

**University of Saskatchewan  
Graduate Students' Association**

**COUNCIL**

**Minutes from the November 21, 2017 Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Present:** Douglas Fansher, Natasha Boyes, Jason Ho, Kirby Brigden, Katherine Hyde, Katherine Raes, Arinjay Banerjee, Morgan Kirzinger, Marissa Evans, Surendra Bhattaria, Indiana Best (left 17:30), Marie Even Presber, Evan Poncelet, Jovey Sharma, John Bird, Carmen Marques-Mellidez, Azar Khorsandi, Jose Alvim Berkenbrock, Sudipo Mondol, Mona Hamada, Bethany Thiessen, Troy Shaply, Lindsay Goodwin, Salahuddin Khan, Caio Taveira, Farron Wielinga, Brittany Laing, Palash Sanyal, Saman Naghieh, Femi Yusot, Safal, Prajjiral Lartam, Robert Henderson, Logan Pizzey, Wanda Seidlikoski-Yurach, Ziad Ghaith, Jordan Bonkowski, Ali Kiani, Iloradanon Efimoff

**Regrets:** Michelle Wauchope-Thompson

**Absent:** English Course Council, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGS-SAS), EGCC – Civil Geological and Environmental Engineering, EGCC – Mechanical Engineering, EGCC – Chemical Engineering

**Organization of Meeting:** Robert Henderson, Chair of Council, took the chair, and Deidra Aitken acted as secretary. The Chair advised that due notice of the meeting had been given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly constituted.

**OPEN SESSION**

17:00

1. Call to Order @ 5:05pm
2. Introductory Remarks from the Chair
  - a. Full agenda with a number of decisions – please keep questions direct and specific
3. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Mover – Kathryn
  - b. Second – Iloradanon
  - c. Carried

**Consent Agenda 17:07**

**Motion:** To approve and/or receive for information by consent items 4 – 8 below.

- a. Mover – Nadia
- b. Second – Iloradanon
- c. Carried

4. Minutes from the 26 October Council Meeting
5. Reports from the Executive
6. Reports from the Executive Committee
7. Approval of Social Clubs
8. Proposed changes to UPASS fee
  - a. CGPS – in the constitutions
    - i. A member noted that the social club constitutions should refer to the CGPS by its new name.
    - ii. The chair noted that changes to the UPASS fee are being proposed to the GSA Board and sent to Council for information in the consent agenda. Questions pertaining to this item will be addressed immediately following the UPASS Survey discussion and/or in the Executive Q&A.

### **Regular Agenda 17:09**

9. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - a. Students were uncomfortable of ratifying student social clubs on the spot
  - b. Please speak to Ali Kiani about concerns or questions for the social clubs as social clubs are the responsibility of the VP Student Affairs.
10. Report of the President
  - a. President's Update
    - i. Student Supervisor agreement – meeting with computer science grad chair, there is a possibility they will come on board
    - ii. Let the GSA know of your department is interested in piloting the agreement so GSA can approach them formally
    - iii. Celebrating GSA's new relationship with the union with a social event at 6pm December 6
    - iv. Position statement, thanking those who worked on the draft
    - v. GSA executive to continue to represent the Graduate Students
  - b. UPASS Survey Results
    - i. See 10.c.i-iii
  - c. Q & A Period with the Executive
    - i. UPASS reflection of the survey results, there was a decent representation, almost 500 responses
    - ii. A member questioned: is it an official item or just a sense?
    - iii. Ziad: Just a sense, but usually always half and half split
    - iv. Possibility of having an ad hoc committee to discuss the situation with the city and transit department
    - v. There were no questions regarding the UPASS fee increase proposal which seeks to invoke the administrative charge allowed in the contract agreed to following the referendum years ago.
11. Report of the VP External
 

\*read by GSA Chair

  - a. Changes to the Gala Committee Terms of Reference
    - i. Change to an awards selection committee and minor changes to membership.
    - ii. Mover: Iloradanon
    - iii. Second: Indiana
    - iv. Carried

- b. New ad hoc committee of Council: External Diversity Committee 2017/18 academic year
    - i. Mover: Kathryn
    - ii. Second: Nadia
    - iii. Amendment: Aboriginal Liaison must be on the committee each year
    - iv. Carried
  - c. Council advertising on GSA bulletin boards
    - i. Advertising for events or awards, you can email Naheda Sahtout for more information
12. Report of the Indigenous Liaison
- a. Sustainability Committee: Change to Standing
    - i. Make this a standing committee in the policy document of the GSA
    - ii. Mover: Iloradanon
    - iii. Second: Jordan
    - iv. Carried, 1 abstention
13. Report of the Chair: GSA Council Meeting Procedures, Committees, and Appointments
- a. Motion: Resolved, that Council adopt the attached Procedures for Major Meetings as a Policy of Council.
    - i. Mover: Nadia
    - ii. Second: Palash
    - iii. Carried
  - b. Spread volunteers around
    - i. Naheda's name will be added to the Health & Dental Committee
  - c. Names for the Sustainability Committee: Jania Chilima, Kristen Hargis, Jaylene Murray, Iloradanon, Neheda Sahtout, Indiana Best (nominated self), Somto (nominated self)
  - d. Motion: Committee members to be formally added
    - i. Mover: Nadiav
    - ii. Second: Troy
    - iii. Carried
  - e. Council decides the plan itself, the board decides the funds allocated
    - i. Motion: Resolved, that the GSA Council disband the former Health and Dental Committee and approve the new Terms of Reference as presented (following pages).
      - ii. Mover: Jordan
      - iii. Second: Palash
      - iv. Carried
  - f. Student Forum, Patti McDougal to discuss issues put forth by students, last year the forum was key for promoting the Student Supervisor agreement – GSA asked Patti to invite graduate chairs, etc.
  - g. This year we need to select a new council member to sit on Student Forum
    - i. This Thursday @ 3pm
    - ii. Mona, Carmen – will be decided by an electronic ballot after the meeting, each will provide a brief statement
    - iii. Note: Carmen after the meeting requested to be removed from the list, as had expected to help out, not needing to vote for a seat
    - iv. Mona will be the member to sit on the Student Forum
14. Other Business / Announcements
- a. December council meeting, not hold a full council meeting, but host a tuition consolation council meeting and discussion with the Dean of CGPS on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

- b. Council voted in accordance
- c. No December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting date
- d. Reconvene mid-January
- e. Ziad encouraged council to attend as it affects the tuition rates of our Graduate tuition, the more students, more important
- f. A request was made for information packages to be sent to council prior to Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION 19:36**

**IN CAMERA SESSION 19:48**

\*No minutes to be recorded\*

- 15. Report of the President
- 16. Other Business
- 17. Adjournment 19:50