

Science Students' Association – Agenda for council meeting

Date & Time – June 28th, 6:00 pm Winnipeg time

Venue – Online

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 mm/dd/yyyy (see 10.e)~~

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)

6. **Reports of committees**

- a) _____ Committee Report (see 10.a)

7. New Business

- a) Motion _____ (see 10.b)

8. Unfinished Business & Final Considerations

9. Adjournment

10. Attachments

ATTACHMENTS

10.1) President & VP Reports:

President & Vice-President Report

- Councillor Introductions
- SSA General Meetings
 - 1st in-person meeting plans: respectful workplace presentation, team bonding, go thru bylaws, set out expectations
 - Proposed 2023/24 SSA Meeting schedule:
 - July 26 (VIRTUAL)
 - August 23 (VIRTUAL)
 - Sept 6
 - Sept 20
 - Oct 4
 - Oct 18
 - Nov 1
 - Nov 22
 - Dec 6

- Jan 10
 - Jan 24
 - Feb 7
 - Feb 28
 - March 13
 - March 27
 - April 10
- Summer Term Councillor Expectations
 - Submit reports for meetings
 - All teams and independent positions must submit reports
 - Can submit “nothing to report”
 - Attend your office hours
 - Attend all SSA events and meetings
 - Voting members must find a proxy if cannot attend meeting
- Strike Committees
 - Executive committee
 - Role: meets if there is an emergency, processes funding requests, meets before each regular SSA meeting to discuss agenda
 - Members: President, VP, Exec Assistant (as chair), Treasurer, & two other councillors
 - Selection of 2 other members: volunteers, 2 minute speech if necessary, elected by council
 - Bylaws committee
 - Role: meet periodically to amend the bylaws
 - Members: Chairperson (as chair), VP, 3 other councillors
 - Selection of 3 other members: volunteers, 2 minute speech if necessary, elected by council
- Life Science Olympics - **September 9th**
 - Meeting Tuesday June 27th to discuss details
 - SSA might provide food
- Community Rep Positions
 - Fall by-election to fill Indigenous, Womens and Accessibility Rep positions
 - Plan to implement Racialized Representative

- Board of Student Groups
 - Meeting with student leaders early July
- Nimbus Tutoring
 - Met with Noor and Patrick June 27th
- Finances
 - Transfer signing power happening next week
 - Send any outstanding receipts to Hiruni (treasurer)
- Office / lounge updates
 - Looking into storage space for seasonal & walkathon items
 - Calendar with events, lounge closures
 - virtual and physical copies
 - Alarm System
 - Keys (lounge, office, study room, filing cabinet)
 - In contact with Dorothy & Trevor (Dean's office)
- SSA Discord
 - Managed by Amy, Caleigh & Eldrec
- Work Order with Physical Plant
 - Maintenance requests sent for:
 - Courtyard door
 - Office light (stays on 24 hours/day)
 - Lock change
 - Safe disposal
 - Outside windows cleaned
 - Thermostat servicing
 - Quote request sent for:
 - Kitchenette Sink
- Princeton Review
 - Running offer by Trevor + FofSci Lawyer
- Meeting with Clèche Kokolo (June 22)
 - Rep of Laurie Schnarr, Office of the Vice-Provost Students
 - Plans to implement Student Association Development Retreat

- Another source of support wrt university issues
- Will send feedback form in fall to get student input (giveaway style)
- Meetings with Dr. Luong & Trevor Schutlz
 - (May 1st, May 18th, June 23rd)
 - Machray Hall will be closing Spring 2024 for renovations for two years
 - Will be opening up Armes Lecture Halls as study spaces
 - Café Up & Atom is remaining open for summer term
 - They're guaranteed to "break even" each day
 - TV Advertising
 - Existing mount is up, will test old TVs in office, SSA may of purchased a new one too last year we can use
 - Restarting Math and Statistics Student Clubs
 - Collaborating with other Science Associations
 - Across MB, or beyond
 - Holding virtual career info nights / keynote speakers / game nights
 - Holding meetings with reps from the associations: share resources

10.2) Senate reports:

Senate Meeting on May 17th, 2023

Senate Executive Committee:

- Professor Sorensen was declared ELECTED to the Senate Executive Committee for three-year terms beginning on June 1, 2023, and ending on May 31, 2026

Temporary increase to admission target for Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), College of Pharmacy:

- Dr. Hiebert-Murphy reviewed a request from the College of Pharmacy for a one-time increase to the admission target for the Doctor of Pharmacy program, to increase the enrolment cap from fifty-five to sixty spaces for the 2023 – 2024 admission cycle.
- She recalled the College had made a similar request previously (Senate, January 12, 2022) to increase enrolment for the current academic year. The objective is to address lower enrolments that had occurred in several years following the transition from the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy to the Pharm.D. program.

RE: Proposed and Revised Academic Regulations - Faculty of Science

- B.Sc.(Maj.) Degree Academic Regulations
- Deferred Examinations
- Supplemental Examinations

Dr. Torchia reported that, at the meeting on March 16th, the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation (SCIE) had reviewed proposals from the Faculty of Science to:

(i) revise the B.Sc.(Major) Degree Academic Regulations, to reflect a higher minimum Degree Grade Point Average of 2.50 is needed to enter, to continue in, and to qualify for the B.Sc.(Maj.) in Computer Science;

(ii) revise the Faculty regulation on Deferred Examinations to align with the University policy and procedure on Self-Declaration for Brief and Temporary Student Absences;

(iii) introduce a regulation on Supplemental Examinations indicating these are not permitted in Faculty of Sciences courses.

- Dean Mark said the Faculty of Science has never allowed supplemental examinations.
- This is consistent with practices in other units, including the Faculties of Arts, Management, and the Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, and the College of Nursing.
- The rationale is a pedagogical one; if a student fails a course, they must repeat it.
- Dean Mark said the concern raised by Professor Oliver pointed to a larger issue in the Faculty related to significant waitlists due to the large number of students enrolled in the Faculty.
- Enrolment has doubled in the past ten years. For this reason, the Faculty cannot allow supplemental examinations for students who complete courses provided as services courses for programs in other Faculties, such as the Faculty of Engineering, as it would create inequity for Science students.
- Additionally, the need to schedule large numbers of deferred examinations (about 500 per term), which have increased following the introduction of the policy on Self-Declaration for Brief or Temporary Student
- Absences recently (Senate, November 3, 2021) have created significant administrative demands within that Faculty.

Winnipeg Institute on Theoretical Physics

- The Institute, housed in the Department of Physics, Faculty of Science, is jointly administered by the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg with support from Brandon University and has existed for over thirty-two years.
- The Institute does not require large amounts of funding, given the nature of its activities.
- Members use their individual National Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) grants to subsidize some activities, including visiting scientists and

engagement sessions for faculty and students. In 2021/2022, Institute members received individual research grants totaling over \$785,000.

- The Institute also receives modest funding from the Faculties of Science at each of the participating institutions.
- Members of the Institute had been very productive in terms of research activities, training new talent, and the dissemination of knowledge. In the five-year period covered by the report, members of the Institute had authored 283 refereed journal articles, often with student members as co-authors, including publications in Nature, Physical Review Letters, and the Astrophysics Journal.
- Members are sought after has invited speakers and conferences and other venues, having presented more than 100 scientific presentations in the past year.
- Dr. Pinto observed that the contributions of the Institute and its members serve to raise the profile and research reputation of the University.
- Dr. Pinto said it was impressive that members of the Institute are also active in outreach activities, including hosting summer schools, student activities, and visitor programs.
- Dr. Pinto said [SCUR](#) (senate committee on university research) was supportive of the renewal of the Institute.

Senate Meeting June 21st, 2023

UM strategic plan: Where we are today

- Senate was asked to review the May 25, 2023 UM strategic plan document that explains the key themes, priorities, and challenges that emerged from the strategic plan community consultations from February to March
- Senate was asked to provide feedback on the five themes under which the comments were grouped.
- Senate was asked to also provide aspirational goals for the institution.

Themes:

1. Anti-racism and equity, diversity and inclusion

2. Advanced meaningful reconciliation and decolonization
3. A UM for Manitoba
4. Preparing students of today for tomorrow
5. Creating knowledge that matters-for manitoba and the world
 - Senators raised the concern that we are implying that some knowledge doesn't matter
 - There will be an ongoing committee put together that works within departments to meet specific goals on these broad topics

Goals brought up by senators:

- Be the first choice for post secondary students for flexible and affordable degrees. More options for hybrid/online courses and reduced course load
- More concrete landback goals that are actually being implemented
- Having access to additional degree pathways that are not currently offered in this province
- Building into community resources that are already in place to provide students and community members with fast access to psychological assessments, mental health resources and treatment .
- Centering a more diverse group of students. Surveying to see who are our students are and what they actually need from this university.

Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate studies:

- The Dept. of Community Health Sciences requested M.Sc. and Ph.D. supplementary regulation changes concerning admissions.
- Where a letter of recommendation from a prospective advisor is required, the letter must indicate: (1) if any financial support will be provided (e.g. from research funds); or if not, (2) the explicit discussions about funding the prospective advisor has had with the student, and document any other financial supports, not from the advisor, that may be available to the student.
- In addition to academic performance and the elements contained in the application, decisions to accept an applicant will include the availability of adequate resources to provide a supportive research environment.
- Senate votes to approve this motion

1. The Dept. of Biological Sciences proposes several M.Sc. & Ph.D. supplementary regulation changes.

- These include **removing outdated processes related to progress reports and the submission of the thesis prior to the defence**, clarifying that the Department Head can appoint a person other than the supervisor to chair an M.Sc. committee, clarifying that reversions from Ph.D. to M.Sc. are allowed on a case-by-case basis, more clearly describing the process for the candidacy examination to increase consistency in

procedure among exams, inserting new language that explains plagiarism in more detail, specifying when feedback on the summary paragraph and proposal is provided to the student, and describing the procedure if there is a failed attempt.

- In addition, the changes pose to update several procedures related to the Ph.D. thesis proposal to ensure consistent practices for students.
- The goals of the thesis proposal were modified to reflect current department practices, modified language is introduced to make clear that audience members are not allowed to attend the question period by committee members, clarity is added to describe the timing of the proposal and what occurs if there are major or minor revisions required by the committee, how to proceed following the conclusion of the proposal defence, and to provide a recommendation for the number of weeks in which the first stage of Ph.D. thesis examination occurs.

The changes were approved at the department's council meeting in Winter 2023.

New Offers (Senate committee on Awards)

- Andrew Grant Memorial Scholarship
 - a. Graduated from Manitoba High school
 - b. Enrolled full-time (min 80% course load) in 2nd or 3rd year of study in any degree in FoS and;
 - c. Min degree gpa of 3.5
- Amendments for William and Ruth Barker Science Scholarships
 - a. For support to Indigenous undergraduate students
 - (1) have self-declared as First Nations, Métis or Inuit people from Canada;
 - (2) are enrolled full-time (minimum 60% course load) in an undergraduate degree program in the Faculty of Science; and
 - (3) have either: (a) if current entering students, met the minimum admission requirements for the Faculty of Science; or (b) if current continuing students, achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 2.0.
- Winnipeg Actuarial Club Scholarship
 - a. For outstanding academics Actuarial Studies and Research
 - (1) is enrolled full-time (minimum 80% course load) in either: (a) the Asper School of Business in a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree with a declared major in Actuarial Mathematics, or (b) the Faculty of Science in a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree with a declared major in Actuarial Mathematics or Statistics- Actuarial (joint honours) programs;
 - (2) has achieved a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0;
 - (3) has successfully attained credit for at least one professional examination set by the Society of Actuaries, the Casualty Actuarial Society or a University Accreditation Program; and
 - (4) has demonstrated leadership through volunteer activities in the community or at the University of Manitoba.

- b. The paragraph following the numbered criteria was revised to: In order to demonstrate how they meet criterion (4), candidates
- Also for:
 - a. Sociology
 - b. Dentistry
 - c. Engineering
 - d. International Students (volunteer service)
 - e. Law
 - f. Music
 - g. etc.

College of dentistry

- The **College of Dentistry** proposes supplementary regulation changes to the M.Dent. programs in the Depts. of Dental Diagnostics & Surgical Sciences (Periodontics and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery), Preventive Dental Sciences (Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics), and Restorative Dentistry (Prosthodontics) to add that a supplemental examination be allowed for the required course DDSS 7230 Advanced Oral Pathology (6).
- Since DDSS 7230 is only offered every second year, and the M.Dent. programs are for a duration of three years, should a student fail their first attempt at DDSS 7230, a supplemental exam will permit them the required remediation rather than require the student to re-take the course at its next offering, likely outside the three-year program timeframe.

The respective department councils approved this change at their department council meetings in January 2023.

- In addition, the Dept. of Dental Diagnostics & Surgical Sciences proposes to add DDSS 7030 Advanced Oral Radiology (1) to the list of required courses for the M.Dent. in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.
- The course addresses a current education gap in the program due to three-dimensional imaging now commonly being utilized in the field of dentistry.
- The addition of this course brings the total credit hours in the program from 48 to 49 CH.
- The department also proposes that ORLB 7090 Pharmacology (3) be taken in year 1 or 2 for students in the M.Dent. Periodontics.

These changes were approved at the Dept. council meet of Dental Diagnostics & Surgical Sciences on November 22, 2022.

Department of Human Anatomy and Cell science

1. The **Dept. of Human Anatomy & Cell Science** proposes (4) course introductions: ANAT 7468, 7478, 7480, 7482; (7) course deletions: ANAT 7460, 7462, 7464, 7466, 7472, 7474, 7476; M.Sc. & Ph.D. supplementary regulation changes.

- The supplementary regulation changes consist of adding the requirement that all incoming graduate students be provided a minimum of one (1) year of funding, minor edits to the HACS course offerings and required/elective coursework for all M.Sc. and Ph.D. students, a change to the composition requirements for all M.Sc. and Ph.D. advisory committees, and the addition of a “HACS Oral Presentation Scheduling” form that must be submitted by all students prior to scheduling of M.Sc. proposal/defense and Ph.D. proposal/candidacy examinations
- The course changes consist of replacing the “smaller modular style” (1.5 or 2 credit hours) that has previously been offered as elective courses.
- All students enrolled in HACS graduate programs will now be required to complete at least one 3 CH “core” human anatomy course.
- Net credit hour change: 0

Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation RE: Revised Regulation Concerning Introductory/Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE/APPE), Doctor of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy:

Observations:


1. The College is proposing that each student be required to complete one experiential rotation outside of Winnipeg, in a rural or northern Manitoba placement.
2. This revision would apply to students admitted to the program beginning in Fall 2023 and future enrollments.
3. Rural and northern Manitoba training opportunities would provide students with a unique perspective and a broader understanding of Manitoba’s health care system.
4. Eligible costs associated with pharmacy practice experiences in rural and northern Manitoba, including travel and accommodations, would be reimbursed in accordance with the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Policy on Rural and Northern Manitoba Student Placement Reimbursements. Students would be responsible for all costs related to placements outside of Manitoba.
5. Students would be permitted to request an exemption from this requirement for medical reasons, if the student is a primary caregiver, and other exceptional cases to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

- Experiential rotations for PharmD students consist of 2 x 4-week clinical rotations in Year 2 and 4 x 8-week clinical rotations in Year 4. The College is committed to educating students who can provide care to all Manitobans and having experiences outside the City of Winnipeg is important in supporting this goal.
- This new policy **would only apply to students being admitted to the PharmD program** beginning fall 2023 and future enrollment. Students currently enrolled in the PharmD program would follow the current wording in the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Program Academic Regulations.

Rady faculty of medicine:

- Proposal to establish a **Doctor of Philosophy in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine has been approved effective fall 2023**
- Proposal to establish a **Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Paediatrics and Child Health has been approved effective fall 2023**
- Senate committee approved the introduction by the Department of Immunology, Max Rady College of Medicine of a graduate micro-diploma in Science Communication.
- The Max Rady Faculty of Medicine has added an **extra 15 seats this year's class of Doctor of Medicine and have committed to adding an additional 15 seats for the 2024 cycle.**

10.3) UMSU Reports:

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10.4) Indigenous Students' Rep Reports:

10.5) International Students' Rep Reports:

10.6) Women's Rep Reports:

10.7) Accessibility Rep Reports:

10.8) Lounge Programmer Reports:

10.9) Student Services Reports:

SSA Student Services Report - June 28th, 6pm

Annie, Erika, Dexter, Rushal

1. Lockers

- a. Students free to use lockers during the summer up to Friday, August 18th
 - i. Email will be sent out to students early August regarding locker clean up and locker sales
- b. Locker cleanup
 - i. Monday, August 21st to Friday, August 25th
 - ii. May need help from other councilors
- c. Locker sales
 - i. Monday, August 28th to Friday, September 2nd
 1. Early bird, will reduce prices
 - ii. Tuesday, September 5th to Friday, September 8th
 1. Led by Student Services
 - iii. Monday, September 11th to Friday, September 15th
 1. Councilors may need to sell lockers during their office hours
- d. Councilor lockers
 - i. Free!
 - ii. Will send out a form on Discord, please fill it out if you want a locker this year

2. Grad photos

- a. Met with Mark Cox (Lifetouch contact) a few weeks ago
- b. Renewal agreement signed
- c. Tentative dates for grad photos:
 - i. November 13-17th, 2023
 - ii. January 29th - February 1st, 2024
 - iii. March 20-29th, 2024
 - iv. April 29th - May 3rd, 2024

10.10) Treasurer reports:

📎 Treasurer Report - Wednesday June 28th 2023 Council Meeting.pdf

10.11) Director of Academics reports:

Academics Report

Meeting Date: June 28th, 2023

Noor (Director of Academics):

What has been done so far:

- June 7: We held our first meeting in which I presented brief overview of upcoming events to the Academics programmers. The following matters were decided during the meeting:
 - Rentals Program coordinator is Clarissa
 - Peer mentorship coordinator is Anthony
 - Special Events coordinator is Aishat (This is a newly added position, and the goal is to collaborate with the Special Events team on academics related projects.)
- The tutoring program scholarships have been awarded for Winter 2023. The winners were:
 - Enny Sanni (awarded \$300 for 40 hours)
 - Le Kim Long Nguyen (\$150 awarded for 20 hours)
- Gift cards to the rest of the tutors have been sent out (the total cost was \$360)

Future Matters:

- June 28: Meeting with Patrick regarding Nimbus renewal
 - Amy and I have decided to stick with the program for next year since it is easy to use from an administrative stand-point
 - Details TBA
- July 1: The applications for next years' tutors will open.
- July 15: The applications for tutors will close.
 - Interviews for the tutors will be conducted through the rest of July and early August.
- Late August : I am planning to have a bootcamp for the tutors. I can invite instructors from the Academic Learning Centre to give a presentation about tutor training.
 - This will be an entire afternoon/evening session. Waiting for Tim's and Antoanela's response from the ALC.
 - Should the hours will go towards CCR for the tutors?
- September 16: **LabTREK!**
 - We will start planning for LabTREK in late July since it is a while away and there are other projects that need be completed first (peer mentorship and tutoring program)

- We decided to delay it from September 9th to September 16th since the Science Olympics is on September 10th and I did not want the attendance of either event to be jeopardized.

Anthony:

- June 30: Noor and Anthony will be having a meeting to finalize the details for the mentorship program.
 - We are aiming to start advertising for mentors by mid July
- Proposed timeline for the Peer Mentorship Program:
 - July 15: start advertising the program and open up applications.
 - August 1: applications close and we start interviewing mentors
 - August 5: Open up applications for mentees
 - August 25: Close applications for mentees
 - September 3: Have the mentees and mentors paired up
 - The goal was to have the peer mentorship timeline does not conflict with the tutoring program timeline.
 - We will be giving an opportunity for the mentors and mentees to tour the campus on their own time (so they can schedule it themselves).

We were thinking of providing them gift cards to Starbucks/Tims for the day that they plan to tour.

Clarissa:

What has been done so far:

- June 16/17: I sorted through the lab coats and organized the clean ones by size. Also cleared some space in the cabinets to make room for the different rental program supplies
- June 21/24: I bought a label maker to label the goggles, wax pencils, model kits, dissection kits and cabinets. Also labeled the lab coats with non iron clothing labels (hopefully they stay after washing). I labeled 20 goggles and about 10/ each size of lab coats. I will start to label more soon. All the wax pencils, dissection kits and model kits have been labeled
- I updated the QR code and google form for this years rental program

Future Matters:

- I still have to buy a laundry basket - i will get one by the end of the week

Aishat:

- October and November Fall 2023: plan and host test nights before midterms and finals (or just before finals if you want)

- September/October: host trivia night with Special Events team
- Fall2023 (November) or Summer (May): hold an info session about Medicine, Research, etc.
- We are hoping to have about three events per semester
- Mid August: Noor and Aishat will meet to discuss ideas and details for the events.

10.12) Special Events Reports:

Science Students' Association Council Meeting – June 28th, 2023 (6pm, Zoom) – Special Events Report

Name: Jacob Marks (Director of Special Events)

URGENT UPCOMING EVENTS:

TEAM BONDING EVENT:

- **DATE:** Friday, June 30th, 2023
- **TIME:** 5pm-9pm
- **LOCATION:** Campsite #1 at Assiniboine Park
- **NOTES:**

- Bring lawn chairs and games you want to play
- We will have pizza and snacks

§ Let me know about dietary restrictions ASAP!

PATIO NIGHT:

- DATE: Friday, July 28th, 2023
- TIME: 7:30PM
- LOCATION: Smitty's Pembina (580 Pembina)
- NOTES:
 - Tickets are currently on-sale for \$5 (SSA gets them free with coupon in Discord)
 - § Maximum is 114 people
 - § Free drink for the first 100 people
 - Theme is Disney
 - Tabling for advertising in July if possible
 - § Looking to find videos/photos to promote the event (from last year)
 - I will need a group of volunteers to come out a bit earlier with Special Events to help out

SCIENCE ORIENTATION:

- DATE: September 5th, 2023
- TIME: Afternoon (most likely 1:30pm-6:00pm, subject to change)
- LOCATION: Armes Rooms, Buller Lawn, campus in general
- NOTES:
 - Having issues booking rooms (could only book 200 Armes), looking into that
 - § Buller Lawn was booked as well (waiting to hear back)
 - Looking for possible food trucks, vendors, etc. for the day in the later part of it
 - § If anyone has any requests let me know (we are thinking popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, obstacle courses, photobooth, etc.)
 - Have to contact Faculty of Science representative, STUDENT ADVISORS and student groups
 - The panel is a Q and A period for incoming students to the faculty

- Have begun contacting faculty to join us on the panel
 - § Have received confirmation from 3 Deans: Dr. Brian Mark, Dr. Horace Luong and Dr. Sean McKenna for attendance
 - § Have received confirmation from 3 professors: Professor Diana Mlinar, Professor Jennifer Doering, and Dr. Zev Ripstein
 - § Awaiting the confirmation from 3 Deans: Dr. Krystyna Koczanski, Dr. Steve Whyard, and Dr. Ayush Kumar
 - § Awaiting the confirmation from 1 department head: Dr. Ute Kothe
- Have contacted SSA councillors and a few other students to be on panel (list TBD)
 - § Councillors will be running the rooms and PPTs to be shown (two per room)
- Caleigh will be making a PPT describing what SSA is to show
- I will need all councillors to be available that day (September 5th to help out)
 - § I will post a volunteer sign-up shortly
- Anshika is going to help out as First Year Representative (role TBD)

LIFE SCIENCE OLYMPICS:

- DATE: September 9th, 2023
- TIME: Most likely 9am-2pm or 9am-3pm
- LOCATION: TBD
- NOTES:
 - Put on by Faculty of Science, BUGS, CHEM CLUB, SSA, MiSC and SSA
 - SSA was asked to be in-charge of food that day (it is a BBQ)
 - § I have already contacted Paul about helping out, but if anyone else wants to help out let Amy or I know!
 - Day is split into some games, awards, and meals/refreshments (more information to come!)

MEETINGS:

MEETING WITH RANDI:

- **DATE: June 6th, 2023**
- **NOTES:**
 - **Met about Life Science Olympics (more on this later in the report)**

MEETING WITH DR. LUONG, AMY, AAKASH, AND RANDI:

- **DATE: June 7th, 2023**
- **NOTES:**
 - **Discussed the role of SSA and budgeting for the Life Science Olympics**

MEETING WITH PROGRAMMERS:

- **DATE: June 16th, 2023**
- **NOTES:**
 - **Brainstormed events, discussed the plan for the year and where things were at regarding each event listed above**

MEETING WITH BUGS, CHEM CLUB, MiSC AND SSA:

- **DATE: June 27th, 2023**
- **NOTES:**
 - **Discussed how SSA/other student groups would be involved at the Life Sciences Olympics**

MEETING WITH DIVYA AND CHRISTINE FROM UMSU:

- **DATE: June 29th, 2023 (tomorrow)**
- **NOTES:**
 - **Meeting discussing how SSA can get involved during orientation week**
 - § **This will be great to get our name out there to get as many first-year students as possible at the gala (and students in general)**

MEETING WITH JOANNE BJORNSON:

- **DATE:** July 18th
- **TIME:** 11:00am
- **LOCATION:** RBC Convention Centre
- **NOTES:**
 - We will be looking at rooms at the RBC Convention Centre
 - § Looking at meeting rooms 1-13 (same room as last year)
 - Discussing configurations and capacities within the room
 - § Looking at room 2EFGH as well
 - § Only two rooms are available that night
 - 1-2 people will be joining me for this from council (limited people are allowed)

MEETING WITH SAHAND:

- **DATE:** TBD (to discuss Friday)
- **NOTES:**
 - Looking to plan a 2SLGBTQ+ event or day this year

MEETING WITH NOOR/AISHAT:

- **DATE:** TBD
- **NOTES:**
 - To discuss the role of Academics at orientation and perhaps other events during the year like trivia nights

LESS-URGENT EVENTS:

SKI TRIP:

- **DATE:** Winter Term Break 2024
- **LOCATION:** Asessippi
- **NOTES:**

- Have contacted Justine, the school trip coordinator and waiting to hear back
- Have formed a planning committee, if you want to help out let me know

YEAR-END GALA:

- **DATE:** May 4th, 2024
- **TIME:** TBD (evening)
- **LOCATION:** RBC Convention Centre or Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- **NOTES:**
 - Looking at rooms at RBC Convention Centre in July with 1-2 people
 - Will make planning committee soon
 - Looking to book/get the following (we will take recommendations):
 - § DJ
 - § Sponsors
 - § Photographer
 - § Photobooth
 - § Raffle prizes
 - Looking to get a tasting of menu items for this year
 - § Depending on sponsorship we may be able to offer multiple options for menu items
 - § Looking into an ice cream and candy bar later in the evening
 - § If I am allowed to do this and bring anyone I will let you know

PROGRAMMER NEWS:

ALL OF US (Carl, Rabia, Huda, Amina):

- **NOTES:**
 - Looking to divide up and assign events to each programmer
 - § Event ideas:
 - Trivia night
 - Holiday socials

- TEDx (Rabia)
- Etc...
- Currently working on dividing up tasks for patio night and orientation

§ Patio night:

- Getting decorations
- Getting quote from DJ
- Tabling in Armes/UC
- Etc...

§ Orientation:

- Making merch bags
- Making scavenger hunt
- Getting thank you gifts for faculty
- Etc...

10.13) Director of Communications Reports:

Director of Communications Report

- Our Merchandise is currently being negotiated. We are just getting the price quote from one other company and then we will move forward with processing our order. We chose the colour black for our merchandise. We should have those in by the start of the semester
- We have been processing requests fairly quick, but once the fall semester begins, we know we will have an influx of many requests. As a team we demand that requests are made a week in advance of when you want posts to be done, please and thank you.
- We also made a bio site which we replaced the link tree. We kept all our previous links from our link tree and added it to the bio site. Please feel free to check it out

- We are also hoping to do Feature Fridays for female 2SLGBTQIA+ students/professor within the science department soon. This was a request from Sahand whom we are working with to make this happen.
- The SSA website is up to date, certain programs such as the tutoring and rental program just have yet to finalize certain times and info on our website for the upcoming fall semester.

10.14) First Year Representative Reports:

My name is Anshika Sharma, and I am the First Year Student Representative this year. It is my first time writing a report with the SSA, but I will quickly brief everyone on my aim before university starts for the fall term.

As a first-year student last year, I realized that many students are unaware that they do not have to pay for their UMSU health care coverage. Numerous already have health care coverage. However, I noticed that many did not realize they could unsubscribe from this additional cost on their tuition on time. Therefore, my priority is to focus on spreading awareness regarding this matter. My goal is to create an Instagram post and make a poster sharing the step-by-step process on how to remove UMSU healthcare from the tuition. Now, I know that there will be other posts regarding this, but I will also email all the professors in the Faculty of Science and encourage them to share it on UM Learn. In addition, I will try my best to go to classes and have any questions answered that students may have regarding this.

10.15) 2SLGBTQ+ Representative Reports:

First off happy pride month to the entire community.

1. Participation in Winnipeg pride parade. The historic record breaking parade this year and Science students were represented. Huge positive feedback and thank you to Amy, Cara, and Jacob for joining and comms team for posting

2. Giveaway from a 2SLGBTQIA+ owned business (Oh!Doughnuts)
3. Planning to purchase pride flag for the council (if necessary motion based on pricing in future meetings when we have more details) and decorations

To be in the lounge for regular time and in special events and for future councils

4. Requesting for the councilors to include their pronouns in their zoom names or name batches in official meetings or events for more inclusive environment for students participating

5. Also planning to have an informal zoom session in the first week of July for the community to hear their concerns

6. This one needs time for Bylaws committee and I will get in touch with them but currently I am reading the bylaws again and noting where changes can be made to have a more inclusive language in our bylaws to support every science student

There are more initiatives I am currently working on but I will mention them in future reports when they are done

Motion: donation of 150 CAD on behalf of SSA to rainbow resource centre

10.a) Committee Reports:

10.b) Motion #####:

10.c) Previous Meeting Minutes (pending approval):

