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In the loom of the provincial budget, the USSU has been advocating for six demands that could help make post-secondary more affordable and more accessible for students. These included:

- Increase to Unrestricted Institutional Funding
- Reasonable and Predictable Tuition Policy
- Open Educational Resources from the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship
- Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries for International Students
- Elimination of Interest on Student Loans
- Tuition Waiver for Students in Foster Care

On February 27, 2020, the USSU hosted a Rally for Students in front of Administration Place to highlight these points, and met with the Honourable Tina Beaudry-Mellor, Minister of Advanced Education that same evening to advocate having these included in the newly released budget.

We were happy to host Women in Leadership, an annual event that celebrates the achievements of amazing leaders within our community. This month also saw the presenting of our organization budget to the University Students' Council. Joseph Naytowhow, our USSU Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, spent the day in the College of Engineering on February 24 where he spoke to students at the noon hour in the Saskatoon Engineering Students’ Society, spoke to a classroom of students, and faculty with Dean Kresta in attendance.

Here’s what to expect for the remainder of March:

On March 25 and 26, students will be deciding on who serves them as their new USSU Executive Team. We are pleased to see many wonderful candidates running in this election and hope to have many students participate in this new election process.