

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

**Date & Time – March 13th, 6:00pm Winnipeg time**

**Venue – Eureka Room**

**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 **07\_02\_2024.pdf** & **28\_02\_2024 (1).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)

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. SSA Election Results**

- a. Congratulations to the newly elected 2024/25 SSA councilors!

**2. Board of Student Groups Meeting (March 6)**

- a. ? Or Info in exec? Up to Sarah

**3. SSA Lounge Plaque Draft**

- a. "The Science Students' Association (SSA) lounge is an inclusive space where science students and other UM community members can interact, collaborate and coexist. The lounge is intended to serve as a safe environment where people from all backgrounds and groups are welcome.  
Individuals in the SSA lounge are expected to refrain from language and behaviour that are discriminatory or harassing in nature. The SSA Executive Team will not permit those who violate these expectations to continue using the lounge.

The primary goal and purpose of SSA is to support our fellow science students. If you ever have questions or concerns, please stop by the SSA office or email us at [science.studentsassociation@umanitoba.ca](mailto:science.studentsassociation@umanitoba.ca) “

#### 4. Changeover Meeting

- a. Date: TBD, around May 10th
- b. Expected attendance: all ***elected*** members

#### 5. Changeover Packages

- a. Required for ***everyone***. Teams (UMSU, Senate, Special Events, Student Services, Academics and Communications) must submit one package. Every other councilor must submit their own package.

**b. Due: May 8th, 2024**

- c. A template document will be made available to everyone by the next meeting (March 27th)

#### 6. Experience Record Credit

- a. Will be given to councilors if duties are fully completed by May 10th

### 10.2) Senate reports:

March 6, 2024 - 1:30 p.m. in Senate Chambers, Room E3-262 EITC

SSC

N/A

March 4 2024 12:00PM

PRE-SENATE 2024-03-04

Waiting for Senate to complete the Strategic Plan so Science can begin/finish completing theirs  
Adjournment 12:09pm

March 6 2024 1:30PM

SENATE 2024-03-06

- **Matters to be considered in Closed Session**
  - None
- **Matters Recommended for Concurrence Without Debate**
  - Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Executive Committee RE: Université de Saint-Boniface (Education)
    - Discussed and -
- **Motion passed**
- **Matters Forwarded for Information**

- Correspondence from Provost and Vice-President (Academic) RE: Implementation of Graduate Micro-Diploma in Applied Health Science Research, Department of Community Health Sciences
- Report on Research Contacts and Amendments Received, July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023
- Undergraduate Admission Targets, 2024-2025
- **Report of the President**
  - We do not have the grant provided by the province
    - Usually obtained in February
  - International Students Cap
    - 364,000 -64% less than usual
    - Allocated based on the population of the province. Wrote a letter to the minister. Rejection rate will depend on the country they are applying for.
      - Example: Nigeria has an 80% rejection rate on student visas. Province has released a small number of 600 visas. We usually admit 10,000.
      - Going to expect to have much less International Students coming next year
    - Each loss of international students takes about 1 million out of our budget
  - **Strategic Plan has been approved** —> April 4 2024 reveal
    - Developing holistic approach to streamline process to focus on risk management - increase management and decrease controls
      - Ensure risk are properly controlled
      - Taking a step back to prevent financial setbacks
- **Question Period**
  - N/A
- **Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 7, 2024**
  - Motion to approve that the minutes have been circulated
- **Motion passed**
- **Business Arising from the Minutes**
  - Proposed Deans of Faculties, Directors of Schools of the University, and College Deans Policy and Related Procedure RE: Appointment and Review
    - Revised (Address and replace):
      - Deans of Faculties Bylaw;
      - Directors of Schools of the University Bylaw
        - To streamline governing documents
        - Reflect the University's commitment to process that support EDI and reconciliation
        - Reflect structure of affiliated RFHS and affiliate Colleges

- Outline other procedures
  - Changes in 2.7 and 2.8. The changes implement more transparency in the budget
- **Motion passed**
- **Reports of the Senate Executive Committee and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee**
  - Report of the Senate Executive Committee
    - Comments will accompany report
    - N/A
  - Report of the Senate - **Planning and Priorities Committee**
    - N/A
- **Reports of Other Committees of Senate, Faculty & School Councils**
  - Reports of the Senate Committee on Admissions RE: Revised Admission Requirements, Bachelor of Social Work Access Sites, Faculty of Social Work
    - Inner City Access Site
    - Northern Access Site
    - Inner City program: now applies to northern and inner city students.
      - Changes include:
      - Requiring grades of C and better to be included to the CH count (must have 27 CH or less of completed university level course work and must be in good academic standing)
      - At least 21 years old at program start date
  - Motion to approve reports on revision of Inner City Access Sites and Northern Access Sites
- **Motion passed**
- Additional Business
  - N/A
- Adjournment

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

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

-Still working on a beading event.. tentative date is March 25th from 6-8pm in the SSA lounge  
-\$500 from the Indigenous budget will be given to UMISA for Mikofes

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

📄 Report\_-\_Bhavik\_Jain\_ISRpdf.pdf

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

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

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

**SSA Student Services Report - March 13th, 6pm**

**Annie, Erika, Dexter, Rushal**

#### **1. Past event**

##### **a. Food giveaway on Friday, March 8th**

- i. \$509.41 total (Subway and juice boxes)
- ii. Thank you to those who helped!

#### **2. Upcoming events**

##### **a. Grad photos (March 19 to 22 AND March 25 to 28)**

- i. Booking system is live
- ii. In the office, reminder to keep quiet out of respect to the students and photographer
- iii. Other tentative dates are April 29 - May 3rd

##### **b. Food giveaway (Friday, March 22nd from 12-1PM)**

##### **c. Exam Kram (Wed, April 3 from 5:30-7:30PM (5PM set up))**

- i. In the Science library
- ii. Snacks, pizza, giveaway
- iii. We would love some extra help!!

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

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**10.11) Director of Academics reports:**

## Academics Report

**Meeting Date: March 13, 2024**

### Noor:

#### Tutoring Program:

- Had a meeting with Patrick on March 1st. There has been a drop in one-on-one sessions during the Winter term and Patrick informed me that it is expected.
- Marilyn will be replacing Patrick as the Nimbus rep so I will have a meeting with her to brainstorm about some ideas to increase engagement during the Winter term.

#### MedTALKS:

- Took place on March 7th. Had a turnout for around 50 people. Everything went smoothly and people found the session very informative.
- Thank you to the following councilors for helping out:
  - Jacob
  - Jasmine
  - Anthony
  - Clarissa

#### Meeting with the Faculty:

- Will be meeting with Kathy on Wednesday, March 13 as some advisors are interested in presenting at upcoming events.

Collaboration with UMULH:

- UMULH is planning to host a workshop with Dr. Patel and Dr. Nayak who are involved with mental healthcare.
- The dates are TBD but we are aiming to host it in early April.

Chiropractor Presentation:

- The form has been put up on our instagram. I was hoping for a Faculty wide email but Karie sent in the advertisement package quite late (last Monday) and UMULH is also helping with spreading the word.

Anthony:

Peer Mentorship Program:

Nothing to report



Clarissa:

Rentals Program:

Nothing to report

**10.12) Special Events Reports:**

**SSA Meeting #15 Special Events Report**

**March 11th, 2024**

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

**1. Gala**

**a. QPay and posts going out ASAP**

**b. Will start tabling in late March**

**c. Awards, photo booth, etc. being work on right now**

**d. Reminder: May 4th 6pm-1am RBC CC**

**2. ChemClub Collab**

**a. March 20th, 5-7pm Armes 205**

**b. Free pizza**

**c. Teams competing in trivia for prizes (SSA team??)**

**3. Succulent Paint Night**

**a. TBD, late March before exams**

**b. Want to use remainder of events budget for some giveaways at this event, maybe some food, and the succulent painting**

**4. Team bonding**

- a. March 24th from 4pm-5:30pm at Crock-A-Doodle on Kenaston
- b. Please let me know ASAP if you can come (I have 38 spots reserved)
- c. Look at catalog (in the Discord)

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

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

Before the election period, Anshika contacted most first year science professors to share information regarding the SSA Scholarships by presentations or UM Learn especially advertising the First Year Community Achievement Scholarship and have received over 10 applications for it. Will be reviewing all applications with the community representatives and decide on recipients.

Winter orientation was also a success. Noted that moving forward SSA will have to purchase our own merch to give out at such events instead of being provided by the faculty of science. So will be making note of this in my changeover package and start planning some things in advance.

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

Nothing to Report.

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

**Motion** to approve 400 dollars towards giveaway of Gift Cards worth 50-80 dollars each depending on availability for Racialized Students at the UOM.

**Motion** to approve 400 dollars towards an Activate trip planned in collaboration with several other student groups that are FYC, ASBC, FASO and SSA (Aryan and Bhavik). This event will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (Saturday).

**Motion** to approve 200 dollars towards a pool tournament at IQ's which is in collaboration with PSA which will tentatively take place by the end of March 2024.

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

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

📎 **Executive\_Report\_March\_13.pdf**

