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**General Meeting Minutes**

**January 29th, 2025**

**5:00 | Arts 241**

1. **Call to Order**
* Meeting called to order at 5:01pm
1. **Adoption of Agenda**
* M/S/Carried
1. **Adoption of Last Meeting’s Minutes**
* Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the January 15th meeting
	+ M/S/Carried
1. **Land Acknowledgement**
* President Deis delivered a land acknowledgement
1. **Introductions**
* Motion for informality
	+ M/S/Carried
* The executives introduced themselves
1. **Reports**
	1. **President’s Report**
* President Deis reported on the successes of the 2025 Arts & Science Gala, stating that there were over one hundred fifty guests in attendance, with a significant amount of moneyraised for the ASSU’s scholarship fund
* President Deis reported that he will be attending the College of Arts and Science Faculty Council on February 10 to provide an update on the ASSU’s work over the fall term and to promote the scholarship
* President Deis reported that the Executive Committee met with Dean Brooke Milne and Vice-Dean Academic Jennifer Lang on January 23 to discuss the gala
	+ The Dean and Vice-Dean are interested in a student survey to determine satisfaction with college-provided services funded by tuition
	+ The ASSU will continue working with the Dean’s Office to promote the major declaration policy
* President Deis reported that the ASSU’s Annual General Meeting will take place on March 5 and will replace the general meeting
	+ More information will be provided at a later date
	1. **VP Internal Affairs Report**
* Vice President Pillay reported that the budget/finance report for December will be provided at the same time as the January report
* Vice President Pillay reported that she is still working on creating ASSU merchandise, but that the process has become increasingly difficult with midterms
	+ More updates will be provided at a later date
	+ Ideas for merchandise are welcome
* Vice President Pillay asked for volunteers to sign up for office hours using a provided QR code
* Vice President Pillay reported that the upcoming February 5th and February 12th meetings will take place in Arts 241 and Arts 134, respectively
	1. **VP Academic Affairs Report**
* Vice President Illingworth reported that the gala raised $3,000 for student scholarships, doubling the amount raised at the 2024 event
	+ She reported that the Executive Committee is still working on details for the awards, but will be releasing information about applications, amounts, and criteria shortly
* Vice President Illingworth reported that she will need a member of the Academic Affairs Committee to attend the following academic misconduct hearings in her place
	+ February 4th
	+ February 11th
	+ February 25th
* Vice President Illingworth thanked everyone who helped with planning the 2025 Arts & Science Gala
	1. **VP Marketing Report**
* Vice President Mann reported that Josh Campillos, the photographer for the gala, is still editing and finalising photos from the event and will send them to us shortly
* Vice President Mann reported that she is working on writing the ASSU’s submission for the A&S Student Newsletter and *The Sheaf,* both to be released in early February
* Vice President Mann reported that she and President Deis met with the Student Recruitment Team to discuss promotion of the major declaration policy
	+ The college has promised to handle communication with students via email, PAWS, and their website, whereas the ASSU will be using social media to reach out to students
	+ Ideas for social media are welcome
* Vice President Mann made a motion to print 250 ASSU business cards at XL Print & Design for $55
	+ M/S/Carried
	1. **VP External Affairs Report**
* Vice President Soifer thanked everyone who helped plan and set up the 2025 Gala
* Vice President Soifer reported that twenty student art pieces were sold at the gala, leaving only two unsold
	+ With the artist taking 85% commission, $1,236.75 was paid to artists, with the remaining 15% bringing 218.25 to the ASSU scholarship fund
* Vice President Soifer reported that artists whose work did not sell will be contacted and asked if they would like to auction their works to interested professors
* Vice President Soifer reported that the next ASSU event will be the fourth annual Sexy Bingo Night, a bingo event promoting sexual wellness and positivity
	+ Sex positive prizes will be available for winners
	+ The event will take place on February 26
	+ Proceeds will be donated to either OutSaskatoon or Saskatoon Sexual Health
	+ The ASSU will work with the USSU Pride and Women’s Centres to prepare a sexual health awareness presentation
	1. **MSC Report(s)**
* MSC Bytyqi reported that StudentCare, the USSU’s insurance broker, provided a report on insurance coverage for the 2023-2024 school year at the last University Student Council Meeting
	+ Prescription drudge claims doubled, which means that insurance rates will have to rise
* MSC Bytyqi and MSC Finnie stated that they will provide further updates on StudentCare and any increases in cost when the information is available
1. **Other Business**
* The USSU Undergraduate Symposium is taking place on February 26, with the submission deadline on February 3
	+ There are monetary awards available for those who submit and present their work
* The University Library is taking applications for Peer Mentors
	+ The role provides an honorarium and CCR credit
	+ Applications are due on January 29
	+ USSU President Krunal Chavda ran an activity to gather ideas for USSU Plan 2030, a continuity plan for future USSU executives to ensure that the union is acting on student concerns from year to year
1. **Adjournment**
* The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM