**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
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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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| 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
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| 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
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| 1. President & (Vice) President
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. Senate
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| **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**
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| 1. UMSU
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| **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 UMSU1. **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

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	+ 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
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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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| 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

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| 1. Academics
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|  **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
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| 1. Lounge Programming
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. Accessibility
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| **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
	+ 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:

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| 1. LGBTTQ\*
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. Women’s
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| **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
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| 1. Indigenous
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| **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
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. Student Services
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|  **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
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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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| 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
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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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| - 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
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| Eric motions for dismissal at 7:33 PM, Emily seconds; Motion passed.  |

**Motions**

**November Monday 16th, 2020**

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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 |