

MINUTES**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm when quorum was reached.

The Chair, Dr. Susan Detmer, thanked Dr. Dean McNeil (PhD) and the Department of Music for providing the musical introduction for University Council. The pre-recorded performances featured students and were shared before the Council meeting was called to order. The performances included:

Movement 2 Scherzo from Quartet #1 by Gordon Jacob

- Performed by Department of Music students and the University of Saskatchewan Saxophone Quartet: Ricardo Martins (soprano saxophone), Jesse Koethler (alto saxophone), Justin Fillion (tenor saxophone), Sydney Davis (baritone saxophone)
- Organized by Dr. Glen Gillis, faculty member in the department

The Cloths of Heaven composed by Rebecca Dale

- Commissioned and premiered by the Greystone Singers, Dean McNeill (trumpet) and B.Mus. student Dru Waltz (violin), and conducted by Dr. Jennifer Lang.

Passacaglia in G minor by Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber

- Dr. Veronique Mathieu (violin), faculty member in the department.

Dr. Detmer summarized the meeting protocols. No members of the media identified themselves. No Council members or guests were connecting by phone.

2. Tributes

None.

3. Adoption of the agenda

(Aitken/Meda): *That the agenda be approved as circulated.*

CARRIED.

4. Chair's Opening remarks

Dr. Detmer acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis, paying respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirming our relationship with one another.

The Chair welcomed Council members to the last meeting of the 2022-23 academic year, and indicated that questions on non-decision items (information items) would be deferred to question period, except for the President's Report as he would be leaving early.

Dr. Detmer reported on the regular monthly meeting between the Council Executive Committee and the President's Executive Committee (PEC) in June. She reported that the discussion topics were the Pandemic Response and Recovery Team (PRT) report, fall term in-person planning and the mask mandate, and the collaborative use of space and infrastructure.

5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2022

(Walker/Wotherspoon): *That the minutes be approved.*

CARRIED.

6. Business Arising

None.

7. Report of the President

President Peter Stoicheff welcomed Council members. He summarized that his report offered a spotlight on tremendous teaching, research, and other activities at USask.

He added that the mask mandate would be paused as of July 1, 2022, that COVID-19 numbers would be monitored throughout the summer, and the mask mandate would be re-evaluated in fall.

The President noted the Provincial Government cabinet shuffle, and that the Honourable Gordon Wyant was appointed Minister of Advanced Education. He remarked on the excellent choice, that the Minister understands value of post-secondary education, and that he is an alumnus of USask.

He thanked Dr. Chelsea Willness for her service over the last few years as University Secretary and Chief Governance Officer, noting that she had completed her term. He welcomed Julian Demkiw to the role as of July 1, 2022. He reported that Cheryl Hamlin was appointed as the new Vice President, University Relations as of June 1, 2022. He thanked the members of the search committee.

The President thanked Council members for their contributions over this challenging period.

Questions were deferred to question period.

8. Report of the Provost

Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice President Academic, reiterated the President's thanks to Council, Council committees, the supporting offices, and Dr. Willness for her service. She reflected on her recent participation at the in-person USask Convocation, the accomplishments of the graduands, the participation of faculty, and the support of the events team.

The Provost congratulated Dr. Vince Bruni-Bossio for his recent award of the 3M teaching fellowship, the most prestigious teaching award.

Questions were deferred to Question Period.

9. Pandemic Response and Recovery Team (PRT) Verbal Report

Dr. Darcy Marciniuk, PRT Chair, provided an update on the university's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He reported that the PRT had recommended pausing the mask mandate as of July 1, 2022, monitoring over the summer, and reconsidering in the fall. He noted that masks will still be available, and that the PRT advises that community members continue to observe safety precautions. He reported that some areas on campus such as clinical spaces in Medicine and Nursing would still have mask mandates. He reiterated that "if you feel sick, stay home" and the importance of being fully vaccinated and boosted.

There were no questions.

10. Student Societies

10.1 Report from the USSU

Abhineet Goswami, USSU President, sent his regrets. The report was provided in the materials.

10.2 Report from the GSA

Mostafa Kamal, President of the GSA, provided a pre-recorded presentation of the GSA report. A written report was also in the materials.

Dr. Jay Wilson, Interim Vice Provost, Teaching, Learning and Student Experience, responded to concerns raised about Student Wellness support availability and wait times. He provided clarifications regarding several erroneous statements made in the report. He asked that concerns such as this be better addressed in a different forum.

The GSA President disagreed with Dr. Wilson's response.

11. Nominations Committee

Dr. Paul Jones chair of the Nominations Committee presented the items.

11.1 Request for Decision: Nominations to the Promotion Appeals Panel

(Jones/Lamb): That Council approve the nominations to the Promotion Appeals Panel for 2022-23 (as attached) effective July 1, 2022.

Dr. Detmer asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED.

11.2 Report for information: Annual Report of Nominations Committee 2021-22

The report was provided in the agenda package. Questions were deferred.

12. Academic Programs Committee

Dr. Alison Oates, chair of APC, presented the decision items as provided in the materials. Questions on the information items were deferred to Question Period.

12.1 Request for Decision: Degree-Level Certificate in Precision Agriculture

(Oates/Xiao): That Council approve the degree-level Certificate in Precision Agriculture in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, effective September 2023.

CARRIED.

12.2 Request for Decision: Academic Courses Policy

(Oates/Xiao): *That Council approve the changes to Academic Courses Policy, effective September 1, 2022.*

CARRIED.

12.3 Request for Decision: Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy

(Oates/Xiao): *That Council approve the Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy, effective September 2023.*

CARRIED.

12.4 Report for information: Annual Report of Academic Programs Committee 2021-22

Questions deferred.

12.5 Report for information: Termination of the Master of Veterinary Science program in Small Animal Clinical Sciences, effective May 2023

Questions deferred.

13. Governance Committee

Dr. Terry Wotherspoon, chair of Governance, presented the items. He provided a summary of the report provided in the agenda package, noting that the membership of the Edwards School of Business Faculty Council had not been updated since 1988.

13.1 Request for Decision: Revisions to the Edwards School of Business Faculty Council Membership

(Wotherspoon/Mousseau): *That Council approve the changes to the Faculty Council Membership of the Edwards School of Business in the Council Bylaws effective immediately.*

There were no questions.

CARRIED.

13.2 Request for Decision: Peer Review of Teaching Policy (Joint with TLARC)

Dr. Wotherspoon summarized the written report, noting the importance of such a policy for USask, and that no changes were made to the proposal since the Notice of Motion was presented to Council in May 2022.

(Wotherspoon/James-Kavan): *That Council approve the Peer Review of Teaching Policy effective immediately.*

There was a discussion about the amount of information requested in the evaluations, the value-add, practices at comparator U15 universities, measuring progress toward improving teaching effectiveness through use of these tools, the additional workload this would place on faculty, and whether additional resources would be allocated. Dr. Wotherspoon and Dr. Nancy Turner, Director of Teaching & Learning Enhancement, responded that there is flexibility in the application of the policy, including forms are guidelines, that there would not be

additional funding for reviewers, but that supports and resources will be available from the Gwenna Moss Centre to colleges and departments.

CARRIED.

13.3 Report for information: Annual Report of Governance Committee 2021-22

Questions deferred.

14. Planning and Priorities Committee

14.1 Report for information: Annual Report of PPC 2021-22

Questions deferred.

14.2 Report for information: Strategic Planning Update – verbal report presented by Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Dr. Darrell Mousseau, Chair of PPC, indicated that a presentation would be forthcoming in September on the USask Strategic Plan. Dr. Airini, Provost & VP Academic acknowledged that Council approved the *USask Strategic Plan: 2025*, and that it is important to report on progress. She also indicated that two townhalls would be held on the strategic planning update in the fall.

Dr. Airini recognized that Dr. Mousseau was completing his term as PPC chair and expressed gratitude for his leadership. She welcomed Dr. Vicki Squires as incoming PPC Chair.

The next four agenda items from JCCP, Exec, TLARC, and RSAW were for information only, questions were deferred.

15. JCCP

15.1 Report for information: Annual Report of JCCP 2021-22

16. Council Executive Committee

16.1 Report for information: Annual Report of Council Executive Committee 2021-22

17. TLARC

17.1 Report for information: Annual Report of TLARC 2021-22

18. RSAW

18.1 Report for information: Annual Report of RSAW 2021-22

19. Other business

Dr. Detmer thanked the outgoing Council members and chairs, and Dr. Chelsea Willness, outgoing University Secretary & Chief Governance Officer. She expressed that she was looking forward to working with Julian Demkiw, new Council members, and chairs in 2022-23.

No other business was raised.

15. Question period

There were questions about the consultation with the Department of Computer Science and Geography & Planning for selecting the courses in the Certificate in Precision Agriculture. Dr. Bedard-Haughn, Dean of Agriculture & Bioresources, responded that there were members of both departments on the committee that developed the program.

There was a question about options for hybrid Council meetings in the fall and employees' rights to reasonable accommodations for limited mobility, children, or other circumstances. Dr. Willness responded that the matter was discussed at great length with the Council Executive. She explained that hybrid meetings for the size of a governing body like Council have considerable resource implications. She also offered that specific accommodation requests or concerns could be sent to her directly.

There was a comment on the RSAW report where discussions were noted on the impacts of travel policies on researchers, the active researcher designation, travel and ICT policies, and backlogs in ethics approvals. A Council member asked whether RSAW consulted with the Office of the Vice President Research (OVPR). Dr. Delbaere, RSAW Chair, responded that the matters were discussed with OVPR. She reported that Dr. Terry Fonstad, AVP Research, was reviewing ethics processes and infrastructure, and that resources have been added. Also, that it will continue to be a matter considered by RSAW next year. She responded that for ICT and travel, the committee has not yet found a mechanism to effect change, but continues to advocate and ask for more and earlier consultation with faculty.

Dr. Airini added that with regard to the active researcher designation there will be a TABBS and RCM review in the fall. She further reported that Vice President Finance & Resources and the Provost would have more budget and planning townhalls in the fall.

There was a request for a report to Council on Uniforum. Dr. Airini responded that individual consultations are underway with colleges and schools, and that a report would be provided to Council in the fall.

16. Adjournment

(Augusta): The meeting was properly adjourned at 4:30pm.

Attachments

1. Listing of members in attendance
2. GSA Report presentation slides

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.	Airini	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Adl	Sina	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	R
Aitken	Alec	R	R	R	P	R		P	P	P	P
Alcorn	Jane	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R
Augusta	Carolyn	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Bally	Jill	P	P	P	P	P		R	A	A	P
Bauman-student	Elisabeth	P	P	A	R	P		P	P	A	A
Bedard-Haughn	Angela	P	P	P	P	P		A	P	P	P
Bedard-student	Derek	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Bell	Scott	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Bhatti-student rep	Haseeb	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Bilson	Beth	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Boden	Catherine	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	A	P
Boland	Mark	P	P	P	P	A		A	A	A	R
Bonham-Smith	Peta	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	R	A
Bradley	Michael	R	R	R	R	P		A	A	A	A
Brothwell	Doug	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	P
Burshtyn	Deborah	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	P
Card	Claire	A	P	P	P	P		P	A	P	P
Chernoff	Egan	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	R	P
Chowdhury	Nurul	P	A	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Cooper	David	P	P	R	P	P		P	R	P	R
Dadachova	Kate	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
DaSilva	Keith	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Dawson	DeDe	P	P	P	P	P		R	P	P	P
de Boer	Dirk	P	P	A	P	A		P	P	P	P
Delbaere	Majorie	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	R	P
Deters	Ralph	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	A
Detmer	Susan	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Downe	Pamela	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	R	P
Gabriel	Andrew	P	P	P	P	A		P	R	R	A
Gebreab-student	Henok	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Gjevre	John	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	A
Grosvenor	Andrew	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R
Gyurcsik	Nancy	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	P	A
Harasymchuk	Robert	P	P	P	P	A		P	A	A	A
Harrison	William	A	A	P	A	A		P	A	A	A
Hassan-student	Dalia	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		P	P	A	A
Hogan	Natacha	P	A	P	A	P		A	A	A	A
Jacob-student rep	Sharon	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	P	A
Jamali	Nadeem	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
James-Cavan	Kathleen	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Jensen	Gordon	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	A	R
Jones	Paul	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Just	Melissa	R	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	R
Kahn-student rep	Maria	R	A	P	A	A		A	A	A	A
Kalra	Jay	P	R	P	P	P		P	P	R	R
Khandelwal	Ramji	P	P	P	P	P		R	P	P	P
Kim-student rep	David	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Kresta	Suzanne	R	P	P	A	P		A	P	A	A
Lamb	Eric	R	R	R	R	P		P	R	A	P
Larre	Tamara	P	P	P	A	P		P	R	R	R
Lindenschmidt	Karl-Enrich	P	A	P	P	A		A	A	P	A
London	Chad	P	P	R	P	P		P	P	P	R
Lovick	Olga	P	P	P	P	P		R	P	R	P
Luke	Iain	A	R	R	A	A		A	A	A	R
Lummerding-	Dominque	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A

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Macfarlane	Cal	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Maguire-student	Robert	n/a	P	P	P	R		A	P	A	A
Makarova	Veronika	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	A	P
Mamun	Abdullah	P	P	R	P	P		P	R	P	R
Manley-Tannis	Richard	R	R	R	P	R		R	R	A	P
Marche	Tammy	P	P	P	A	P		A	A	A	A
Martin	Stephanie	P	P	P	R	P		P	P	R	P
Martina-Koechl	Natasha	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	R	R
Meda	Venkatesh	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	P	P
Mousseau	Darrell	P	P	A	P	P		P	P	A	P
Muir	Gillian	P	R	P	A	P		A	R	A	A
Murphy	JoAnn	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Neufeld	Matthew	P	A	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Oates	Alison	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Paslawski	Teresa	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Peacock	Shelley	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Perrault-student	Levi	A	A	A	A	A		P	P	A	A
Phillipson	Martin	P	A	A	P	P		A	P	P	A
Pocha	Sheila	P	P	A	A	P		A	A	A	A
Poettcker	Grant	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Pomazon	Alisha	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Rayan	Steven	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Richter	Solina	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	P
Rohs-student rep	Jesse	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Ross-student rep	Cassidy	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	A
Sarjeant-Jenkins	Rachel	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	A	A
Shevchuk	Yvonne	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	A
Singh	Jaswant	P	A	R	P	P		R	A	A	A
Singh-student rep	Sanjana	n/a	P	P	A	R		R	P	A	A
Smith	Preston	P	P	P	P	P		A	P	P	A
Smyth	Stuart	P	P	A	P	P		P	P	A	A
Somerville	Kara	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Sorensen	Charlene	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Spurr	Shelley	P	P	P	P	P		R	P	P	P
Squires	Vicki	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Steele	Tom	P	P	R	P	P		P	P	A	A
Stoicheff	Peter	P	P	R	P	P		P	P	R	P
Stuart	Glenn	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	R	P
Szmigielski	Jacek	P	P	P	P	A		P	P	A	P
Urquhart	Stephen	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	P		P	P	P	R
Vassileva	Julita	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Waldner	Cheryl	P	P	P	P	P		A	P	P	A
Walker	Keith	P	A	P	P	A		A	P	P	P
Willenborg	Christian	P	P	P	A	P		R	P	P	P
Willoughby	Keith	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Woods	Phil	P	P	R	P	P		R	P	P	R
Wotherspoon	Terry	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Wu	FangXiang	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	P
Xiao	Jing	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	R	P
Yao	Yansun	P	A	P	A	P		P	A	P	A
Yu-student rep	Angela	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
Zhang	David	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	P		A	P	P	P
Zhang	Lifeng	P	P	R	P	P		P	A	R	R

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Fowler	Greg	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	P
Goswami-USSU President 2022-23	Abhineet	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P	R
Hamelin	Cheryl	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a	P
Iftikhar-USSU VP 2021-22	Tauqeer	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	n/a	n/a
Isinger	Russell	P	P	P	A	P		P	A	A	P
Jaisee-USSU President 2021-22	Tasnim	P	P	P	A	P		P	A	n/a	n/a
Jamie	Angela	A	A	A	P	A		A	A	A	A
Kamal-GSA Pres 2022-23	Mostofa	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P	P
Kaminski-Senate Rep 2021-22	Nicholas	P	A	P	A	A		A	P	n/a	n/a
Pozega Osburn	Debra	R	P	P	P	R		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Singh	Baljit	A	P	A	A	R		P	A	R	P
Still	Carl	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Sumana-USSU VP Academic 2022-23	Sristy	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	A	P
Thronberg-Senate Rep 2021-22	John	P	P	A	A	P		A	A	n/a	n/a
Wagner-Senate Rep 2022-23	Larry	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P	A
Willness	Chelsea	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P
Wilson	Jay	P	P	A	P	P		P	P	P	P
Zahan-GSA President 2021-22	Rifat	P	P	P	P	R		P	R	n/a	n/a



GSA Report
June 16, 2022
Presented
by
Mostofa Kamal



GSA Commons is now Open

The GSA Commons is a versatile and beautiful space that can be adapted to suit various needs (rental inquiry: gsa.admn@usask.ca).

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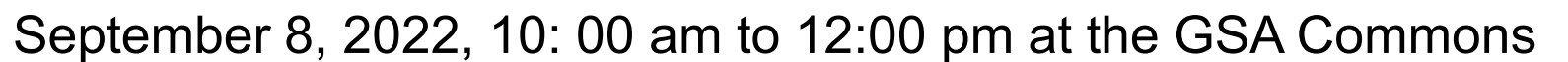


GSA Need-Based Bursaries for Spring and Summer 2022

- GSA will provide 25 regular need-based bursaries from matched funding from GSA and CGPS
- GSA will provide ten special bursaries from its discretionary fund (\$1000 each). GSA sincerely requests the CGPS to match GSA's discretionary fund.
 - ✓ Bursary Application Open: June 10, 2022
 - ✓ Bursary Application Close: June 24, 2022
 - ✓ Bursary Results Announcement: July 1, 2022.



Fall Orientation



September 8, 2022, 10: 00 am to 12:00 pm at the GSA Commons

Service Enhancement of Student Wellness Centre Services

- Four to eight weeks to get a doctor's appointment
- frequent cancelations of their appointments
- Lack of Walk-In doctor facilities
- Limited number of:
 - ✓ Counsellors
 - ✓ Social Workers
 - ✓ Mental Health Nurse
 - Psychologists and
 - ✓ Psychiatrists



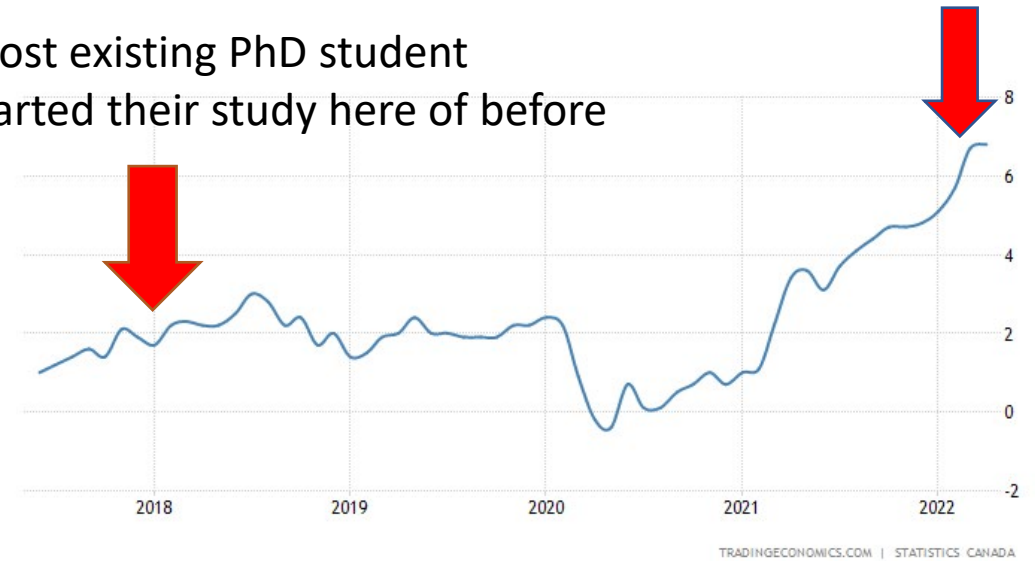
Advocacy for increased graduate funding:

Food prices are skyrocketing (CBC, May 18, 2022)

- ✓ Fresh vegetables, up 8.2 per cent
- ✓ Fresh fruit, up 10 per cent
- ✓ Meat, up 10.1 per cent
- ✓ Bread, up 12.2 per cent
- ✓ Coffee, up 13.7 per cent
- ✓ Pasta, up 19.6 per cent.

- Future graduate funding should not be less than Saskatchewan's minimum wage salary (still living at poverty level)
- A university wide guaranteed funding for at least four (three) years for PhD (MSc) student
- Annual scholarship increase following CPI Index

Most existing PhD student started their study here or before



Canada's annual inflation rate quickened to 6.8% in April of 2022, the highest since January of 1991