**Science Student’s Association Meeting Attendance**

**April 7th, 2021**

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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 | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Chloe McElheron  | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Katelyn Casalla | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Riley Shannon | Yes |
| Accessibility Representative | Tristan Rohatynsky | Yes (proxy; Selina) |
| Indigenous Students’ Representative | Zoe Quill | Yes |
| International Students’ Representative | Juanita Garcia | Yes |
| LGBTTQ\* Representative | N/A | N/A |
| Women’s Representative | Kyra Cebula | Yes |

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| Treasurer | Justin Cruz | No |
| 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 |
| 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 | No |
| Special Events Programmer | Tiffany Tantakoun  | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Dana Segal | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Kanso Alaka | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Selina Audino | Yes |

**Science Student’s Association Meeting Minutes**

**April Wednesday 7th, 2021**

**Called to Order: 7:03 PM**

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

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
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| Jaime McNicholl motions to approve the amended agenda, Eric Vasas seconds; Motion passed.Eric motions to amend the agenda to discuss selection committee for next years council in new business.Dustin Erickson moves to approve the new amended agenda Katelyn Casalla seconds; Motion passed |

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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 March 24th, 2021; Katelyn Casalla seconds; Motion passed.  |

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| 1. Council Reports
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| 1. President & (Vice) President
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| **Eric Vasas & Jaime McNicholl Report:**SSA Executive meeting March 31st, 20215:30-6:30 pmAgenda:1. End of year council
2. Reimbursement
	1. Student Services
	2. Send eric all the reimbursements you need via email – that way its easier for him to keep track of all of them
3. CCR System
	1. You are no longer required to submit experience imports to us since we no longer have the old CCR administration system.
	2. Your councillors will request positions within CareerConnect, and your job as validator would be to approve and ensure the hours are accurate or enter the accurate hours yourself. That being said, you do not have to send a document to us. You just need to track those hours so that you can approve things at the end of the school year.
	3. SSA and Labtrek’s CCR status will expire Summer 2021. This means that when if your incoming President submits a new position application in the summer, they will also have to submit an application to renew SSA and Labtrek. CCR status is valid for 3 years.
4. Scotiabank
	1. Matured GIC
		1. From three years ago
		2. Can move money into our current checking account – and it wouldn’t get interest
		3. Can put it into a saving account where it can get interest – leaving it there right now
			1. Interest is only 0.2%
		4. Putting it in a cashable GIC – can pull money out but you have to contact the bank to move money
			1. 3.31% interest in the cashable GIC
	2. Can discuss what options we want to do, can split it and putting 20K that we have access to and the 50K in a locked account where it generates interest
		1. Serena asked how long it would be locked for – only a year most likely
		2. Eric’s mum who is accountant suggested to put the ~70K in the Cashable GIC
	3. 3 options
		1. 1 - Saving Account
		2. 2 - Cashable GIC
		3. 3 - Locked GIC
	4. Scotia Connect
		1. Can receive 4-25 - $1 transaction fee
		2. Transaction fee cancelation is $5
		3. Is it worth using with all the transaction fees?
			1. Stuti said that incoming council would just want them to be sent out with all of the outstanding cheques etc
		4. Determine which transactions would be done over e-transfer or via cheque
			1. Putting a limit on the amount of e-transfers
			2. Amount wise etc
			3. Determining whether to send an e-transfer to an individual person or the student group etc
		5. Internal – e-transfer is a safe option since we know the councilor etc
		6. For student groups/external – better to have a paper trail and to do it via a cheque
		7. In summary – believe that only this year would be able to do it this way – but keep track of everything
		8. Only thing that is concerning – is sending a large amount of money via e-transfer like $2000 as opposed to $50-$100
		9. Determining guidelines in terms of how to go about sending e-transfers
		10. Stuti asked if Eric will be going to Justin’s to get the cheque book etc
		11. Dustin said that we could have a form for someone to fill out indicating which email it will be sent to
		12. Emily said that more than one person on a club can sign for the form
		13. Chloe said having a waiver saying that whatever happens after we send the money to a designated email for a student group isn’t on us (i.e., if they say send it to another email etc)
	5. Almost there for approving cheques and e-transfers, next step is actually being able to send it
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| 1. Senate
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| **Emily Kalo Reports:**1. Spring convocation is online
2. Updates for Fall 2021 – online/hybrid etc
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| 1. UMSU
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| **Bryan Kwak, Chloe McElheron, Katelyn Casalla & Riley Shannon Reports:**1. Presentations
	1. Anti-Asian Racism
		1. Jelynn provided a presentation on how to combat ant-Asian racism following the recent attacks in Georgia and the rise of incidents since the beginning of the pandemic. If you would like some of the resources provided, please contact me or any of the other UMSU Directors and we can provide them to you.
2. Motions
	1. 0503 - Motion for the Democratization of the Executive Elections (Slate Removal)
	2. 0504 - UMSU Anti-Semitism Definition
	3. These motions were just presented for notice, they’ll be voted on at the upcoming meeting this Thursday.
3. Updates
	1. President
		1. #StudentsSpeakUp Campaign
			1. Campaign is now complete – focused on #StriketheZero to remove the 0% pay increase mandate faced by professors, #HealthHasNoBorders to reinstate healthcare coverage for international students and #PSEMakesTheCut to stop increases to tuition and student fees.
			2. Bill 33 will eventually be hitting committee, still without an amendment that would protect UMSU fees.
		2. Referendum
			1. Referendums happening on CASA membership, MAPSS membership, implementing a Legal service through StudentCare and finally on the UPass. Voting will take place from April 7 – 9.
		3. Tuition Increase
			1. Tuition will be increasing by 3.75%. This is a direct result of the Province’s cuts to the University’s operating grants.
		4. AW Policy
			1. Working to extend the time (3 years) students are given to complete the request process to get an Authorized Withdrawal.
		5. Indigenous Students’ Lounge
			1. New student lounge to be built to accommodate smudging & other practices that require the proper room ventilation.
	2. Advocacy
		1. No Report
	3. Community Engagement
		1. Marketing
			1. Community clean-up contest closes April 11th.
		2. Start-up Fest
			1. A panel discussion with student entrepreneurs and local business owners. The panel will discuss their experiences running their own business and challenges that they have learned from. The event will be on April 9th from 11 am to 1 pm.
		3. Leisure Guide
			1. All classes that ranged from cooking to crocheting are full.
		4. Sustainability Committee
			1. The Net Zero by 2050 plan is still scheduled to be completed by Sustainable Solutions Group in the summer of this year. Of note was the key need for increased awareness and education on proper waste disposal within the university community.
	4. Finance & Operations
		1. Participatory budget campaign started
		2. Board of Trustees is starting a strategic planning period. 8-12 UMSU stakeholders will be needed to serve on the committee.
		3. UC Renovations – The south rooms have been finalized
		4. Budget will be presented at the next meeting
		5. New Manitoban contract being finalized
	5. Student Life
		1. SA Awareness Month
			1. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
		2. Safety on Campus
			1. Some students (especially women) have shared that they have felt unsafe on campus recently. Will be working with security services etc. to find solutions to help students feel safer.
		3. Mandatory Referral Advisory Committee
			1. This committee will be determining if UofM staff are required to report if someone discloses an instance of sexual violence to them. Currently discussing a method in which student names/identifying information would be omitted but still record the name of alleged perpetrators.
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| 1. Communications
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| * Nothing to Report
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| 1. Councillor Reports
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| 1. Special Events
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| **Rashawna, Sion, Demi, Tiffany, Andrea**1. **Item 1: Gala**
* Has a decision been made about use of Gala funds? Able to have scholarships? How to access funds?
	+ Exec discussed that Rashawna can decide who gets the scholarships
	+ Make categories and qualifications etc
	+ One rule is that those who are currently on SSA, going to be on SSA, or was previously on SSA wont be able to qualify for this scholarship
* Cancelled 2021 date for gala, convention Centre wants contract signed to carry $5000 deposit over to 2022
1. **Item 2: Upcoming meditation night and possible yoga night**

In process of planning meditation night with LTS, want us to advertiseMay have yoga night at end of April, still looking into details |
| 1. Academics
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| **Tooba Razi Reports:**1. 2020-2021 Tutoring Scholarships and Gift Cards
	1. Motion: Approval of $1500 ($500 X 3) for scholarship recipients
		1. only 3 tutors who tutored free of charge for a minimum of 10 hours, so they automatically fill the scholarship requirements
	2. Same 3 tutors also qualify for gift cards
		1. $10 gift card X 3 tutors = $30 for gift cards
	3. Names and contact info of recipients included in changeover package
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| 1. Lounge Programming
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| 1. Accessibility
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| 1. LGBTTQ\*
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| 1. Women’s
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| **Kyra Cebula Reports:**1. Winter 2021 Community Scholarships
	1. Met with the other community reps and discussed the community scholarships for this term
		1. Decided on amounts and created application forms
		2. Poster was posted on the ssa Instagram, and facebook and application forms were uploaded to the ssa website
		3. Women’s community achievement scholarship will be $500.00
		4. Deadline for all the community scholarships will be April 30th at 11:59pm
2. Sharing Circle collaboration with Indigenous Representative Zoe Quill
	1. Our third sharing circle was on April 2nd at 6:30 pm
	2. Promotion took place on various social media platforms
		1. Creation of an Instagram story that briefly explained what a sharing circle was had been posted to the ssa account as well as various other Instagram accounts in hopes of letting more people know what the event was about and gaining more attendance
	3. Event was successful and benefited all in attendance
		1. Turnout was very good
		2. Focus was on exams and the end of the semester
		3. Everyone participated in full and had an excellent time
		4. Participants stayed after the event was over to engage in an open conversation
	4. Zoe and I will continue to host the sharing circles and are possibly planning one or two more before the term is officially over.
3. Collaboration with Special Events and Let’s Talk Science
	1. I’m teaming up with special events as well as Let’s Talk Science to host a mediation night before exams.
		1. Logistics of the event are still being planned, the event will be tentatively held April 16th
		2. We would like to use an instructor from Temple 23 again, the details of who would be responsible for the payment of the instructor still need to be discussed
		3. Special events may be contributing a small prize such as a $25 gift card which will be drawn during the event
4. Gave out her $25 giftcard to the recipient for the international womens day giveaway

I will contribute to the planning, promotion and hosting of the event |
| 1. Indigenous
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| **Zoe Quill Reports:**1. **SSA Sharing Circles**
* Collaboration with Women’s Representative, Kyra Cebula
* Three sharing circles over Zoom
	+ 1st Sharing Circle on February 10th @ 6:30pm
	+ 2nd Sharing Circle on February 26th @ 6:30pm
	+ 3rd Sharing Circle on April 2nd @ 6:30 pm
		- Promotion took place over SSA Instagram and Faculty of Science Instagram and a mass email to science students was sent out
			* Slides were created to inform students what a sharing circle was and why we were hosting one
		- Overall great turnout from SSA counselors!
1. **Winter 2021 Community Scholarships**
* Applications and poster are available on SSA website, Instagram, and Facebook
* Deadline for community scholarships have been changed to April 30th, 2021 @ 11:59 pm
	+ Already received one application
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| 1. International
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| **Juanita Garcia Reports:**SSA meeting April 6th, 20211. International Students’ Trivia Night ­­­­­
	1. Event hosted on Zoom on March 25th, 4pm
	2. 2 gift cards were given at the end of the event and they have been mailed to students.
2. Student Support initive by UMISO (UofM Internatinal students organization)
	1. All the applications were full within 2 hours and 30 students were approved.
	2. Gift cards will be sent as soon as we get the money.
3. Update on scholarships Winter 2021.
	1. We have extended the deadline to April 30th to give students more time to get their applications in
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| 1. Student Services
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| **Natalie Ngu Reports:*** Exam Krams
	+ April 12-16th and announce winner on April 16th at 4pm
	+ 8 thermea gift cards ($71 value each, $568 in total, plus tax is $636.16) for 8 winners
	+ Send out survey through email to enter and promote on Instagram
	+ Motion to approve $636.16 for Exam Krams
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| 1. Treasurer
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| * Nothing to Report
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| 1. Committee Reports
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| 1. Executive
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| * See president/vice president report
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| 1. By-Laws
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. Other Business
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| 1. Important Dates/Notes
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| * SSA Changeover updates/business
	+ Incoming councilors send your emails to Chloe
	+ That way Chloe can easily send out changeover packages etc
* Selections Committee – select individuals for appointed positions
	+ Pres – Chloe
	+ VP – Stuti
	+ And 3 other elected members
		- Zoe, Julia, Tristan
* Only executive committee is elected members
* Discussed about Riley and Bryan performing at post exam event etc, planning on doing a get together
	+ Zach mentioned that we are able to gather in a group of 25 at a park if that is something people were interested in doing – Eric said he would love to hangout at a park with Zach
	+ There was a whole discussion dedicated to Bryan and a petition for him to sing with Riley during the post-exam event/concert
* Discussing a potential post-exam event/concert
	+ Over zoom, planning a mini bonding event
	+ Motion to approve $500 towards supplies for the event
	+ Emily made a slack channel where we can discuss further what we would like to plan for the post exam event!
	+ Natalie suggested for Riley and Bryan to do a high school musical duet
* Introductions for the new incoming councilors were made!!
	+ Welcomed Janvi, Gabby, Molly and Julia to the SSA family!
	+ Asked them how they enjoyed the meeting, if they were excited to be joining SSA
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| 1. Dismissal
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| Eric Vasas motions for dismissal at 8:32 PM, Riley seconds; Motion passed.  |

**Motions**

**April 7th, 2021**

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| **Motion Regarding: Scholarships** | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to approve $1500 ($500 X 3) for scholarship recipients |
| **Status: Passed** **Moved By:** Tooba Razi**Seconded By:** Eric  |

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| **Motion Regarding: Exam Cram** | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to approve $636.16 for Exam Cram  |
| **Status: Passed****Moved By:**  Natalie Ngu**Seconded By:** Eric  |

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| **Motion Regarding: Moving Money into GIC** | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to approve moving the money that was in the previously locked GIC into the Cashable GIC |
| **Status: Passed****Moved By:**  Eric Vasas**Seconded By:** Riley |

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| **Motion Regarding: Scotiabank Agreement** | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to approve signing the cash management and payment agreement with Scotiabank |
| **Status: Passed** **Moved By:**  Eric Vasas**Seconded By:** Emily Kalo |

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| **Motion Regarding: SSA Bonding**  | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to approve $500 Posthumosly (postzoomously) event for event supplies |
| **Status: Passed****Moved By:**  Eric Vasas**Seconded By:** Katelyn Casalla |