

Science Students' Association – Agenda for council meeting

Date & Time – October 18th, 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 [4_10_2023.pdf](#) (see link)

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. Consent Culture Workshop (beginning of the meeting)

- a. Presented by Caleigh (VP) & Jan (International Rep)
- b. Workshop is mandatory for councilors to get CCR and for SSA to be recognized by UMSU

2. SSA Office & Lounge Updates

- a. Lounge safety update
 - i. Please report any concerning interactions you witness or student complaints directly to Caleigh or Amy
- b. Office hours sign in sheet is up
- c. Statement regarding council confidentiality & respectful environment

3. Math & Stats Clubs Updates

- a. Both Eigen (math club) and UMS² (stats club) already exist, but they have been less active & more internal since the pandemic hit
- b. Eigen: has undergrad execs, joined Board of Student Groups, now have access to their SSA funding
- c. UMS²: currently run by 2 grad students, but they will be passing it off to undergrads. At that point the new execs can join the Board of Student Groups and claim their SSA funding

4. UofM Open House Event (for high school students)

- 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

5. Resource List for Students

- a. Our SSA Resource Guide will be posted on the website, and available through the Linktree in our Instagram bio - The document includes the Fort Garry campus map, highlights UM resources relevant to Science Students, links to important sections of the 2022/23 UMSU Student Guide, FoS resources, and SSA services! **Note: Will do a quick run through the document during the meeting so that councillors know of the resources included and can direct students to them!

6. SSA By-Election

- a. Positions to be filled:
 - i. Indigenous Students' Representative
 - ii. Women's Representative
 - iii. Accessibility Representative
 - iv. Racialized Representative (pending bylaws change approval)
- b. [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
- c. [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
- d. [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
- e. 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:

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10.3) UMSU Reports:

10.4) Indigenous Students' Rep Reports:

10.5) International Students' Rep Reports:

10.7) Accessibility Rep Reports:

10.8) Lounge Programmer Reports:

10.9) Student Services Reports:

Nothing to Report.

10.10) Treasurer reports:

Treasurer Report - October 18th 2023 SSA Council Meeting.pdf

10.11) Director of Academics reports:

Academics Report

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Tutoring Program:

- Paul Friesen from the FoS office has verified the academic standing of all our tutors

MedTALKS:

- The first talk will be happening on November 23rd, 2023 (Thursday) in Armes 208 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Research Night:

- The UMULH/IHPSA/SOSA/SSA Research Night will be happening on November 3rd, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Anthony:

Peer Mentorship Program:

- The meet and greet + de-stressor date has been decided for October 26th, 2023 from 5 – 8 PM

Clarissa:

Nothing to report

Aishat's Report:

Nothing to report

10.12) Special Events Reports:

SSA Meeting #7 Special Events Report

October 18th, 2023

Jacob, Huda, Rabia, Carl, Amina

1. TEDxMeeting

- a. Waiting on Nicole for budgeting

2. SOSA collaboration

- a. We have the first big social (Halloween) planned for November 3rd at Smitty's
- b. Working on the ticket sales platform at the moment
- c. Collaboration w/U of W science students
- d. More details to come

3. Succulent paint night (Carl/Rabia)

- a. Event where you can paint your own succulent on Thursday to de-stress before exams

10.13) Director of Communications Reports:

Nothing to Report.

10.14) First Year Representative Reports:

10.15) 2SLGBTQ+ Representative Reports:

Nothing to Report.

10.a) Executive Committee Reports:

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10.a1) Bylaws Committee Reports:

- 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):

