

MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2019
Arts Building 241 Neatby-Timlin Theatre

Attendance: See item 3 Appendix A for the listing of members in attendance.

There was a tribute for Marvin Brown from Psychology presented by Patti McDougall.

The chair of Council, Dr. Jay Wilson, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., noting that quorum had been reached.

1. Adoption of the agenda

Motion (D'Eon/Urquhart): *That the agenda be approved as circulated.*

CARRIED

2. Opening remarks

The chair acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. He directed Council members to the Cree and Michif translations of the land acknowledgement that were included in the agenda and materials for the meeting. Dr. Wilson reminded those in attendance of the usual protocols for discussion and debate.

Dr. Wilson reported that the topics discussed at the PEC and Council chairs breakfast last week. The subjects of discussion were the development of leadership within the university, focusing particularly on the Greystone Leadership Program, and changes to the administrative structures for public health programming (which the president would speak to under the provost's report).

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2019

Gjevre/Smith: *That the minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting of Council be approved as circulated.*

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

The university secretary, Dr. Beth Bilson provided an update on the status of the request made under the *Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to release the transcription of a meeting. The applicant made a request to the privacy commissioner to make recommendations with respect to the scope of redactions made by the university in disclosing the transcript. In response, the privacy commissioner recommended that there be reductions in level of redactions. The university declined to comply with what was viewed as an overbroad

recommendation. Subsequently, the applicant took the matter to the Court of Queen's Bench. It was the decision of the judge largely to uphold the university's position. The university was informed that the applicant will be appealing this decision. Further information is available in the *Hande vs. U of S* decision, which is publicly available.

Dr. Bilson indicated there were three main points underpinning the decision. First, the judge agreed that the transcript contained personal information falling under the protection of the legislation. Second, the university had argued that two exemptions applied in this case. The first exemption related to advice and recommendations prepared by or for the local authority. The judge decided that this exemption did not apply because the requested document did not contain advice or recommendations formally commissioned by the university. The second exemption, referring to deliberations and consultations was held to apply. The judge commented that it is important to the university to be able to pursue subjects of interest with a range of people that have a range of expertise, not all of which is amenable to disclosure. People at the university have some discretion for when these discussions might be disclosed. In that sense, the university properly interpreted the legislation. The university's legal team reviewed the redactions to ensure that they were still in keeping with the judge's decision, and have recommended that there will be no further disclosures at this time.

In response to a question, the chair pointed to a motion concerning tuition that had been brought forward by Professor D'Eon from the May 23, 2019 meeting of Council. It had been presented as an amendment to that agenda, but was not added. It was instead brought forward to this meeting.

5. Report of the President

The chair welcomed President Stoicheff to present his report, and indicated that the report of the provost would follow, presented by the president as Provost Vannelli had sent his regrets.

The president pointed Council members to his written report.

In addition, President Stoicheff reported to Council that convocation was a success. Convocation was on campus at Merlis Belsher Place for the first time in 50 years. Thousands graduated, including more Indigenous students than ever before. The president thanked those who had joined him on stage, and the platform party. He thanked Merlis Belsher who was there for all eight ceremonies. He thanked the offices of the vice provost teaching and learning, the registrar's office, and the university secretary's office and the staff and faculty for their efforts in making the events successful.

President Stoicheff thanked Chancellor Roy Romanow, who presides over convocation. He noted Chancellor Romanow's three-year term would end in July 2019. He conveyed gratitude to have someone with such high profile and stature as Mr. Romanow – a true nation builder – as a tremendous colleague and iconic spokesperson for the university.

President Stoicheff reported that the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School (JSGS) of Public Policy held a public event last week that featured three commissioners, including the chief commissioner, of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls inquiry. The final report of the inquiry was released two weeks prior to the event. The president reflected on the fact that the national inquiry occurring at this late stage did not mean that it took this long for Indigenous people to speak up. It means that it took this long for Canada to listen. It was an important and excellent public event and it was extremely well-attended. The president thanked JSGS and the director, Dr. Murray Fulton.

The president reflected that the University Plan has been very successful and has had an impact on our influence. He thanked the campus community and Council for supporting and endorsing the plan. He noted that a recent issue of *University Affairs* had featured USask's plan prominently. The Indigenous title of the plan that was gifted to us also has a lot of deep meaning. The phrase 'becoming the university the world needs' has inspired us and attracted external attention.

President Stoicheff reported that our alumni engagement has been improving. We have over 155,000 alumni worldwide. Engagement has been made a priority, and significant improvements have been made by Vice-president Debra Pozega Osburn, and endorsed by the president. We have also seen our rankings continuing to improve, in particular the QS rankings. Growth of cumulative donations to the university is at a historic high, which we could not have accomplished without external confidence in the University.

The president acknowledged that we continue to build reconciliation. Indigenous enrolment, graduation rates for Indigenous students, and faculty and staff hires are increasing. Relations with Indigenous governments and communities continue to strengthen. Examples include MOUs between the university or individual colleges with the Saskatoon Tribal Council, with Prince Albert Grand Council, James Smith Cree Nation, and the Kahkewistahaw Cree Nation. MOUs with Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation and the Canadian Roots Exchange are in progress. President Stoicheff reported that he spoke at the FSIN Grand Council. This was the first time that a president from this university has done so.

The president indicated that the university's financial situation continues to stabilize in the face of challenges. The administration will be presenting to the Board a balanced budget next week. The president is visiting with each of the colleges and schools to thank them for their efforts in enduring challenging budget adjustments, which in some cases amounted to as much as -12%. He acknowledged that universities do not always get through such tough times. Collectively, we did not allow the budget to define us. We focused on the plan, and the mission and vision of the university.

There was a round of Q&A.

There was a question on the issue of the aspiration "to become", as opposed to the action of "becoming" the university that the world needs. On what basis does the president and the

senior leadership team define what it is that the world needs from a university? The Council member requested that the president provide two or three examples of the way we are meeting that aspiration along with an explanation of metrics used to measure 'what the world needs'.

The president responded that we are becoming the University the world needs through our daily efforts. We are one year into the University Plan and so progress has been made. For instance, the report presented by the vice-president research showcases some of the accomplishments. There are guideposts that are specific to the plan and there will be a report on those guideposts at Council each year.

Another question was raised as to why we stated that we will become "the" university the world needs instead of "a" university the world needs. The president responded that the difference between the definite and the indefinite article is that the plan is not written for other universities. We have confidence in the use of the definite article. We are balancing our tradition and legacy of humility with our conviction that we can make progress towards the goals in the plan. He pointed out that the wording was endorsed by Council when the plan was approved.

6. Report of the Provost

The president gave the report of the provost in Dr. Vannelli's absence. The president focused his remarks on the School of Public Health. A process was put in place to keep the academic programs in place, but to change the academic administrative organizational structure. Key points regarding this transition are that the program is solid and highly regarded, and has a strong place in the university. The transition is about how to integrate interdisciplinarity into our administrative structures, and how to provide a more effective environment for programming and research in public health. This fits with the priority for aligning structures articulated in the University Plan.

The transition plan involves aligning people, programs and resources to a new structure. The new structure has yet to be determined. The provost will chair a task force which will make recommendations. Council will be asked to discuss these recommendations, and eventually, it would be under the Council's and Senate's authority to consider their approval. In the interim, the Provost has appointed the dean of dentistry as interim executive director of the School of Public Health (SPH).

The president acknowledged that we are a complex university, with 17 colleges and schools. Other universities like ours, e.g. McMaster have five or six. This is indicative that there may be other ways of configuring the university that would be more conducive to interdisciplinary activity. The president assured Council that the process is proceeding in a collegial way with the school. Preliminary consultations also took place with the committees of Council before this announcement.

There are no current plans for structural changes in other units, but we should remain open to the idea of structural change for the benefit of students and research priorities.

There was a round of Q&A considering the following.

A council member from Community Health & Epidemiology inquired as to whether there would be expectations of other units for the delivery of SPH programs, and if so how much notice would we be given. President Stoicheff responded that at this time it was not clear what the intent was for future program delivery, only that there would be no interruption for students. A highly collegial discussion is taking place and will continue to take place.

Another Council member inquired as to the statements about “no jobs being lost”. The president assured Council that this change is not guided by a desire to reduce the workforce; rather it is an academic requirement to best deliver the programs.

The GSA vice-president asked if the academic program would change, and whether the students currently enrolled would be able to complete their degrees. The president responded unequivocally that the program is not changing at this time, rather it is moving to different interim leadership to ensure consistency and success. The objective is to find the correct administrative structure to ensure that the program can thrive.

7. Student Societies

7.1 Report from the USSU

The USSU president, Regan Ratt-Misponas, provided an overview of the report from the USSU (appendix B).

7.2 Report from the GSA

The VP student affairs, Alejandra Fonseca presented the written report from the GSA as included in the agenda and materials for the meeting.

8. Nominations Committee

The chair called on Pam Downe, chair of the nominations committee to present items from the committee.

8.1 Request for Decision - Nominations to the Academic Programs Committee (APC) for 2019/20

Downe/Urquhart: *It is recommended that Council approve the nominations to APC for 2019/20, as outlined in the attached list.*

The chair called for nominations from the floor three times.

CARRIED

- 8.2 Request for Decision - Nominations to the Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Committee (TLARC) for 2019/20

Downe/Urquhart: *It is recommended that Council approve the nominations to TLARC for 2019/20, as outlined in the attached list.*

The chair called for nominations from the floor three times.

CARRIED

- 8.3 Request for Decision – Nominations to the Promotion Appeals Panel for 2019/20

Downe/Urquhart: *It is recommended that Council approve the nominations to the promotion appeals panel for 2019/20, as outlined in the attached list.*

The chair called for nominations from the floor three times.

CARRIED

9. Governance Committee

- 9.1 Request for Decision: Nominations Committee Nominations for 2019/20

Urquhart/Downe: *It is recommended that Council approve the nominations of members and the chair of the University Council nominations committee for 2019/20, as outlined in the attached list.*

The chair called for nominations from the floor three times.

CARRIED

- 9.2 Notice of Motion: College of Agriculture and Bioresources Faculty Council Membership

It is recommended that Council approve the changes to the College of Agriculture and Bioresources faculty council membership as per the attached

The chair called for questions. There were none.

- 9.3 Report for Information: Governance Committee 2018/19 Annual Report to Council

The chair called for questions. There were none.

9.4 Report for Information: Student Appeals 2018/19 Annual Report

The chair called for questions. There were none.

10. Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships

10.1 Request for Decision: Dr. Jean E. Murray Chair in Cancer Research

Basinger/Soltan: *It is recommended that Council approve the Dr. Jean E. Murray Chair in Cancer Research and recommend to the Board of Governors that the Board authorize the establishment of this chair.*

The chair called for questions. There were none.

CARRIED

11. Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee

11.1 Report for Information – Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work (RSAW)
Committee Annual Report to Council

Dr. Julita Vassileva presented the RSAW annual report. The chair called for questions. There were none.

Dr. Vassileva invited Dr. Karen Chad, vice-president research to present the semi-annual research report to Council (appendix C).

There was a round of Q&A.

A question was raised as to whether the financial figures were adjusted for inflation and which year they were compared to. Dr. Chad responded that the figures were not adjusted for inflation, and that the absolute numbers were reported. She welcomed suggestions as to how to better portray the results, which she could take up following the meeting of Council.

There was a question about the prestige of one of the rankings that had been cited. Dr. Chad replied that this was an important indicator of success and that one rankings report should not be considered in isolation. She also indicated she would be pleased to present the rankings report to Council at a later date, and that it was the result of a comprehensive process undertaken by several working groups.

12. Planning and Priorities Committee

12.1 Report for Information – PPC Annual Report to Council

The chair called for questions. There were none.

13. Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Committee

13.1 Report for Information – TLARC Annual Report to Council

The chair called for questions. There were none.

14. Other business

Dr. Marcel D'Eon was invited to the podium to present the following motion, which was tabled from the May 23, 2019 meeting of Council. Dr. D'Eon provided an overview of the rationale behind the motion, observing that Council oversees academic affairs, but may also comment and make recommendations to the Board on financial matters that have effects on academic affairs. He noted that this motion does not represent a criticism of administration rather that it is an issue of importance for students and that Council should apply the same resolve to the issues that students must apply when working to pay for their tuition.

The USSU and GSA indicated their support for the motion.

A Council member commented on the importance of needs-based scholarships in addition to merit-based scholarships.

14.1 Access and Affordability of University Education at the University of Saskatchewan

D'Eon/Engler-Stringer; It is recommended that: Whereas high tuition fees place a burden on students that may prohibit or interfere with their university education (such as the encumbrance of paid work, reduced food security, and increased financial stress); that this burden affects students from low socio-economic situations disproportionately; and that this burden remains for years as they pay off their loans or extend their time at university; University Council recommends to the Board of Governors and the university administration that we diligently and persistently explore and implement ways to remove and mitigate these financial barriers and enhance access to and affordability of a university education at the University of Saskatchewan.

TABLED

A suggestion was made that the motion be tabled until PPC could have a chance to discuss it.

Urquhart/Dobson: *It is recommended that the motion [14.1] be tabled pending review of the issue by PPC.*

CARRIED

15. Question period

A Council member commented that balancing the budget comes at a cost. He inquired as to whether funding for traffic enforcement could be used to reduce the impact of reduced class sections on program quality. The president remarked that the funds raised from parking do support university priorities.

Another Council member suggested that while parking rates have risen, there have not been commensurate improvements to parking facilities.

A question was raised about an apparent discrepancy in the graduate student numbers from the May 19, 2019 Council meeting [which was included in those minutes]. Dr. McDougall, vice provost teaching and learning and Dr. Crowe, dean, CGPS offered to review and reconcile the numbers for the Council member following the meeting.

The president of the USSU asked the president if part of “becoming the university the world needs” means that the university should be affordable and accessible. President Stoicheff agreed and reminded Council that affordability and accessibility are part of the principles that the Board uses in setting tuition rates. He noted that affordability and accessibility put downward pressure on tuition rates, but that the priority of providing high quality education and comparability put upward pressure on tuition. It is important to balance these principles and Council has a significant role to play in these matters.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by motion (Jones).

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 – Attendance from the meeting of May 23, 2019
2. Attachment 2 – USSU report for June 20, 2019

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Voting Participants

Name	Sept 20	Oct 25	Nov 22	Dec 20	Jan 17	Feb 14	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 23	June 20
Andraos, John	R	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Albert, Mike	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Basinger, Jim	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bell, Scott	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Blakley, Jill	R	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	P
Bonham-Smith, Peta	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P
Brook, Ryan	P	P	A	P	R	P	R	P	R	A
Brothwell, Doug	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R
Bruni-Bossio, Vince	P	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	P
Buhr, Mary	P	P	R	P	R	P	R	R	P	P
Card, Claire	P	A	A	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Carter, Mark	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	R
Chernoff, Egan	P	P	P	P	R	R	R	R	P	P
Chibbar, Ravindra	P	P	P	P	A	R	P	A	P	P
Crowe, Trever	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
De Boer, Dirk	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	P
D'Eon, Marcel	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Deters, Ralph	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P
Detmer, Susan	R	R	R	R	P	A	P	P	A	P
Dick, Rainer	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Dierker, Meaghan	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Dobson, Roy	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Downe, Pamela	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Elias, Lorin	P	P	P	P	R	R	R	R	R	R
Engler-Stringer, Rachel	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Eskiw, Christopher	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	R	P	A
Flynn, Kevin	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	P *non-voting
Foley, Sarah	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A
Fotouhi, Reza	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	R	R	P
Freeman, Douglas	R	P	R	R	R	P	P	R	R	P
Gabriel, Andrew	P	A	A	P	A	A	A	R	P	P
Gillis, Glen	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	R
Gjevre, John	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P
Goodridge, Donna	A	P	R	R	P	P	P	P	P	R
Grosvenor, Andrew	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gyurcsik, Nancy	P	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	R
Han, Yifan	P	R	R	P	A	P	R	R	A	A
Harrison, William	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	R	A	A
Henry, Carol	P	R	P	P	R	P	R	P	R	P
Jamali, Nadeem	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jensen, Gordon	P	R	P	P	R	A	P	R	P	P
Jones, Paul	R	R	A	R	P	P	P	P	P	P
Just, Melissa	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	R
Kalra, Jay	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	A	R
Kelly, Timothy	P	P	P	R	R	R	P	P	P	P
Khandelwal, Ramji	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Klassen, Lauren	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	A	A
Ko, Seok-Bum	R	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	R
Koh-Steadman, Noah	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Kresta, Suzanne	A	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	A	P
Krol, Ed	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kumaran, Arul	A	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	R	A
Lamb, Eric	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	A
Lane, Jeffrey	P	A	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	P
Langhorst, Barbara	P	R	R	R	P	R	P	P	P	R
Lemisko, Lynn	R	R	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
London, Chad	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	R
Luke, Iain	R	A	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

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Macfarlane, Cal	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
MacLean, Jason	P	R	R	A	P	A	A	P	R	R
Manley-Tannis, Richard	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	R
Martinez-Soberanes, Edgar	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	A	A
Mousseau, Darrell	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	P	A	A
Munoz, Carlos	P	P	R	R	A	P	P	R	A	A
Murphy, JoAnn	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Newman, Kagen	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Papagerakis, Petros	P	P	P	A	P	R	P	P	P	R
Phillips, Peter	R	A	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P
Phillipson, Martin	P	R	P	P	P	P	A	R	A	A
Pocha, Sheila	A	P	P	A	A	R	P	P	A	A
Poettcker, Grant	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Power, Sarah	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A
Prytula, Michelle	R	A	R	P	P	R	R	P	P	P
Racine, Louise	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	R	R	R
Reaser, Isaac	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A
Risling, Tracie	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	R
Sarty, Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Saxena, Anurag	R	R	R	R	P	A	A	R	R	A
Shevyakov, Alexey	R	R	R	R	P	R	P	R	P	P
Simons, Gabe	R	A	R	A	A	P	A	A	N/A	A
Smith, Charles	P	P	R	P	R	A	P	R	A	R
Smith, Preston	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	R	P	A
Smith, Martha	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	P
Solose, Kathleen	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P
Soltan, Jafar	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Spurr, Shelley	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R	P
Stoicheff, Peter	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Squires, Vicki	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Swidrovich, Jaris	P	P	P	R	P	R	R	P	R	R
Thompson, Emma	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Tzeng, Huey-Ming	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Urquhart, Stephen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vannelli, Tony	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R
Vassileva, Julita	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Waldner, Cheryl	P	P	P	P	R	A	R	P	R	P
Walker, Keith	P	R	P	P	P	A	R	P	R	A
Walker, Ryan	R	R	R	P	P	R	P	P	P	R
Wallace, Alexa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Wasan, Kishor	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	A	A
Willenborg, Christian	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	R
Willness, Chelsea	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Willoughby, Keith	R	P	R	P	P	R	P	R	R	R
Wilson, Jay	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wilson, Ken	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wilson, Lee	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P
Woods, Phil	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	R
Wotherspoon, Terry	R	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Wurzer, Greg	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	R	P
Zello, Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P
Zhang, Chris	R	P	A	P	P	R	P	A	P	A

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Non-voting participants

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Bell, Jamie	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	P
Bilson, Beth	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chad, Karen	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	R	P	P
Fowler, Greg	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	A	A
Gough, Rhonda	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P	A
Isinger, Russell	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kobes, Brent	R	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A
McDougall, Patricia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mendoza, Mery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	A
Moellenbeck, Sheldon	P	A	P	P	R	P	R	P	N/A	N/A
Morrison, Karen	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P
Osburn, Debra Pozega	R	R	R	P	P	R	P	A	P	P
Ottmann, Jacqueline	R	R	R	P	P	A	P	P	R	R
Ratt-Misponas, Regan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P
Sahtout, Naheda	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	N/A	N/A
Still, Carl	P	A	P	R	R	A	P	R	P	R

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Our time has been spent becoming familiar with our respective roles. As we have one-year terms, we have been working on a collective vision for the goals we would like to see achieved. This vision will be made available for our constituents to see in the coming months, as we are currently working on finalizing both the vision framework and the projects we would like to put forward. We first want to present this vision to our peers, and will present it to this body at a later date.

Executive Reports:

Regan Ratt-Misponas, President:

Regan has been working on a few initiatives that address sexual assault prevention, Indigenous students and their governance on campus, and relations to administration and government. He has extended invitations to meet with several key political party leaders and cabinet members of both the provincial and federal levels of government. Regan has been working with the executive and their counterparts across the country to start up the Undergraduates of Canadian Research-intensive Universities (UCRU). As one of his key focuses is decolonization, Regan is exploring more of how that might look on campus and how to best encourage movement in this direction. As he enjoys meeting with students and face to face conversations, he has spent much time going out into the community both on and off campus.

Jamie Bell, Vice President Finance and Operations:

VP Bell is investing his time in campus groups facing elements of the organization. This was one of the projects he campaigned on and has come to learn that it is much larger and more urgent than anticipated.

Jamie is investigating platforms that allow both the support and independence of campus clubs, while being capable of data collection and analysis. Jamie is developing and refining resources and reference material for campus clubs.

Aside from collaborating on common initiatives, Jamie is assisting the work of Help Centre Coordinator, Jerin Islam, on an 'Adulting 101' series. Jamie has been assisting the work of VP

Munoz Pimentel and the development of a case competition by sharing experiences from a student's perspective in the Edwards School of Business.

Allen Lewis, Vice President Student Affairs:

Allen attended a couple meetings with Peter Hedley and Tracy Spencer in regards to what the university has done in the past such as the react campaign. He was able to gain some good insight around what other universities are doing with handling both sexual violence prevention and supports for victims.

We attended a Thank You reception hosted by the Provost and Vice President Academic. Allen met with a student and faculty member who gave their perspective of being on payroll while being a student. Their issue was in regards to paying for both a bus pass and parking.

Allen has attended events in regards to Pride, and has started brainstorming ideas for our official position on tuition and funding.

Allen met with student leaders across the country at the Studentcare conference in Montreal, QC. He has now begun making connections on campus and in the Saskatoon community. The Centres are a major part of Allen's portfolio and he is excited to help continue build student engagement and advocacy through them as they are a huge asset. He hopes to establish relationships with ISSAC, who help International Students with transitioning into the new culture and campus life.

In this upcoming month, he is working with the Centres to settle some dates for September. He is also working with the executive team in collaborative efforts in advocacy on campus and with the multiple levels of government.