

**Arts & Science Students’ Union Agenda**

**March 19, 2018**

**Arts Building Room 200**

**Regrets: Canute**

**1. Adoption of agenda**

* **Motioned by Logan**
* **Seconded by Kirsten**

**2. Recognized treaty 6 territory**

**3. USSU Candidates**

**4. MSC & ASSU Candidates**

**5. Executive Reports**

**5.1 Presidential reports**

**5.2 Committee reports**

**3.2.1 VP Malko**

**3.2.2 VP Bayne**

**3.2.3 VP Paradzik**

**3.2.4 VP Guan**

**6. Students’ Councils Report**

**6.1 Member of Students’ Councils report**

**7. Other Business**

**USSU Candidates**

* Coden Nikbakh
  + [Coden was not able to make it today because his family came to visit. Andy is here talking on his behalf]
  + Running for President
  + If anyone would like to ask Coden questions, you can arrange a time to meet with him or ask him questions on his Facebook page.
  + All of Coden’s policy points are on his Facebook page.
  + Aidan: Has Coden taken time to meet with Dave and talk?
    - how much information he can share with the student body is restricted
    - We want to make sure admin is being held accountable
* Brent Kobes
  + Running for VP Operations and Finance
  + ASSU is my foundation
  + I sat as social science rep for a year
  + Main three platform points
    - Transit: advocate for student safety and accessibility in regards to transit
    - Student groups: want to develop executive training that will provide executives training that will equip them with the tools they need for success
    - Budget: want to budget responsibly so that future programs are not cut and USSU services are adequately funded.
* Rose Wu
  + Running for VP Student Affairs
  + I was in ASSU my first year
  + I’m 4th year psychology student
  + I work at study abroad on campus and Starbucks
  + I’m passionate about community, wellness, and sustainability
    - community
      * Want to work with colleges and student groups to bring off campus community organizations on campus to deliver interdisciplinary workshops, seminars, and events
    - Want to decrease mental health stigma by advocating for equitable access to existing
      * Important to partner more with peer health to make sure student groups have access to services
      * People have expressed that they don’t feel safe walking alone on campus at midnight. I want to add more alert buttons in remote areas to make students feel safer.
      * Also would like to make sexual assault prevention workshops more accessible
    - Sustainability
      * Want to establish a campus-wide clean-up event
      * Advocate for more bike racks and bike workshops
* Sheldon Moellenbeck
  + Running VP Academic Affairs
  + I have worked as the Academic and Governance Assistant at the USSU
  + Want to make USSU’s services more accessible and Transparent to students
    - Will increase consultations with student groups to better understand difficulties students from different colleges are facing
    - Promote scholarships by creating a directory that will highlight scholarships that tend to go unclaimed.
    - Will make advocacy more accessible by increasing visibility of advocacy services in colleges
* Kirsten: [to all] I have a number of friends who have been assaulted in louis. What is in your platforms that can be molded in reducing sexual assault specifically in Louis.
  + Brent: I would sit on the planning of louis. Since I have never experienced that problem due to my male privilege, I would make sure to listen to victims before acting on decisions.
  + Rose: that’s very shocking. I would bring bystander workshops. This problem tends to happen more in residence, so RAs are all trained right now but I think now we have to move training to louis
  + Sheldon: unfortunately, portfolio only works for academic affairs, but I will do whatever I can to advocate for women on campus
  + Coden: From Coden’s policy and conversation we’ve had, he would address this problem by requiring adequate staff in order to facilitate safety
* Tanner: [To Brent] do you plan on bringing back the rink in bowl?
  + Brent: It already passed through budget for next year. The executives have the right to reconsider budget not by next year, but the year after that
* Tanner: [To All] Rink in bowl lacked meaningful consultation for students and few students utilize it. What are you all doing to transparency on money you choose to spend?
  + Sheldon: there is not a lot of events you can put on for VP Academic. 2/3 of my platform is wanting to increase consultation. Instead of reacting with students, I want to promote services we have, not just academic advocacy.
  + Rose: I agree with transparency. Students’ money is everyone’s money, we should save it while we can. Rink is already sustainable, its already there so maybe, we can use it for more events.
  + Brent: Tanner, I’ve sat at budget and finance committee, I attended accountabilities. We went line by line, we saw where the USSU spent money, I saw how budget was produced. I encourage more students to accountabilities to encourage our members of student council to bring that information back to your colleges.
  + Coden: Coden strongly believes that services should be provided to students. If services are not take advantage of, he’s definitely willing to explore that. If students don’t take advantage of the rink in the bowl I don’t see why we wouldn’t consider it.
* Aidan: [To All] College of Arts & Science is composed of both arts AND science. It’s about equal terms of programs for students in college. Both of them account for the most number of students in the University. We typically have a lack of representation of science students. People who end up our executives are typically arts and political studies students. What would you do to promote more engagement?
  + Brent: my role is to work with student groups. With the power of my role, best thing I can do is to continuously reach out to these students
  + Rose: I agree, there is a lack for representation for science students. I think having more events that cater towards them would help.
  + Sheldon: I want to reach out to more student groups. Tangible action: want to hold pop up sessions to let students know their academic rights and holding info sessions and promote by providing free pizza.
  + Coden: Coden would reach out to campus groups.

**ASSU & MSC Candidates**

* Carlos Munoz
  + I’m running for A&S MSC
  + I’m a second-year political studies student
  + in Political Studies Student Association
  + Involved in USSU as a student at large
  + Worked closely with Aidan and Kirsten
  + Biggest issues: want to be more visible
    - MSCs are representatives for your college and it is important for them to be known
    - Students can bring any grievances forward
    - I would help executives and work closely with them in promoting more engagement for campus politics
    - Want to get rid of the apathy in our college
    - My campaign is mostly about engagement
* Jayda Jesse
  + Running for VP External
  + This is my first year apart of the ASSU and first year at the UofS
  + Main points:
    - I want to address the lack of engagement from Science students.
      * I would make sure we host more science-based events.
      * We usually focus on advertising our events in the arts tunnel. I would like to focus more of our advertising in more science buildings
    - I want to make sure we host more events
    - I want to continue successful events we had this year next year
  + Tanner: what specific ideas do you have for future events
    - * I haven’t thought much about future events. I would use my committee and consult them for more specific ideas
      * We had planned out a trivia night which didn’t work out this year; I want to reach into this more next year.
* Jake Reaser
  + Running for MSC position
  + I am a second year phys pharm major
  + Working towards reaching out to science students
    - I was in communication with CSSS and sitting in in other meetings
    - It is important to reach out to them
    - Go to their events so we can make ASSU present
  + I am advocating support for financial and food instability
* Olena Malko
  + Running for ASSU President
  + Have been in the ASSU for a year
  + Two focuses
    - Bring in science kids into union
      * Putting up poster in sciences buildings
    - Want to focus on letting people knowing who we are and know our faces
* Ine
  + Running for VP external
  + 2nd year in ASSU
  + I was head of the first-year committee in my first year
  + Through cooperation with tanner, I have a good idea of what promotes and hinders our success
  + Want to partner with other student groups on campus to promote the fact that we are an inclusive group
  + When I was deciding to join a student group, I want to create a possible impact in my community
    - Would like to do more events that are fundraisers
  + As VP External, I won’t be here to run the show. I will make sure to work with my committee
    - I want to assign positions in committee so everyone knows what to do
    - It’ll be a good way to keep things organize
  + main thing we need to do is get our name out there on the first day (orientation day)
* Tasnim
  + Running for VP marketing
  + I have been in the ASSU since my first year of university
  + Was in the first year commute
  + Learned to balance a budget
  + I’m currently responsible for promoting events
  + I believe I am well quantified with what entails marketing
  + I want our organization to be approachable by students
  + Want to have executives on TVs and posters
    - People will know who we are and be able to speak with us
  + Want to make ASSU pamphlets and merch. with meeting times on front
    - Will also have executive details on pamphlet
  + Want to bring in stickers, laptop stickers, and I want these ready over summer
  + Also want merch to be ready this summer so that we can hand them out during orientation
  + Working on ASSU ccr credit
  + I plan for ASSU to develop stronger relationship with USSU for event promotions
  + I will assign specific committee members for social media
  + I’ve heard feedback from others that people are unsure of what to do in committee
    - I hope to find everyone a secure spot under vp marketing committee
  + We will have 2-3 give aways per semester
  + Will advertise on tunnels, social media, posters
* Richard
  + Running for VP academic
  + 2nd year health studies students
  + I’ve been in the ASSU for both years
  + Also an RA in res.
  + Was president in my high school’s student union
  + Want to collaborate with advertising while promoting ASSU from the beginning
    - If I wasn’t in the ASSU, I would not have known about the scholarship
  + Want to showcase career options for arts and science term
  + I want to make some changes to the scholarship
    - want to simplify and digitize it by creating online application process
    - Less focus on university involvement and more in high school involvement for first year students
    - Want to focus on why applicants need it. Need someone more meaningful
    - Want to explore idea of splitting up to two awards instead of one big award
    - Eliminate to have 2 references and only require 1 instead
* Emma
  + Running for VP Internal
  + Want to update the website so Richard can have his online scholarship application
  + The USSU funds ratified groups, I want to utilize that and incorporate it in our budget
  + Want to fix key situation, only 5 executives have it and administration office closes at 5
  + Want to re-organize the office
  + Want to paint on lounge windows
    - Like how restaurants paint their windows
  + Want to do more things together as a group
    - Such as inviting people out for study nights
  + Want to make a promotional video
  + Want first year committee to have more to do
    - Could make a scrap book that they would work on throughout the year
  + Considering monetarizing office hours
    - Aidan: I like this idea. How would this be enforced?
    - If we are able to enforce it next year, we can put it in our constitution the year after
* Aidan: there was a constitutional mishap this year that seemed to be a result of lack of communication from prior year members. As far as you guys are aware, what state is our constitution in?
  + Travis: we were led to believe that our constitution was a catastrophic failure and our position was not legal in some ways. This lead to us to bringing in a lawyer to look over our constitution. He said that there were some things we might want to add and some things we should consider taking out but for the most part, our constitution can remain the way it is. We’ve been continuing to use our constitution as a guideline as it currently stands.
* Kylie: Within the constitution, it says that you have to be an ASSU member for the previous semester in order to be an executive. ASSU should represent entire A&S students. Can we change this rule so that more people have an opportunity to become an executive.
  + Emma: I think it should remain the same. It is important for someone to know what to do. It is a standard rule for most societies.
  + Olena: I like the idea of having more people run for execs but at the same time I feel like you need at least 3 to 4 meetings to learn how things in the club work. I personally did not know how to make a motion my first few meetings.

**Travis Hebert – President**

* Alumni of influence gala was fun
  + Thanks to all who came
* One day for Students went very well
  + $103,000 was raised when matched

**Olena Malko – VP Marketing**

* Doing another giveaway
  + Happening this whole week until Sunday
  + I will be picking 2 winners on Monday
* Will be promoting the talent show

**Tanner Bayne – VP External Affairs**

* Bassment is booked for April 3rd
  + Costing a little bit more than what we thought: $900
  + Still under budget
  + Recommend to make tickets $10 to give us more of a leeway
  + Doors will open at 7
  + Make sure to share this event
  + If you have talented friend please tell them to perform
  + They can send an email to me at [assu.external@mail.usask.ca](mailto:assu.external@mail.usask.ca)

**Mackenzie Paradzik – VP Academic**

* No report

**Sherry Guan – VP Operation and Finance**

* We approved $250 funding for the PSSA
  + $30 went to their banquet
  + $220 was for their annual general meeting

**Kirsten Samson, Kylie Philip– Member of Students’ Councils**

* Nothing to say
* Vote Wednesday and Thursday

**Other Business**

* Make sure to vote on Wednesday and Thursday

**Meeting Adjourned**

* **Motioned by Mackenzie**
* **Seconded by Maria**