**Science Student’s Association Meeting Attendance**

**September 17th, 2019**

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| **Position**  | **Name**  | **Present** |

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| President  | Justin Lin | Yes |
| Vice President | Eric Vasas | Yes |
| Chairperson | David Chamberlain | Yes |
| Secretary | Tristan Rohatynsky | Yes |
| Senator | Jaime McNicholl | Yes |
| Senator | Katelyn Casalla | Yes |
| Senator | Kristine Macalinao | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Brendan Scott | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Chloe McElheron | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Dani Stackiw | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Matt Rakar | Yes |
| Accessibility Representative | Madison Morrow | Yes |
| Indigenous Students’ Representative | Gillian McIvor | Yes |
| International Students’ Representative | Juanita Garcia | No (Regrets, Proxy: Selina Audino) |
| LGBTTQ\* Representative | Pending | N/A |
| Women’s Representative | Emily Kalo | Yes |

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| Treasurer | Justin Cruz | Yes |
| Director of Academics | Tyler Szun | Yes |
| Director of Communications | Savannah Szocs | No (Regrets) |
| Director of Special Events | Serena Phillips | Yes |
| Director of Student Services | Mrittika Deb | Yes |
| Executive Assistant  | Dustin Erickson | Yes |
| Academic Programmer | Stuti Gupta | Yes |
| Academic Programmer  | Tino Dogo | Yes |
| Lounge Programmer | William Kong | Yes |
| Special Events Programmer | Dana Segal | Yes |
| Special Events Programmer | Demi Andromidas | Yes |
| Special Events Programmer | Selina Audino | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Kanso Alaka | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Shelly Lam | Yes |

**Science Student’s Association Meeting Minutes**

**September 17th, 2019**

**Called to Order: 6:13 PM**

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
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|  Eric Vasas motions to approve the agenda, with the following amendments:* Eric adds motion to add the Executive Committee Report to the end of the agenda
* Eric adds motion to amend the UMSU report to the most current version

 Emily Kalo seconds; Motion passed.  |

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| 1. Acknowledgement to use of Treaty Land
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|  Gillian McIvor acknowledges that we are meeting on treaty land.  |

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| 1. Approval of Minutes
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|  Eric Vasas motions to approve the previous meeting minutes from the meeting held on August 13th, 2019, Katelyn Casalla seconds; Motion passed. Eric Vasas motions to amend the previous meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 10th, 2019.* In the Executive Committee Report the following was stated, “By-election is done by Chairperson for positions that are missing; Chairperson acts as the CRO for the election” and should be amended to the following:
* In the past, by-election was done by Chairperson for positions that are missing; Chairperson acted as CRO for the election in the past
* Amended minutes from the September 10th meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

 Gillian McIvor seconds; Motion passed.  |

*Eric Vasas motions for a quick recess at 6:26 PM, Matt Rakar seconds; Motion passed and carried unanimously.*

*Eric Vasas motions to resume the meeting at 6:40 PM, Chloe McElheron seconds; Motion passed and carried unanimously.*

***David Chamberlain motions to move the next scheduled meeting from the 30th of September to the 1st of October, Eric Vasas seconds; Motion passed and carried unanimously.***

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| 1. Council Reports
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| 1. (Vice) President
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| **Justin Lin and Eric Vasas Report:**1. **Fall Council Bonding Activity**
* What would we like to do?
* Laser tag
* Fear Escape Room
* Any kind of escape room
* Corn Maze/Six Pines/Heebie Jeebies
* Last year, council did Corn maze
* We will do one of these options
* Will do a vote on Slack to determine which one
1. **BOSS Meeting – September 11th, 2019**
* Treasurer workshop – Justin Cruz is attending
* Mandatory to receive funding from UMSU
* September 25th, @ 6 pm, UMSU Council Chambers
* Email Gordon Chandler for info
* Consent Culture
* Those who couldn’t go to ours, arrange to go to another one
* Let SSA know which one you will be attending
* Student Club Appreciation Ceremony
* If anyone wants to go, let Justin L know
* Can send 4 people
* Happening next Friday, 2 pm, The Hub
* UMSU is giving out 5 awards to student groups
* Frosh Ticket Sales
* Lil Nas X is not coming
* Indigenous student working group
* All Indigenous reps are invited
* Gill will look into this
* EasyTransit is good for bus service
1. **Kartik Sachar from MiSC**
* President of MiSC (departmental student group)
* Hultin Memorial Study Room is apparently under SSA jurisdiction (was our temporary office for the summer)
* SSA’s to rent out apparently
* MiSC would like to request to use the room after hours for their club (requires our approval)
* MiSC would use this to be used as MiSC office space for however long until they find a more permanent room
* Although details haven’t been confirmed, study room is open to the public during working hours, but locked after 5 PM
* Plan to use the space after hours for meetings, study space and small events
* MiSC does not currently have a designated space
* All departmental clubs have a room except them
* This would be a temporary space until the faculty finds a more permanent location is set for them
* See email below:

----- Email from Kartik Sachar -----*Hi Justin,**I wanted to follow up on our conversation yesterday about MiSC using the Hultin Memorial Study Room after hours. I wanted to formally request the room on behalf of Microbiology Student's Club. I have outlined a proposal for how the room would be used, provided SSA grants us approval.**From my understanding, the study room will be open to the public, starting Fall 2019, during working hours but locked after hours (after* *Our plan is to use this space for meetings, study space and other small events. The biggest complaint our members have is the lack of a space where they can drop by if they have questions regarding course material, lab reports etc. This space could serve that function; if our members or anyone have questions, they wanted to ask upper year students they can stop by after labs or classes to have it answered there rather than by professors through email. Similarly we wanted to host nights specifically designed for tutoring of younger students but we have been unable to find a room (science library study rooms proved too small and SSA lounge too busy).**We currently have been using the STEAM room as a base for our meetings, this has been challenging because they (rightfully) have access full time so this causes some distractions and interruptions.**We believe that this is a reasonable request as all other departmental clubs have a room except ours, the faculty has been unable to arrange a room for us for the past year. So in the meanwhile we are hoping to use this as a temporary space until a more permanent space is located.**Hopefully this sounds agreeable to you and let me know if you have any concerns.**Cheers,**Kartik* Temporary Office Space for MiSC:* ***Moved by: President (Justin Lin)***
* *WHEREAS MiSC is the only departmental student group without a designated space*
* *WHEREAS the Hultin Memorial Study Room will be locked and not in use after hours*
* *BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Hultin Memorial Study Room be used as a temporary location for MiSC (after 5 pm) for meetings, study space and small events*
* ***Seconded by: Katelyn Casalla***
* ***Motion Status: Postponed to next meeting***
* Discussion:
* How long Hultin space is open until
* Should confirm the times the Haultin Memorial Study room is open before we make a decision
* What does MiSC mean by possibly putting a lock/padlock on the door
* Would be office hours for only members of MiSC (those who pay for the membership)
* Would it be possible for us to clean out the study room and instead have MiSC use this until they can find a more secure location?
* SSA study room may be too small
* Currently the Hultin Memorial Study Room is supposed to be open late after hours for students
* Intent of the Haultin room is to be used for students to study
* Leave more room for students to study and give MiSC SSA study room possibly
* MiSC using the Steam room currently and need a better option
* Steam does a lot of things and uses a lot of the space
* Not enough room left for MiSC
* MiSC wants an after-hours study space
* Similar to what BUGS has
* Decision:
* As of right now: use study room as a temporary space until after we talk to Krystyna

***Eric Vasas motions to postpone the motion until the next meeting. Jaime McNicholl seconds; Motion passed and carried unanimously.*** |
| 1. Senate
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| * No report
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| 1. UMSU
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|  **Dani Stackiw Reports: UMSU Meeting August 2019:**1. **Winnipeg Transit and the Upcoming Strike Presentation**
* During this meeting, the President of UMSU (Jakob Sanderson) gave a presentation on Winnipeg Transit and the potential upcoming strike
* UMSU had the options to either
* Support the Amalgamated Transit Union unconditionally
* Support the City
* Remain neutral
* Or support the ATU conditional on being locked out
* ATU has asked for support from UMSU whereas up until this point, the City has not
* UMSU has considered both the positives and negatives associated with each option
* Currently, UMSU has put various precautions in place for the university such as:
* Partnering with GOManitoba to increase carpooling
* Partnering with UMCycle and bike valet services
* Adding temporary pickup and drop-off areas around the campus
* In the event of a bus stoppage, UMSU would like to make an agreement with TappCar to accommodate students by getting a discount on rides, and to also increase the campus hours
* As well, UMSU will advocate for a centralized excused absence policy if a stoppage occurs, and UPass refunds for those students affected by the strike
* UMSU has made the decision to officially remain neutral on the labour negotiation between the City of Winnipeg and the ATU until the BOD meeting on September 12th, 2019
1. **Events Taking Place**
* Frosh took place on September 14th, 2019
* UMSU has partnered with Justice for Women, Project Safe Audience, and Redfrogs to ensure safety during this event
* There will be a LGBTG\* consultation meeting on September 18th, 2019 at the ALC
* Commerce Students’ Association had the Beverage Gardens on September 5th and 6th, 2019 on the Quad
* Commerce on the Quad took place on September 6th, 2019 in the evening
* Nursing Students’ Council will be participating in CIBC Run for the Cure on October 6th, 2019
* Anyone that wishes to donate is able to do so
* Voting pledges will be coming soon during the voting period
* The Faculty who gets the most pledges will get a prize!
* Consent Culture training will be taking place as well as Bystander training for UMSU staff
* Will be happening with the restaurants as well
* UMSU has released priorities for the Provincial Election and has done so in partnering with students for Consent Culture and can be viewed on the website and social media
* UMSU attended Health Has No Borders rally that happened on September 4th, 2019
* The week of September 23rd will be Healthy Sexuality Week
* Learn about anti-sexual violence education and information on healthy relationships and safe sex
* Student research assistants’ applications are open
* Can email kyle.hiebert@umsu.ca
* Jakob Sanderson (President) is working on Student Financial Aid Awareness Week for the inner-city campus
* ‘Foodbank Fridays’ starting in September 29, 2019
* Tailgate party for Homecoming Football Game happening on September 21st, 2019
* Student Financial Awareness Week – week of September 16th, 2019
* UMSU offices and GPA’s renovations almost complete
* UMSU signed 2019/2020 Nimbus Peer Tutoring with multiple add-ons
1. **Indigenous Students’ Working Group**
* UMSU is building the list of student associations with Indigenous representatives and student clubs central to Indigenous initiatives that want a seat on the Indigenous Students’ Working Group
* Email vpsl@umsu.ca if you haven’t been added to the list

**Matt Rakar reports:****UMSU Meeting September 12th, 2019:**1. **UMSU Elections**
* The UMSU Board of Directors voted Karan Saxena as the CRO for the UMSU elections next semester
1. **Sustainability Working Group**
* The Sustainability Working Group is planning a Climate Change Rally for September 27th at 12 PM at the Legislative Building
* They’re working on drafting a motion for UMSU to declare a climate emergency which is to be voted on by the Board at a later date
1. **Student Financial Awareness Week**
* UMSU is planning a Student Financial Awareness Week starting on September 16th dedicated to educating students about the financial opportunity available to them during the university tenure
* Everything from what scholarships and bursaries are available to them, to their secondary healthcare benefits, international healthcare, and what that translates to monetary wise
1. **Clubs Fest**
* Clubs Fest is happening from September 16th-30th
* The 100+ clubs at the university will have tabling events in UC throughout the week
* Clubs will be advertising their platforms
1. **Healthy Sexuality Week**
* Healthy Sexuality Week will occur from September 23rd-27th with programming focused on anti-sexual violence education and awareness as well as healthy relationships and safe sex practices
1. **International Student Healthcare Rally**
* On September 4th UMSU held a rally at the Legislative Building in support of International Student Healthcare
1. **Bison’s Homecoming Game**
* There is a tailgate on September 21st for the Bison’s Homecoming Game
* University students get in the game for free
1. **Winnipeg Transit and Amalgamated Transit Union Presentations**
* UMSU President, Jakob Sanderson invited both Winnipeg Transit and the Amalgamated Transit Union to the meeting give a presentation about their respective sides with the knowledge that the Board of Directors may vote to give their support to either side at the meeting, or remain neutral
* However only representatives from the ATU attended
* The ATU stressed that their cause is not about the money
* They’re not negotiation with the city JUST for higher wages
* Their most important request is more reliable schedules
* There are 2 options to improve this
1. More dependable, honest scheduling
* Busses coming at consistent times
1. Adding more buses to the fleet
* Option B would need millions of dollars in investments and would be the best option in improving public transit throughout the city
* Spending on public transit in Winnipeg is one of the lowest per capita in Canada and has decreased since the Provincial Government stopped funding half of it
* The ATU stressed that they DO NOT want to go on a strike, however they acknowledged the longer the dispute goes on, the more likely will go on strike
* Before they go on strike, they would use other methods to disrupt the city such as not accepting fares
* Other demands by the ATU include public representation to meetings that determine the scheduling throughout the city – including one sent by UMSU – so far, the city has refused this
* Wanted an UMSU Representative there because students are the largest customer block of Winnipeg Transit
* ATU also wants scheduled breaks at the end of each route
* Currently drivers have no breaks throughout their entire shift
* Want to have break in their system to improve scheduling
* Winnipeg Transit’s current mental health support system is poor
* More violence happening due to violence and increased fares
* ATU wants to overhaul it to include a peer support system with trained councilors

----- Message Directly from UMSU Regarding ATU and Possible Upcoming Transit Strike -----*With all this information being presented the UMSU BOD’s have voted to support the ATU in their contract negotiations against the city. They endorse ATU’s commitment to improved transit service, UMSU’s goals and the ATU’s goals are aligned at this time. UMSU will work with the ATU as well as other student/community organizations to press for improved transit service and for an UMSU rep to be on the internal scheduling review committee. UMSU acknowledges the harmful effects of the provincial governments decision to remove 50/50 funding for Wpg transit and advocate for funding to be restored**UMSU has I finalized a deal with the ride sharing app TappCar to get a discount on rides for UMSU members if a transit strike should occur, they’re also working on establishing a free bike valet service for 200 places from Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm at the UMCycle Kiosk and in front of the Fitzgerald building on Fort Garry campus in the event a stoppage occurs. If a strike were to occur The UPass contract states that if a “strike” lasts longer than 5 days, Transit will recommend to City Council to approve UPass refunds on pro-rated basis for all affected students.** *50/50 funding*
* *Originally prov. government funded half of WPG transit*
* *As of last year, decided to stop doing that*
* *City has to fund transit by themselves*
* *This causes more scheduling delays*
* *Don’t have enough money to pay all of the bus drivers that drive the buses*
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| 1. Communications
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| * No report
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| 1. Councillor Reports
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| 1. Special Events
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| 1. Academics
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| 1. Lounge Programming
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| 1. Community Representatives
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| 1. LGBTTQ\*
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| 1. Women’s
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| 1. Indigenous Students Report
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| 1. International Students Report
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| 1. Student Services
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| **Mrittika Deb Reports:**1. **Pizza Giveaway**
* Happening next Friday, the 27th
* Will be happening each month for 6 months
* Every month except for December and April
* Not including exam cram
* For pizza alone, average was $510
* Now only 40% off if we go with Dominos
* Medium Pizza deal instead of UM50 deal is better
* Motion to approve up to $700 for pizza giveaway in September

***Mrittika Deb motions to approval up to $700 for the September pizza giveaway, Eric Vasas seconds; Motion taken from the table; Motion passed and carried unanimously.***1. **September Food Giveaway Breakdown**

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| **Veggie** | Vegetarian | **5** |
|  | Cheese | **7** |
| **Vegan + GF** | Vegan | **3** |
|  | GF | **3** |
| **Meat** | Pepperoni | **6** |
|  | Chicken BBQ | **4** |
|  | Deluxe | **4** |
| **TOTAL** |  | **32** |

1. **Tentative Year Long Budget**
* Confirm with Justin Cruz: Does the budget given to us INCLUDE the profit we made from locker sales? Once we confirm this, the budget will be modified.
* Cannot use this money
* Will be used for next year’s council
* Would student Services be able to use $1000 or $2000 from this
* As of right now we’re unsure of this
* Justin Cruz will be depositing another amount
* Might push the variety in food options to later until Student Services gets a better idea of the budget
* Possible Budget:
* **Total = $6500 and a $650 10% extension**
* **Locker sale 1st deposit = $6825**
* **Locker sale 2nd deposit = $8765.50**

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| **Event/activity** |  |  |  |  |
| **Food giveaways** | **Dates** | **Food option** | **Estimated Amount** | **Place** |
|  | September 27th 12:00 pm | Pizza | $550 | Dominoes |
|  | October 25th 12:00 pm | Booster Juice? / Samosas |  | Pembina Booster Juice/Bengali Sweets |
|  | November 22nd 12:00 pm | Subway | $1,200 |  |
|  | January | Pizza/pita pit |  |  |
|  | February | Samosas | $500 | Bengali Sweets |
|  | March | Pizza | $550 | Dominoes |
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| Exam Cram |  |  |  |  |
|  | December (Dec 2nd, 3rd) |  | 1500 |  |
|  | April |  | 1500 |  |
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|  |  | TOTAL EXPENDITURE | $5,800 |  |

* All these prices are an over-estimate which leaves for money to be left over
* All high estimates
* Can consider extension money
* Exam cram is for estimated amount to spend on snacks from Costco
1. **Locker Sales**
* Procedure:
* See two excel sheets open on the desktop
* One is 2018-2019 spreadsheet (use for retrieving items from last year)
* Make sure you guarantee that everyone is who they say they are
* If a student claimed the locker in the summer, regardless, double check the items that are in the bag with the student
* One is from 2019-2020 (use to sell remaining lockers)
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| 1. Treasurer
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| * No report
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| 1. Committee Reports
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| 1. Executive
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| 1. **Roles and Rules**
* SSA Officer Visitor Policy
* Last year visitors were not allowed in the office from 8:30-4:30
* This year it would be 8:15-4:15
* Do we want to change that this year?
* What are people’s thoughts on this?
* Pros:
* If councilors weren’t allowed in, the motion is only for during office hours, non-councillors can still be brought in before and after hours
* People can still study during weekends with friends in the office as well
* Was very quiet last year when only councillors were allowed in
* Give councillors a one-person allowance
* Only became a problem when someone brought in more than one person at a time
* If you’re only bringing in one or two people, should be fine
* Sometimes there’s no difference in noise level, even when only councillors are in the office
* If someone needs to be tutored, can be tutored in the office when it’s not busy
* If friends are allowed in, should be respectful
* Cons:
* Possible theft; if you don’t know who’s going to be in the office that day, it’s harder to leave your stuff in there
* In previous years, people would be playing video games in the office so it would get noisy
* This was be councilors doing this however
* If you have an office, you want a place you can meet
* No space to sit + loud and chaotic at times when others were allowed in
* Not everyone was able to study if they needed it
* When you bring in more people that takes away the space for another chair
* Without bringing in other people, councillors get to know each other better
* Able to be much closer with people if it’s only councilors in the office
* Can be more open with other councillors
* Room is specifically for councillors
* During office hours, it’s better to know your councillors and talk to them
* During quiet times, it’s very hard to regulate when councillors can bring friends in and when councillors can’t bring friends in
1. **Funding Request Form**
* Are not available yet – waiting to be updated (Savannah)
* Not open yet, trying to update form
* Sending it to Savannah as well
* Issue is that currently we’re trying to get the Google form to work
1. **Meeting with the Dean**
* Regarding orientation
* Moving forward, to be more independent during the organization and execution
* Want us to be more independent on the day of
* Asked them for a few last-minute things since we were so tight on time
1. **Budgeting and Executive Spending**
* Treasurer:
* Instead of having an annual budget, to have a monthly/semester budget
* Percentage of funding allocated for individuals vs groups, grad students vs undergrad
* Submit it to JC, Eric, or Justin L by the end of this week preferably
* So Justin C can have a budget ready for his treasurers’ workshop
* Don’t have exact number of what we have to work with
* Will come out after out October 1st meeting
* Will have concrete budget by then and then will be able to divvy up the money for funding requests
* Last year Exec ran out of money near the end of the year
* Possibly dividing money per term or per month
* Will be bringing up the percentage that gets given out to grad students
1. **Sponsorships**
* Reach out to Coke to do a sponsorship
* Similar to RSAC’s relationship with Coke
* Would only be able to sell coke products if it goes through
* University has a deal with Coke already so wouldn’t affect anything
* Would only affect the RedBull giveaway from Student Services
* Could giveaway Monster Energy Drinks instead
* Monster is a Coke product
1. **Closed Session**

***Eric Vasas motions to move into closed session, Brendan Scott seconds; Motion passed.*** ***Justin Lin motions to move back into open session, Eric Vasas seconds; Motion passed.***  |
| 1. By-Laws
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| * No report
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| 1. Other Business
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| 1. Important Dates/Notes
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| **Special Events (Demi Andromidas)*** Social on Saturday November 9th
* Week before reading week
* Special Events wants everyone to make an appearance
* Get our deposit back if a certain amount of people come to the HUB
* Bring your friends
* Not for sure on theme yet
* Possibly a Mardi Gras theme
* Could have a pinata
* Starts at 9PM and ends at 2AM
* If councillors could come at 8:30PM to help get everything ready and organized that would be best

**Guest Speaker (Isham)*** From Computer Science student group
* Wants help advertising for upcoming events
* Isham will come to the office early in the morning to bring posters to be approved
* Inquired about funding for a Conference that is being held in January in Montreal for Computer Science students
* Isham will send a funding request once the form is up on the SSA website and include all necessary details
* Isham will put everything discussed today in the funding request as well
* All of the funding will be laid out in the request so SSA can see everything in detail
* Funding Request form will be up shortly
* Conference will reserve tickets for students they know are coming
* University of New Brunswick sent 15 delegates and covered $500 for each student
* Sent $10 000 total
* SSA will give an amount based off how many delegates are being sent
* UMES has agreed to fully fund a few students as well
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| 1. Dismissal
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|  Justin Lin motions for dismissal at 8:13 PM, Eric Vasas seconds; Motion passed.  |

**Motions**

**September 17th, 2019**

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| **Motion Regarding: Temporary Office Space for MiSC** | **Category: Hultin Memorial Study Room** |
| **Motion: WHEREAS** MiSC is the only departmental student group without a designated space* **WHEREAS** the Hultin Memorial Study Room will be locked and not in use after hours
* **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Hultin Memorial Study Room be used as a temporary location for MiSC (after 5 pm) for meetings, study space and small events
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| **Status:** Motion postponed to next meeting **Moved By:** Justin Lin**Seconded By:** Katelyn Casalla  |

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| **Motion Regarding: Budget for Pizza Giveaway** | **Category: Student Services Budget** |
| **Motion:** To approve up to $700 for the September pizza giveaway. |
| **Status:** Motion passed**Moved By:** Mrittika Deb**Seconded By:** Eric Vasas |