



GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors



Notice of Meeting
Tuesday, 11 July, 2017, 17:30 – 20:00
Room TBD

Agenda

		Pages	Action
	OPEN SESSION		
5:30	1. Agenda / Additional agenda items		Decision
5:35	2. Remarks from the Chair	Oral	Information
5:40	<u>Consent Agenda</u> Motion: To approve and/or receive for information by consent items 3 and 4 below.		
	3. Minutes from the 8 June, 2017 Board Meeting	3 – 4	Decision
	4. Reports from the Executive	5 – 6	Information
	<u>Regular Agenda</u>		
5:45	5. Business arising from the minutes		
5:50	6. Other Business		
8:00	7. Adjournment		Decision

5 July, 2017

Robert D. E. Henderson, Chair

Please convey regrets in advance to:
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Questions and comments should be sent to:
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will not be discussed at the meeting unless a member so requests. Members are supplied with the appropriate documentation for each item and all items will be approved by means of one omnibus motion. The board will then move immediately to consideration of the items on the regular agenda.

GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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Thursday, 8 June, 2017, 7:14 – 8:27pm
Administration Building, Room E160

Present: Ziad Ghaith (GSA President); Jordan Bonkowski (VP Operations & Finance); Arinjay Banerjee (Council appointee); Isaac Pratt (transition* appointee); Levi Johnson (director, 2 year term); Wanda Seidlikoski-Yurach (director, 2 year term); Robert Henderson (Chair*); Chris Maierhoffer (Council appointee) (Remote); Jaylene Murray (transition* appointee); Logan Pizzey (director, 1 year term); Brenda Byers (non-voting recording secretary);

Regrets:

Alumni seats (2, pending appointment at AGM);

Board Meeting (7:14 pm)

OPEN SESSION

1. Agenda / Additional agenda items
 - Is there any new agenda? No
2. Remarks from the Chair
 - Keep input as concise as possible

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve and/or receive for information by consent items 3 and 4 below.

ACCEPTED

3. Minutes from the 2 May, 2017 Board Meeting
4. Reports from the Executive and Executive Committee

Any comments – no

Regular Agenda

5. Business arising from the minutes
 - none
6. Executive work plans
 - i. Is there any questions or clarification?
 - ii. Isaac – thought the survey did not make it into the work plan
 - the bus pass and the health and dental seems to be missing
 - iii. Student affairs and the Aboriginal liaison will take this on, it would have been mentioned in the VP External workplan but since there is

- iv. A one page (dash board) status update would be helpful moving forward from the executive
 - v. could this be ready for the July 11th meeting?
 - vi. The executive may indicate the board should not be interested in the details of the executive operational activities. The board felt this was not micromanaging but rather a tool for keeping up with the activities of the organization
 - Should there be a template? Yes.
- ACTION:** Jordan will create a Gantt chart one-page template

Note: Further clarifications or questions on the work plans should be directed to Ziad

7. Other Business

None

(confidential session)

14. Adjournment 8:27pm

Next GSA Council Meeting 11:30 am - 1:30pm, June 28th

Next GSA Board meeting 5:00pm -7:00pm, July 11th, 2017



**progress dashboard-July Board meeting
GSA President**

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Progress</i>
<i>Graduate Students representation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with the USSU President to explore the possibility of support - Met with the Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and asked him to communicate with the University President that the GSA is looking for more progress.
<i>Student Supervisor Agreement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with the Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies regarding this we agreed on uploading the new agreement on the College website - An email will be sent to all graduate chairs by the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies to inform them about the new agreement and to encourage them to use it - Met with two graduate chairs (Kinesiology and Pharmacy) to explore the possibility of piloting this agreement in their departments
<i>GSA/Union Relation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start drafting Memorandum of Understanding, will have the first draft by End of July.



**progress dashboard-July Board meeting
VP Student Affairs**

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Progress</i>
<i>Graduate student issues</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with different students about their issues - Met with Associate Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies about Graduate student's issues. I will meet again with Associate Deans. - Attended hearing board three times. I will advocate a student in another hearing board.
<i>Planning for the events</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I am planning for the orientation. I have pre-ordered food for the Orientation and I am planning to order another stuff such as T-shirt, Water bottle and bags until first of August. - Fundraising for the orientation: I am trying to contact with different organizations such as SaskTel, RBC, PAC... - Hiring coordinator process will start mid of July - Moved workshop to the Fall and we will cooperate with the USSU about this workshop
<i>Graduate Students representation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with the USSU President to talk about cooperation between GSA and USSU in different events, especially orientation. - Attended different committees for the GSA