



GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Executive Meeting

Executive Agenda

Friday, December 1, 2017, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

GSA Commons



Present: Ziad Ghaith (President), Jordan Bonkowski (VP Finance and Operations), Ali Kiani (VP Student Affairs), Naheda Sahtout (VP External) and Iloradanon Efimoff (Indigenous Liaison)

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Bonkowski has added a funding request from the Soil Science Graduate Student Association. Kiani and Sahtout have added portfolio items to the In Camera session.
- b. Kiani moves to approve the agenda as amended. All in favour.

3. Approval of November 24 Executive Minutes

- a. Efimoff moves to approve. Sahtout seconds. All in favour.

Motion Carried.

4. Funding Requests

- a. Soil Science Graduate Student Association
 - i. Annual Christmas party, largest event for the department. Approximately 40 graduate students will be in attendance and the event will take place at the GSA Commons.
 - ii. Sahtout moves to fund \$200 for the SSGSA. Kiani seconds. All in favour.
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Motion Carried.

5. Action Items

a. Casual Employee Pay (President)

- i.** The university's TA rate has increased, historically; the GSA has paid equal to this rate.
- ii.** Pending a breakdown of the wages and salary budget line, the decision will be made at the next Executive meeting.

6. Information Items

a. Holiday Working Hours (President)

- i.** The last day before winter holidays for the Commons will be December 22. The Commons will close at 5 PM on December 21 and 22.

7. Additional Updates

- a. Indigenous Liaison** – Indiana Best will be joining Efimoff for the Vice-Presidents' Annual Christmas Reception. The IGSC has provided feedback on the "Living Our Values" document to be more representative of Indigenous students and culture and in line with reconciliation efforts. Still waiting to hear from some committee members about the GSA Survey, hoping to send to ethics shortly.
- b. Student Affairs** - Meetings with students and CGPS about student issues. Met with Events Coordinator to discuss Winter Orientation. Planning for the January 2018 orientation and 3MT&conference. PSAC will put 250 dollars toward the jointly organized Holiday party with the GSA

8. Other Business

a. Holiday/New Year communication (President)

- i. Sahtout and Efimoff will work on creating holiday greeting cards to be sent to the community on behalf of the GSA.

9. Confidential Session

10. In Camera Session

11. Adjournment

- a. Ghaith moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM. All in favour.

Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.