fill vacant spots
    - Proposal for nominations to be closed
      - Jan Stewert, Angie Bruce
- **Motion passed**
- **Matters Recommended for Concurrence Without Debate**
  - Revised 2023-2024 Academic Schedule for the Max Rady College of Medicine
    - Proposal of changes to the rural week dates (changed from May 27th to June 7th 2024)
      - for the accommodation of students associated with the UGME expansions
    - Proposal of changes to the term breaks for fall, winter, and summer
- **Motion passed**
- **Matters Forwarded for Information**
  - Annual Report of the University Discipline Committee - major concern: use of AI and the discipline protocols surrounding the use of AI
  - Overall large increase in academic misconduct
  - Report of the Senate Committee on Awards
    - December 19, 2023 approved 4 new offers and 10 revised offers
- **New Offers:**
  - Adalsteinn Kristjansson Travelling Research Award
    - Beginning 2024-2025; one or more scholarships with minimum value of \$2500 to **graduate student**
      - FT in Fac of GS in **any year** of study **any** master's or doctoral program offered at UofM
      - mGPA 3.5 based on 60CH (or equivalent)
      - travelling outside of Wpg to undertake research for their thesis or practicum.
  - Claude de Forest Scholarship for a Sustainable Future
    - Beginning 2024-2025; one or more scholarships with a total value of \$10,000 to **graduate student**
      - FT in Fac of GS in **1st** year of study in **any** graduate program offered through Fac of Architecture

- Graduated with a Bachelor of Envir. Design from Fac of Arch at UofM
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0 based on 60CH (or equiv.)
  - Demonstrated commitment to helping create a sustainable future through the professional field of Architecture through involvement in sustainable orgs, climate change initiatives and/or programs
    - Submit a portfolio using graphics and written text
      - Details present within report
- Manitoba Instituté for Patient Safety Crystal Anniversary Scholarship
  - Beginning 2024-2025 ending 2026-2027 - **one** scholarship valued at \$2,500 awarded to **a student or team of students**
    - FT (minimum 80%) in **3rd,4th, or 5th** of undergrad within **any college** of the **RFHS**
    - mGPA 3.0 or good standing in College of Med
    - **Submitted** a research **project**, poster presentation, capstone project or other related proposals devoted to improving patient safety
- Maggie Katzeley Scholarship for Mature Nursing Students
  - Beginning 2024-2025, annual fund to offer **one** scholarship
    - FT or PT in **2nd** year of study of Bachelor of Nursing
    - Granted admission to the university as a **mature student**
    - mGPA of 3.5
- Amendments:
  - Charles H. Thomsen Scholarship in Landscape Architecture
    - The preamble was revised
    - Available annual income offer **one** or **more** scholarships to students who:
    - (1) are either:
      - Enrolled FT (minimum 80% course load) in the **Faculty of Architecture** in the Bachelor of Enviro. design
      - Enrolled FT in the Faculty of **Graduate Studies** in any year of the Master of Landscape Architecture
    - (2) have achieved either:
      - **Undergraduate** student, a mGPA of 3.5; or
      - **Graduate** student, a mGPA of 3.0 based on the last 60 CH (or equiv)
      - Articulated project objectives for a community-based outreach project related to landscape architecture and plans for how funds are to be used to achieve those objectives.
  - CPA Manitoba Foundation Scholarship in Indigenous Business Education
    - The preamble was revised
    - Each year, **two** scholarships valued at \$1,400 each, will be offered to **undergraduate** students who:

- Enrolled FT (minimum 80% course load) in the Asper School of Business in the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree program;
  - Declared a major in Accounting;
  - Completed two introductory Accounting courses minimum of a C+
  - mGPA of 3.0
  - Member of IBEP in good standing
  - Demonstrate community involvement.
- Must submit an essay
- C. Thomas Shay Scholarship
  - Enrolled FT in the Fac of **GS** in a master's or Ph.D. program offered through the Department of Anthropology;
  - Achieved a mGPA of 3.0 based on the last 60 CH (or equivalent)
  - Demonstrated or are about to do anthropological research in the prairie or boreal forest regions of Manitoba and surrounding provinces and states.
- Edwin Cohen Scholarship in Finance
  - The preamble was revised
  - Each year available annual income from the fund will be used to offer **one** scholarship to **undergraduate** student
  - Enrolled FT (minimum 80% course load) in the **fourth** year of study of the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) program, with a declared major in finance
  - Achieved a mGPA of 3.5.
- Solita Egert Practice Skills Prize
  - Enrolled in the Fac of GS in the Master of Occupational Therapy program in the College of Rehabilitation Sciences at the UofM
  - Achieved mGPA of 3.5 in the Master of Occupational Therapy Program
  - Achieved the **highest overall standing** [an average score (percentage)]
- Harry Singer Memorial Medal
  - The preamble was revised to:
  - Beginning in the 2001-2002 academic year, one medal will be offered to an **undergraduate**
  - Enrolled full-time (minimum 80% course load) in the **third** year of the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
  - Achieved a mGPA of 3.5
  - Demonstrated outstanding merit in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Applied Pharmacy Practice Lab (currently numbered PHMD 1002, PHMD 2022, PHMD 2024 and PHMD 3002).
- Dr. Jack King Memorial Scholarship
  - The preamble was revised
  - In the next ensuing academic session, are enrolled FT (minimum 80% course load) in **fourth** year of study of in the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)

- Achieve high combined standing in Periodontology 3 (currently numbered DDSS 3102) and Oral Diagnosis and Radiology 1 (currently numbered DDSS 3112).
  - Naomi Rosenberg Palansky Prize
    - Enrolled FT or PT in the Fac of GS in the Master of Occupational Therapy program delivered by the College of Rehabilitation Sciences
    - Achieved a mGPA of 3.5 in the Master of Occupational Therapy
    - Interest in working with and advocating for children.
  - Sheppy I. Adler Memorial Scholarship
    - The preamble was revised
    - Each year, available annual income from the fund will be used to offer **one** scholarship to an **undergraduate** student
    - Enrolled FT (minimum 80% course load) in their **3rd** year of study in the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
    - mGPA of 3.0
    - Achieved high standing in the Concepts of Integrative Medicine course (currently numbered PHMD 3008).
  - Winnipeg Commodity Exchange Graduate Fellowship:
    - The preamble was revised
    - Each year, available annual income from the fund (including any accumulated revenue) will be used to offer **one** or **more fellowships** to **graduate** students who:
      - Have either:
        - As entering students, met the admission requirements for the Fac of GS Master of Science program offered through the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economic
        - OR: Current graduate students, enrolled FT in the Fac of GS in **any year** of study in the Master of Science program offered through the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics
        - Achieved a mGPA of 3.2 on the last 60 CH (or equivalent) of study.
- Withdrawals: N/A
  - Correspondence from President and Vice-Chancellor - RE: Request to Extend Suspensions of Admissions to BoS (Major) and BoS (Honours) in Biotechnology, FaS - President's Approval
  - Correspondence from Provost and Vice-President (Academic) - RE: Implementation of Micro-Certificate in Essentials in Advanced Patient Care for Pharmacists
- **Report of the President**
  - Report - concern regarding potential new cap put on International students → more research to be done on this matter

- President's Response to Liberal Members of Parliament Open Letter to University Presidents
- **Question Period**
  - Question regarding the opting out of SSRIs due to not wanting personal information shared with new SSRI infrastructure
- **Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 10, 2024**
  - Motion to approve that the minutes have been circulated
- **Motion passed**
- **Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - N/A
- **Reports of the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee**
  - Report of the Senate Executive Committee
    - Comments will accompany report
    - January 24, 2024
  - Report of the Senate - **Planning and Priorities Committee**
    - Chair will make an oral report
    - Did not meet - Nothing to report
- **Reports of Other Committees of Senate, Faculty & School Councils**
  - Report of the Joint Senate Committee on Master's Programs - RE: Revised Terms of Reference
    - Proposal to approve revised terms of reference (Effective June 2024)
- **Motion passed**
- **Additional Business**
  - **MOMENTUM: Leading Change Together, University of Manitoba Strategic Plan, 2024-2029**
    - Traditional Territories Acknowledgement - In new section "What Guides Us"
    - Mission, Vision, Values
      - Concise language
    - External partnerships and relationships
      - Strengthen narrative around engagement with external partners
      - New goal and associated strategies focused on external partnership
    - Graduate education
      - new strategy under "creating knowledge that matters"
    - Role of support staff
      - Strengthen value of support staff in success of institution



- Ensured language around building community is inclusive of staff
  - Leading Change Together
    - Strategic themes have been approved in terms of likability
  - Next steps
    - Approvals
      - Final plan has been endorsed to be presented to Board of Governors for approval
    - Implementation
      - Form Strategic Plan Implementation Committee led by the Provost
      - Work with academic and administrative units to develop unit-level plans that build on unique strengths
      - identify strategies and actions that will guide implementation and monitor progress
  - Proposal that Senate recommend the Strategic Plan for approval to the Board of Directors
- **Motion passed**
  - Proposed Deans of Faculties, Directors of Schools of the University, and College Deans Policy and Related Procedure - RE: Appointment and Review
    - Revision of policy to be made to the University's structure to allow a Dean to be the head of more than one unit
    - EDI and hiring section —> replaced with language that are consistent with gender diversity and representation of systematically marginalised groups
    - Proposal to approve these revisions
    - Questions - New concept is needed
      - Share budget with senate and faculty
  - Proposal to recommend these policies for an amendment as per feedback
- **Motion passed**
  - Report of the Senate Committee and Process Review Working Group - RE: Terms of Reference form the Senate Executive Committee
  - Proposal to approve the review
- **Motion passed**
- Adjournment

### **10.3) UMSU Reports:**

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

I'm in the progress of planning a beading workshop for around end of March. I'm waiting to hear back from different instructors about who is available and pricing it out.

I was also thinking about have a giveaway with entry from answering a few questions regarding what Indigenous science students would like to see more of and what kind of resources would help them get through their degree. -> prize would most likely be a gift card to an Indigenous business.

#### **10.5) International Students' Rep Reports:**

#### **10.7) Accessibility Rep Reports:**

1. verbal report
2. motion to approve \$500 for sharing circles events (cumulative)

Sharing circles provide a space for individuals to connect with each other and to share their stories in a non-judgmental and supportive environment

#### **10.8) Lounge Programmer Reports:**

#### **10.9) Student Services Reports:**

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

📄 Treasurer Report - February 28th 2024 SSA Council Meeting.pdf

📄 January 2024 SSA Bank Statement.pdf

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

## **Academics Report**

**Meeting Date: February 28th, 2024**

## Noor:

### Tutoring Program:

- Will have a meeting with Patrick on March 1st for a mid-semester debrief.
- We had the Tutor Appreciation event on February 15th and people enjoyed the event.

### MedTALKS:

- We are set on March 7th as the day of the event, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Jenna informed me that Kimia will send out the Faculty wide invite on February 27th.

### Meeting with the Faculty:

- I met with Kathy Synkiw from the Academic Undergraduate Advising Office on February 9<sup>th</sup>. She suggested some points of collaboration, both in conjunction with Academics and Special Events. Academics collabs will happen next year as they are interested in presenting for the Research Nights.

Anthony:

Peer Mentorship Program:

Nothing to report

Clarissa:

Rentals Program:

- Remember to fill out form when people return stuff from the rental program

**10.12) Special Events Reports:**

SSA Meeting #14 Special Events Report

February 28th, 2024

Jacob, Huda, Rabia, Carl, Amina

1. Ski trip
  - a. Ski trip was a success
  - b. Thank you to everyone who helped out
    - i. Eldrec, Isham, Clarissa, Rabia, Carl, and the special events team
2. Gala

- a. Working on finalizing things, getting vendors, and budgeting
- b. Note our room was moved
  - i. 2EFGH (directly above room from last year, virtually same size)
- 3. Smaller events
  - a. Planning a social and other small events
    - i. Potentially a trivia night collaboration with ChemClub
    - ii. Hopefully a final exam de-stressor

**10.13) Director of Communications Reports:**

**10.14) First Year Representative Reports:**

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

**10.16) Racialized Representative Reports:**

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

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

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