**Science Student’s Association Meeting Attendance**

**November Monday 16th, 2020**

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

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| President | Eric Vasas | Yes |
| Vice President | Jaime McNicholl | Yes |
| Chairperson | Anika Khan | Yes |
| Secretary | Jasmine Tingey | Yes |
| Senator | Dustin Erickson | Yes |
| Senator | Emily Kalo | Yes |
| Senator | Serena Philips | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Bryan Kwak | No (excused) |
| UMSU Representative | Chloe McElheron | Yes (came late; proxy; Selina) |
| UMSU Representative | Katelyn Casalla | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Riley Shannon | Yes |
| Accessibility Representative | Tristan Rohatynsky | Yes |
| Indigenous Students’ Representative | Zoe Quill | Yes |
| International Students’ Representative | N/A | N/A |
| LGBTTQ\* Representative | N/A | N/A |
| Women’s Representative | Kyra Cebula | Yes |

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| Treasurer | Justin Cruz | No (regrets) |
| Director of Academics | Tooba Razi | Yes |
| Director of Communications | Zachary Hiebert | Yes |
| Director of Special Events | Rashawna Blair | Yes |
| Director of Student Services | Natalie Ngu | Yes |
| Executive Assistant | Stuti Gupta | Yes (after exam) |
| Academic Programmer | Ethan Lin | No |
| Academic Programmer | Fares Hossain | No |
| Communications programmer | Sem Perez | No |
| Lounge Programmer | Aishat Bello | Yes |
| Special Events Programmer | Andrea Warzel | No |
| Special Events Programmer | Demi Andromidas | No |
| Special Events Programmer | Sion Yi | Yes |
| Special Events Programmer | Tiffany Tantakoun | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Dana Segal | No |
| Student Services Programmer | Kanso Alaka | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Selina Audino | Yes |

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**Called to Order: 6:46 PM**

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

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| 1. Approval of Agenda |
| Eric moves to amend the agenda for when stuti comes in to talk about election.  Jaime McNicholl motions to approve the amended agenda, Eric Vasas: Motion passed. |

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| 1. Approval of Minutes |
| Emily Kalo motions to approve the previous meeting minutes from the meeting held on October 26th, 2020, Eric Vasas seconds; Motion passed. |

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| 1. Council Reports |
| 1. President & (Vice) President |
| * Nothing to report |
| 1. Senate |
| **Dustin Erickson reports**:   1. **Code Red Adjustments:**  * Reduction of maximum capacity * Closing of pool * Closing of library * COVID case reports will be released on the UManitoba website. * Two apps that are encouraged to use:   + COVID alert app   + UMSafe app * Drive-in testing center open on 1 Research Road   + Open from 7am-7pm  1. **International Student Visa**  * Readiness plan is a plan that allows international students to enter Winnipeg and quarantine off of campus.   + This will likely be located at a nearby hotel.  1. **Faculty of Science Highschool Dual Credit Program**  * This was originally handled through the Faculty of Extended Education  1. **Modification of the English Language Proficiency Requirements**  * An increase in the minimum score requirement for the IELTS test. * Modification of the countries exempt from having to take this test prior to studies. * It was found that some international students have been struggling academically due to the language barrier  1. **Amendment of the Fall Academic Schedule**  * This amendment allows for the writing of final examinations during the January extension period   **6. Faculty of Arts Indigenous Course Requirement**   * all new students in the upcoming years will be required to take this couse * **only concern is for the safety of indigenous students in the class** |
| 1. UMSU |
| **UMSU Meeting November 5, 2020**  Bryan Kwak, Chloe McElheron, Katelyn Casalla & Riley Shannon Reports:   1. **Motions**  * **0495** * Direct Governance Committee to carry out changes laid outlined in the Susan Roger Report   + UMSU Reps from Faculty Councils may still attend, just as non-voting members to provide representation for their respective faculty   + 11 elected undergraduate students from the University of Manitoba in a campus wide election   + From these 11 elected directors, 1 will be voted to be the chair for the year   + Quorum will be 6 directors   + The absence of more than 5 meetings in the year, or 3 meetings in a row, will require resignation from the board.   + No proxies permitted * **0496** * Establish a Black Students’ Representative on the UMSU Board * Wont sit on the actual board but will sit on the UMSU council – will till get a voice to share any issues that they may have   **Anika asked a question about community reps and voting power** – riley said that they will still voice their opinions but the council will deal with student issues and concerns and the board will be more towards UMSU   1. **Updates**     1. **President**  * UMFA: Supporting call for binding Arbitration. Negotiating deadline was set for 11:59pm November 13 with a strike to commence on November 16. Can update more during meeting as it is a very fluid situation. * Indigenous Students Month: Youth Panel on November 17, Womxn in Power Panel November 27 and Senator Murray Sinclair on November 26.   1. **Advocacy** * COVID-19 Planning Committee: Aurora closed for maintenance (supposed to be adding more information on individual course structure for Winter term.), Stricter criteria for in-person classes to be held in Winter term * UCRU #DebtFreeDegree Campaign * UMSU Legal Services Centre: Working to find the most affordable way to provide legal services to students. * Working on installment fee payments for international students, quality of online education, issues remain with Respondus * MAPSS Lobby Week: Bill 33 timeline March 18th latest date to be read a second time, lobbying also around Performance Based Funding.   1. **Community Engagement** * Sustainability working group working on several projects * Student Leisure guide up and running * Hamper donations accepted until November 30th   1. **Finance & Operations** * GPAs and service center closed again due to Code Red * Survey on Health & Dental plan * Transit subsidy will return for the Winter term, since no UPass * Interdisciplinary clinic to replace most of what was the Print Centre (Dentistry has signed on)   1. **Student Life** * Community Assemblies hosted for the Community groups * ACE/BOSS Meetings up and running * Healthy Sexuality Campaign: Launching around January 18th (first day of winter term)   **UMSU Report November 2, 2020 – 6:30pm – Emergency Meeting**   * Bargaining Team Presentation Cancelled – Indefinitely   **Strike Information for Students from UMFA:**   * Presented by Jelynn * See PowerPoint   + UMSU directors can send this to anyone interested! * Included details about:   + History of UMFA/2016 bargaining and strike   + 2020 bargaining with administration   + Provincial government’s involvement and mandate   + Issues contributing to 2020 bargaining and why they are holding a strike vote   + What students can do to help   + Counselling/mental health supports for students   **Survey**   * Overview and discussion of UMSU member survey findings * If you would like to see the document reach out to any of the UMSU directors! * **Major Findings:**   + **14%** of students were not aware of the status of the ongoing labour negotiations between UMFA and the university, **42%** follow details   + **Top 3 biggest concerns if there was class interference due to a strike or lockout:**     - Exams running through winter break     - A loss in quality of education due to having to self-educate amid a work stoppage     - Mental health worsening because of added uncertainty   Chart, waterfall chart  Description automatically generatedDiagram  Description automatically generated  Questions   * Strategy for misinformation – information to circulate to faculty associations   + Concerned about survey results detailing where students are getting most of their information (top response was “Fellow student/word-of-mouth”)   **MOTION 0494 - PASSED**   * UM & UMFA Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations * UMSU in support of third-party binding arbitration * Open letter communicating stance with the University community   Letter to Brian Pallister and Provincial Government condemning their continued involvement in University bargaining |
| 1. Communications |
| * Nothing to Report |

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| 1. Councillor Reports |
| 1. Special Events |
| SSA Special Events Report: Rashawna, Sion, Demi, Tiffany, Andrea  Item 1: Planning online gift card giveaways   * $200 for 10 winners * Gift cards to The Bay, Skip the Dishes, DoorDash, Verde Plants and Starbucks * Sem is making poster * Holiday Zoom get together? * Tiffany 🡪 wanted to do a team bonding events   Graphical user interface, text, application, email  Description automatically generated |
| 1. Academics |
| **Nimbus Tutoring Partnership**   * 1. **Nov 5th Meeting** * SSA Program Set-up with Nimbus is complete * Moving into promotional and launch phase following reading week   + Email FoS students   + Social Media Posts   + Website Update * Sending email blast to FoS students about Nimbus, promoting both tutor and tutee recruitment for the program   + Email drafted and ready to send out – waiting on confirmation from FoS communications   + Includes list of all courses available currently with tutors * Nimbus is also reaching out to FoS Departmental Student Groups for promotion of our program (BUGS, MISC, etc) * Nimbus is still awaiting cheque from SSA   + Cheque should’ve been sent 🡪 Eric will message Justin   1. **Nov 10th Meeting (Tutor Recruitment)** * Meeting mainly focused on Tutor Recruitment Strategies * Updated the SSA tutor recruitment form, as well as got access to Nimbus’ tutor resources (handbook, code of ethics, etc).   + Tutor handbook answers a lot of questions so removes the burden from SSA * Drafted an email to send to successful tutor applicants * Issue arising: No way to keep track of hours over a time frame; Nimbus’ Admin Portal only shows total hours completed by a tutor, may be hard to keep track of who gets CCR and who doesn’t   + A suggestion eric made – tracking start of total hours at the beginning of the semester * Apparently a lot of tutors said that they don’t have CCR’s yet, but the university is figuring things out for the CCR – eric mentioned to take note of all of the tutors who don’t have CCRs with all of their hours * Can cross reference tutors/hours in the April file |
| 1. Lounge Programming |
| * Nothing to report |
| 1. Accessibility |
| **Tristan Rohatynsky Reports:**   1. **Community Reps Scholarships – Fall 2020 Semester**  * Scholarships will be available in the following categories:   + Women   + LGBTTQ\*   + International   + Accessibility   + Indigenous * Each scholarship will be valued at $500 * Any questions can be sent to [ssacommunityreps@gmail.com](mailto:ssacommunityreps@gmail.com)   + Zoe, Kyra, and I will be checking and answering the email on a consistent basis * Poster and applications will go up on Monday, November 16th   + Deadline is December 11th, 2020 @ 11:59 PM * Applications for scholarships will be posted on the SSA website, Instagram, and Facebook Page * Tell your friends and help spread the word!! * Poster:   Text  Description automatically generated |
| 1. LGBTTQ\* |
| * Nothing to report |
| 1. Women’s |
| **Kyra Cebula Reports:**  **Event with Justice for Women (JFW)**   * I had reached out to Justice for Women to collaborate on an event that fostered a supportive and welcoming environment for those identifying as womxn in the Faculty of Science as well as highlight the importance of consent culture education in a fun and exciting way * Advertising for the event took place on Monday November 9th, 2020   + Event poster I created was posted to the SSA Instagram account as well as the Justice for Women Instagram account.   + Event was advertised as a Wine Night and disclaimer of “18+ Please drink responsibly” was included on the poster being advertised on social media. * The event took place Friday November 13th, 2020 at 7pm over Zoom. * The Justice for Women Co-Event Directors and I hosted the event titled “Women and Wine: A Consent Culture Trivia Night”   + Night was focused around playing a game of Kahoot which entailed various trivia questions focused on consent culture which were created by the Justice for Women Co-Event Directors.   + Winners of the Kahoot game were awarded a Starbucks Gift Card coming out of my Womyn’s Representative Budget     - 1st place was awarded a $25 Starbucks Gift Card     - 2nd place was awarded a $15 Starbucks Gift Card     - 3rd place was awarded a $10 Starbucks Gift Card   + Added another fun element to the night by encouraging everyone to wear a funky hat!   + Due to the subject of the trivia it was acknowledged that it may be sensitive for some and support was made available if needed as well as a list of resources sent out in the zoom chat for all attendees to access.   + Event turned out very well and received positive feedback from all who participated!   Kyra asked to be reimbursed $50, she messaged Justin and Jaime for refund!  **Community Scholarships**   * Met with Community Representative Team; Tristan (Accessibility Rep) and Zoe (Indigenous Rep) to discuss the upcoming community scholarships for science students   + Agreed upon one scholarship of $500 for each community for the Fall 2020 Term.   + Updated and edited the Women and LGBTTQ\* application forms for this year   + Looked over the poster made by Tristan which will be uploaded to the SSA Instagram, Facebook page and SSA website on November 16th, 2020   + Scholarship deadline was decided to be December 11th, 2020 at 11:59pm |
| 1. Indigenous |
| **Zoe Quill reports**:   1. **Summer Research Information Session**  * Information session about NSERC/USRAs for Indigenous students on Tuesday, December 1st from 3:00-3:30 pm via Zoom * Collaborating with David Hebert (Chemistry Professor) and Justin Rasmussen (Student advisor at ISC)  1. **Community Scholarships**  * Met with all community representatives to discuss Fall 2020 Community Scholarships   Sending out November 16th with a deadline on December 11th at 11:59 pm |
| 1. International |
| * Nothing to report |
| 1. Student Services |
| **Natalie Ngu Reports:**  Student Services Report   * November Lifetouch Grad Photo appointments cancelled due to code red restrictions * Food giveaway on Instagram   + Post a photo of something you love to do/something that makes you happy on your story and tag SSA for an entry   + 1 entry per person   + $25 skip gift card, 3 winners (science students only) 🡪 $75 total   + Post Wed, Nov 25 at 10am, will DM winners on Fri, Nov 27 at 4 pm   + Need SSA Instagram password to keep track of the entries |
| 1. Treasurer |
| * Nothing to Report |

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| 1. Committee Reports |
| 1. Executive |
| Executive Meeting – UPDATED Jaime reports  Thursday, Nov. 5   * Funding – UMAC (email attached below)   + Exec agreed for funding – confirming details via email to determine how much   + Asking $900 ($30 for registration, $15 for tees)   + Sent an email in terms of funding and if they have any other funding * Student Clubs   + Justin - we have approval of $2000 for clubs * Student Concerns   + Kristin from UMSU brought up concerns from Science Students’   + Kristin brought similar concerns from town hall at UMSU too     - Deans can bring up concerns in Faculty Meetings   + Kristin can bring up some limitations in place (i.e. bring motions forth to senate)   + Jaime and Eric will keep in touch with Kristin about concerns science students have had * UMBlood   + Science adopts a week where we encourage the students to donate blood   + Discuss with council about supports to Canadian Blood Services * By-elections   + Extended nominations to next Friday, Nov. 13   + Extended until last night (November 15th)   + One person applied – on Wednesday possibly to get them to send in a paragraph to put on their story to get voting done by the weekend potentially   + Extending to next week so that campaigning starts on Monday (November 23) next week   + For emailing candidates – depending on the number of people if you create three separate highlights for them if they are comfortable people can reach out to them * Dr. Schrouder Memorial   + Got messaged on instagram to have a memorial post   + Asked to consider having something named after her (similar to Hilton Memorial Room)   + Bring up to the Dean at next meeting * Council Activity – Discuss at meeting   + Ideas: Among Us, Kahoot, JackBox * Approving money for holiday hampers   + $1100 – up to $1200 🡪3 group c 2 group b 1 group |
| 1. By-Laws |
| * Nothing to report |

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| 1. Other Business |
| 1. Important Dates/Notes |
| - doing like a holiday card and posting it on SSA  Finding a day to do the holiday zoom meeting |

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| 1. Dismissal |
| Eric motions for dismissal at 7:33 PM, Emily seconds; Motion passed. |

**Motions**

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| **Motion Regarding: Reallocation of gift cards** | **Category: Giveaway** |
| **Motion:**  To transfer the 4 $25 dollar door dash gift cards from the Halloween giveaway to the student services giveaway | |
| **Status:** Passed  **Moved By:** Eric Vasas **Seconded By:** Jaime McNicholl | |

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| **Motion Regarding: Student Clubs** | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to approve funding for $16,000 for departmental student group funding (~$2000 per departmental student group) | |
| **Status:** Passed  **Moved By:**  Eric Vasas **Seconded By:** Jaime McNicholl | |

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| **Motion Regarding: Holiday hampers** | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to approve up to $1200 for holiday hampers | |
| **Status:** Passed  **Moved By:**  Eric Vasas **Seconded By:** Jaime McNicholl | |