**Science Student’s Association Meeting Attendance**

**October 12, 2021**

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

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| President  | Chloe McElheron | Yes |
| Vice President | Stuti Gupta | Yes |
| Chairperson | Yashas Samtani | Yes |
| Secretary | Natalie Ngu | Yes |
| Senator | Kyra Cebula | Yes |
| Senator | Serena Philips | No (regrets; proxy Kanso) |
| Senator | Dana Segal | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Molly Crandal | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Jasmine Tingey | No (regrets; proxy Tasnim) |
| UMSU Representative | Tiffany Tantakoun | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Tristan Rohatynsky | No (regrets; proxy Paul) |
| Accessibility Representative | N/A | N/A |
| Indigenous Students’ Representative | Zoe Quill | Yes |
| International Students’ Representative | Janvi Vaswanni | No (no regrets) |
| LGBTTQ\* Representative | N/A | N/A |
| Women’s Representative | Julia Le | Yes |
| First Years’ Representative | Gabby David | Yes |

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| Treasurer | Guneet Uppal | No (regrets) |
| Director of Academics | Divleen Mangat | Yes |
| Director of Communications | Maria Manigque | No (no regrets) |
| Director of Special Events | Hajrah Ata | No (regrets) |
| Director of Student Services | Annie Jiang | No (regrets) |
| Executive Assistant  | Fares Hossain  | Yes |
| Academic Programmer | Brant Ditchfield | Yes |
| Academic Programmer  | Sebastian Chamorro | No (regrets) |
| Communications Programmer  | Paul Jerard Layug | Yes |
| Communications Programmer | Amy Lloyd  | Yes |
| Lounge Programmer | Mashtura Khan | No (regrets) |
| Special Events Programmer | Hannah Garber | Yes |
| Special Events Programmer | Sion Yi | Yes |
| Special Events Programmer | Tran Nguyen | No (regrets) |
| Student Services Programmer | Devin Habon | No (regrets) |
| Student Services Programmer | Kanso Alaka | Yes |
| Student Services Programmer | Tasnim Rahman | Yes |

**Science Student’s Association Meeting Minutes**

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**Called to Order: 6:09 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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| Stuti Gupta motions to approve the amended agenda Molly Crandall seconds; Motion passed. |

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| 1. Approval of Minutes
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| Dana Segal motions to approve the previous meeting minutes from the meeting held on (September 27, 2021), Tiffany Tantakoun seconds; Motion passed.  |

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| 1. Council Reports
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| 1. President & (Vice) President
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| Pres/VP Report - October 12, 2021**MHRE Committee*** Stuti and I will be attending the first MHRE Committee meeting this Friday in preparation for the workshops to offer undergraduate input on their planning
* They are looking for 4 more undergraduate students to sit on the committee between SSA or other student club executives
	+ Should we have two SSA members and select two from other club executives?
* Stuti is organising the best Board of Student Groups meeting where Toby will attend to present about MHRE and gain input

**Council Bonding*** Request was sent in for approval of our in-person activity at the Corn Maze on October 24th

**Nimbus*** Nimbus Tutoring accepts e-transfers as payment for the licence, with taxes included we were billed $2800 for our one year licence, and our e-transfer limit is $500.  I will e-transfer Nimbus from my personal banking, and then have Guneet reimburse me through a physical cheque
* This money has already been approved to pay Nimbus, I just wanted to give a heads up on the process we will follow!

**Consent Culture*** Thank you to everyone who attended SSA’s workshop or has taken the time to attend with another council
* If you have not had a chance to attend yet, I will continue to provide updates on when other workshops are offered

**Ongoing Updates*** SSA Procedural Summary document
* Movies for Mental Health
* Science Leadership Scholarships

Date for Movies for Mental Health: Tuesday November 23rd 6-8pmOnly gave out 2/9 scholarships**Motions:**Motion to be reimbursed $150 for the donation made for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on behalf of SSA.Stuti said that she posted to different methods for handling missing meetings on council board.Try to get a proxy even if you’re not a voting member but have a report to present. |
| 1. Senate
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| Senate Meeting October 6th ·        President Bernaroch was really happy with all the participation he saw from the university committee on Natural day for truth and reconciliation.o   Jeff Adams is also working on a motion to bring to senate include September 30th as a holiday every year·        Bargaining for a new contract with UMFA is underway. U of M has created a website where information and updates will be uploaded.o   During question period it seemed like UMFA members weren’t happy with the offer currently on the table.o   From a question that was asked senate got to know that the provincial government is still putting a mandate on how much the university admin can offer to UMFA.o   From what president Bernaroch explained all though he couldn’t say much it seemed like there were 2 or 3 parts to the current offer on the table§  The 1st part was a 0.75, 0.75, and 1% increase in all UMFA members each year for three years§  The 2nd part was an increase in minimum and maximum salary of all UMFA members to get them to the 25th and 50th percentile in U15 universities.·        The university received 14 million dollars from the federal government to make our university more environmentally friendly. The university is using that money to help replace our furnace which will significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.·        Senate committee of awards put forth some new awards for senate approval. There was one award that pertains to faculty of science students. The terms and conditions are as followso   Carbotte Family BursaryThrough a bequest, Dr. Jules Carbotte established an endowment fund at the University of Manitoba with a gift of $91,727.50. Mrs. Ramona Carbotte made an additional donation of $10,898 in April 2021. The purpose of the fund is to support Indigenous undergraduate students who are enrolled in the Wawatay Program. Each year, beginning in 2021-2022, the available annual income from the fund will be used to offer one or more bursaries to undergraduate students who:1.     (1)  have self-declared as First Nations, Métis or Inuit people from Canada;2.     (2)  are enrolled full-time (minimum 60% course load) in either University 1, or in any year of study in any undergraduate degree program in the Faculty of Science;3.     (3)  have either:(a) if entering students, met the minimum admission requirements for University 1 or the Faculty of Science; or(b) if continuing students, achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 2.0;4.     (4)  are enrolled in the Wawatay Program as Wawatay Scholars; and5.     (5)  have demonstrated financial need on the standard University of Manitoba bursary application form.The selection committee will have the discretion to determine the number and value of the bursaries offered each year as outlined above, based on the available annual income from the fund.The Dean of the Faculty of Science (or designate) will name the selection committee for this award.This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the donor (or designate) and the University of Manitoba. All such amendments shall be in writing. In the absence of the donor (or designate), and providing all reasonable efforts have been made to consult, the Board of Governors of the University of Manitoba has the right to modify the terms of this award if, because of changed conditions, it becomes necessary to do so. Such modification shall conform as closely as possible to the expressed intention of the donor in establishing the award.o   Motion approved |
| 1. UMSU
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| Date: October 7th 2021 Time: 6:30pm - **Tristan Rohatynsky (Tasnim Rahman as proxy), Jasmine Tingey, Molly Crandall & Tiffany Tantakoun Reports:****General Notes:**Presentation by David Ness from the UM Student Counselling Service:* Explanation of how the counselling service functions and the services provided

Presentation by Ari Glikman (student at large) **Current Business:**Motions**:*** ***Motion 0521***: United Statement of Solidarity
	+ Releasing a statement towards all students impacted by recent events in the Middle East
	+ Will reiterate all resources, spaces and mental health support for students affected
	+ **Status**: Passes

**Reports from the Executives:**President’s Report (Brendan Scott):* *Mandatory Vaccination Policy will become much stricter.*
	+ Advocacy efforts to create a campus in which we are able to hold events and return to normal ongoing.
	+ Consistently upload negative covid status from rapid testing if not fully vaccinated
	+ Plan events for the winter; if things are going how they are now, will be fully on campus
		- No flex model if we do go back online (either all online or all in person)
* *Events*
	+ We are planning large events for the winter semester and we encourage student associations and clubs to do the same.
	+ Funding from UMSU can be provided. We encourage all councils to apply for funding through the member services committee.
* *UMSU Annual Member Survey*
	+ Will be active until October 10, please fill out if you haven’t already.
	+ By completing the survey you are entered to win one of 20 $25.00 gift cards
* *Faculty of Dentistry Space*
	+ Memorandum of Agreement completed and sent to the University.
* *Selections committee Selected a CRO*
	+ Have selected a CRO, just waiting for them to accept
* *UMFA*
	+ Voted in favour of having a strike vote (not to go on strike but whether to go on strike or not)
	+ <https://umanitoba.ca/bargaining/>

VP Advocacy’s Report (Emily Kalo):* *Sexual Violence Prevention - Policy Review*
	+ Met with the university to discuss the current sexual violence policies and prevention strategies at the University of Manitoba
* *Open Access Week*
	+ UMSU will be running our Open Access Campaign from October 18th to October 22nd, 2021.
	+ The aim of the campaign is to increase awareness surrounding academic accessibility and more specifically, affordability
	+ UMSU plans to launch an email lobbying initiative which will run from October 25th to October 29th
* *Covid Recovery Steering Committee – Academic*
	+ Discussed potential procedures and consequences for unvaccinated students, unvaccinated staff, and those unwilling to provide proof of vaccination
	+ Gathering data regarding vaccination status and will affect procedures in the UofM
		- *\*\*(Emphasize that people have to upload their vaccination status asap if they can)\*\**
		- [*https://covid-declaration.umanitoba.ca/*](https://covid-declaration.umanitoba.ca/)
		- *\*\*send link in chat\*\**
* *Students with Family Responsibilities Committee*
	+ Met to discuss how the University, Undergraduate Students Union, and Graduate Students Union, can best support student parents.
* Hearing regarding academic integrity policies

 VP Community Engagement (Tino Dogo):* *UM Sustainability - Climate Action*
	+ Carbon neutrality by 2050 is no easy feat and it requires a specific set of actions
		- Ex. electrification of cars and a drastic increase in Transit ridership
	+ Continue our internal review of the plan to garner a comprehensive account on how confident students are in the plan
* *Marketing and Engagement*
	+ We currently have a Trivia scheduled every month this term and we’re bringing a familiar face back in November!
	+ Winter orientation is at an tentative in person status
		- The pandemic in the coming weeks will be the determinant of the mode of delivery come January
* *Financial webinars*
	+ Positive and high attendance
	+ Come learn about investing, saving and debt management straight from an experienced financial manager (they even talk about crypto ooooo)

VP Finance and Operations (Brooke Rivard):* *The HUB*
	+ Talks going on about the plausibility of refreshing the space, and a possible name change.
		- We want the name change to be a student led project, with a survey coming out soon to collect name suggestions
	+ Want to reopen for the winter term to welcome students back to campus.
* *Frost fest!!!*
	+ Begun the planning process for a possible Frost Fest to welcome students back to campus after these two long years.
	+ Discussions have included possible venues, dates, and performers.
		- Currently the front runner idea is to host a concert similar to what was done in 2019 (woohooooo)
	+ In mid to late January or early February (Welcome Back)
* *UPASS*
	+ Completed negotiations for UPASS in winter term
	+ Currently in stages of signing from all three parties to be officially reimplemented in winter term (4 year contract)
	+ Possible revision date is December 1st so if University has made a decision by Dec 1st as to whether fully online instead of in-person, this is where the UPASS could fall through
* *Dental & Fire Redevelopment*
	+ Winter re-opening
	+ Looking for resident dentist, won’t be up and running until next fall

VP Student Life (Savannah Zocs):* *Healthy Sexuality Week*
	+ Plan to host an in-person expo in MPR and have all groups at an assigned table to give out information and resources to students
	+ Include LGBTQIA+ community
	+ In the process of reaching out to potential contributors
* *University Policy Update Re: Student Club Events*
	+ The university has updated their policies again to include the mandate that all groups, clubs, and associations that have ties to the U of M must receive permission from the university in order to host in-person events or activities. This includes both on and off campus events.
* *Financial Aid and Awareness Campaign*
	+ Few reminders for students with regards to hardship:
		- The amount of hardship funding that can be offered to a single student is minimal, so students applying for the amounts of 1000$ and up will unfortunately not be granted that amount
		- Huge increase in hardship applications recently so please understand that she needs a least a week’s time to review your application and come to a decision
		- Hardship funding is meant to be used for rent, groceries, childcare, school supplies, utility bills, and small medical costs. It cannot be used for tuition or travel, etc.
* CFIA
	+ Can apply for funding in regarding to holding events that are specific to specific communities

Governance* Consultation on BOD structure going on until October 18th

Selections* CRO candidate selected but still need to accept the job

Travis* organizing a committee to support UMFA in case of a strike
* hunniet@myumanitoba.ca

Womyn Rep* Will be holding an in person event through the womyns centre
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| 1. Communications
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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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| For the question of the week giveaway, third and fourth week's winner was chosen. 10$ iTunes and 10$ Amazon giftcard was sent through the SSA email. All screenshots and info is also sent to SSA email. Recipients confirmed receiving giftcard. |
| 1. Accessibility
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. LGBTTQ\*
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| 1. Women’s
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| 1. International
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| 1. First Year’s
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| 1. Student Services
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| **SSA Student Services Report - October 12****Annie, Devin, Tasnim, Kanso**Email ssastudentservices@gmail.com * **Locker content retrieval**
	1. In front of the Science Lounge
	2. Dates
		1. Monday, October 18 from 2-4pm (Tasnim)
		2. Tuesday, October 19 from 11:30-1:30pm (Annie)
		3. Wednesday, October 20 from 2-4pm (Devin)
		4. Thursday, October 21 from 1-4pm  (Kanso)
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| 1. Treasurer
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| **Treasurer Report**

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| ***To*** | ***For*** | ***$*** |
| Hajrah | Orientation Prizes | 560 |
| Sion | Orientation Prizes | 375 |
| Hannah | Orientation Prizes | 400 |
| Mashtura | Giveaway | 10 |

* Pre-approval for a rough cost for the SSA corn maze visit
	+ Admission $30/person [?]
	+ Plus $25 admission fee
* How many people confirmed?
* The SSA card Guneet has is a Debit card -- do they only accept payment by credit?
	+ If so, wil need to find a way to work around this, maybe via E-transfer.

Stuti motions to pre-emptively approve $900 for SSA council’s corn maze visit happening in October. Seconded by Chloe.Motion passed. |

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| 1. Committee Reports
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| 1. Executive
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| 1. By-Laws
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| 1. Other Business
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| 1. Important Dates/Notes
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| Tiffany moves to add the UMSU report to the agenda. Molly seconds.Motion passed.Chloe moves to include the Lounge Programmer report to the agenda, Tasnim seconds.Motion passed.Tiffany asked if we want to keep the corn maze date for Oct 24th or move it to Oct 30thDana said she was okay with keeping it on the 24thKyra said it might be better to keep it on the 24th in case people have Halloween plansKyra said if we wanted to do a bonfire, we could go to a park.Stuti said we can get Guneet to buy the tickets or Tiffany can buy them.Tiffany said we can meet at 7pm for the corn maze and she will put more info in the discord.Tasnim asked what is going on with SSA merch.Paul said they are meeting with Chloe and Stuti about that and they have things in the works.Amy said they have a design finalized. |

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| 1. Dismissal
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| Tiffany Tantakoun motions for dismissal at 6:45 PM, Molly Crandall seconds; Motion passed.  |

**Motions**

**October 12, 2021**

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| **Motion Regarding: Donations** | **Category: Reimbursement** |
| **Motion:** to be reimbursed $150 for the donation made for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on behalf of SSA. |
| **Status: Passed****Moved By: Chloe McElheron****Seconded By:** Tasnim Rahman |

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| **Motion Regarding: Council acitivties** | **Category: Funding** |
| **Motion:** to pre-emptively approve$900 for SSA council’s corn maze visit happening in October. |
| **Status: Passed****Moved By:**  Stuti Gupta**Seconded By:** Chloe McEheron |