**Science Student’s Association Meeting Attendance**

**October Monday 26thth, 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 | No (regrets; proxy: Selina) |
| Senator | Emily Kalo | No (regrets; proxy: Jasmine) |
| Senator | Serena Philips | Yes  |
| UMSU Representative | Bryan Kwak | No (excused) |
| UMSU Representative | Chloe McElheron  | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Katelyn Casalla | Yes |
| UMSU Representative | Riley Shannon | Yes |
| Accessibility Representative | Tristan Rohatynsky | No (regrets; proxy: Kanso) |
| 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 | Yes |
| Director of Academics | Tooba Razi | Yes |
| Director of Communications | Zachary Hiebert | No (regrets) |
| Director of Special Events | Rashawna Blair | Yes |
| Director of Student Services | Natalie Ngu | Yes |
| Executive Assistant  | Stuti Gupta | No (excused) |
| 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  | No |
| 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: 6:43 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, Serena Phillips: 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 October 13th, 2020, Riley Shannon seconds; Motion passed.  |

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| 1. Council Reports
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| 1. President & (Vice) President
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| **Eric Vasas and Jaime McNicholl Reports:**1. Meeting with the Dean
	1. For monthly meeting
	2. Discussed student concerns about classes during the pandemic
	3. Discussed what the plan is going to be with funds etc – continuing support the endowment fund
	4. Discussed the vestibules for armes – providing new study area furniture
	5. Talked about creating new study spaces – repurposing unused rooms
	6. Providing new study spaces in some building – making study spaces and tutoring places in the basement of Allen in rooms not being used
	7. Looking for study spaces – and making spaces for student groups (Misc etc.)
	8. They did ask for a contribution – funds would come from the SSA endowment fund
	9. More updates later – Eric and Jaime will be updating us
2. Courtyard for SSA – will be ready to go in the spring
3. Talked about standard grade scales – but cannot do anything faculty wise but something with the Dean and the senate to discuss
4. If anyone knows anyone who wants to switch from a Chem Honors to a Major send a message to Eric in some way
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| 1. Senate
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. UMSU
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| **UMSU (Riley Shannon) reports:**October 22nd, 2020 UMSU Board Meeting Report1. UMFA Presentation
	1. Michael Shaw gave a presentation to the board about UMFA’s negotiations with the university regarding their wage reopener
	2. University is offering a 0% increase and UMFA is not satisfied with the offer
	3. UMFA requested binding arbitration, which would prevent a strike for students
		1. Binding arbitration is when a third party is hired to weigh the considerations and make a binding decision on behalf of both parties
		2. The University does not want to enter binding arbitration.
	4. So, UMFA is holding a strike vote soon. A strike is possible if an agreement isn’t reached.
	5. The U of M negotiating team is presenting next meeting, and then UMSU will vote on which side to support, if any
	6. Will know more about this issue by the following Monday
2. Respondus Motion
	1. The UMSU board voted unanimously to oppose the University’s implementation of Respondus Monitor
	2. The UMSU advocacy team will communicate the decision to administration and internally devise the best strategy for next steps.
3. Sport and Rec Fee
	1. Students will be charged a reduced price for the Sport and Rec fee again during the winter term. This discount is identical to what was offered during the fall.
	2. Anyone who has been charged the normal price will be reimbursed by the Registrar’s Office.
4. UPass Fee
	1. No UPass fee in the winter term
5. University Committee Opening: Non-Degree Programming
	1. Contact UMSU if interested/for more info – pres@umsu.ca
6. Performance Based Funding
	1. The provincial government is looking to introduce a “Performance Based Funding Model” to fund universities.
		1. This means how much the funding the University gets would be tied to certain metrics, but the province hasn’t released what those are yet.
		2. The University supports the idea b. The UMSU advocacy team has concerns but is going to give the government implementation recommendations first and take a further stance dependent on whether those recommendations are adopted/to what degree.
7. Quality of Online Learning
	1. The VPA said she is getting complaints from students and parents about profs not posting their lectures, and it is impacting rural students negatively.
		1. Apparently, this is happening a lot in science
	2. She said she will reach out to SSA soon to see if we would like to speak to the science faculty about this issue and if there is a role for UMSU to play
8. Student Leisure Guide a. UMSU student leisure guide is now live with a whole range of classes. These are peer led sessions on various topics (i.e. Cooking, debate…) and available to all!
9. Transit Subsidy
	1. Last day to apply is October 31st if we want to communicate that to students who may have labs on campus.
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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 and Andrea report:**1. Item 1: Planning online gift card giveaways and trivia night
	1. Budget?
	2. Planning a trivia night
	3. Date/Week in Mind? – date will be chosen within the next week
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| 1. Academics
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| * Nothing to Report
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| 1. Lounge Programming
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| * Nothing to report
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| 1. Accessibility
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| 1. Student Services
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| 1. Treasurer
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| 1. Committee Reports
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| 1. Executive
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| **Executive Team Reports**:1. Talked about courses that are concerns to the den
	1. Course loads – how they are increased
	2. How quizzes are monitored – video and audio
	3. Videos not being uploaded or not for a long period of time
	4. Profs going over time in classes
2. UMSU hampers – 3 different packages and any number of them
	1. Packages of ABC
		1. 1 package A
		2. 3 packages of B
		3. 2 packages of C
		4. Spending $1010 for a total of 6 packages
3. By-Elections
	1. Hand in essays – Nov 13th
	2. Campaign period – November 16th – 20th
4. Poster for Halloween – random draw (costume)
5. Rules – no cultural appropriation – no NSFW – can post anywhere tag SSA and include Instagram handle - $25 dollar gift cards about
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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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| * No new business
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| 1. Dismissal
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| Eric Vasas motions for dismissal at 7:11 PM, Jaime McNicholl seconds; Motion passed.  |

**Motions**

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| **Motion Regarding: Prize money** | **Category: Giveaway** |
| **Motion**: To approve $100 for the Halloween contest prizes for DoorDash Gift cards |
| **Status:** Motion Passed**Moved By:** Eric Vasas**Seconded By:** Jaime McNicholl |

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| **Status:** **Moved By:**  **Seconded By:**  |