

# Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Minutes



University of Saskatchewan  
Graduate Students' Association

August 25th, 5:00 P.M -6:30 P.M  
GSA Commons

Present: Ehimai Ohiozebau, Mohamed Hamid Mohamed, Steve Jumbo, Ranjan Data, Rebecca Major, Xuo Yao

Regrets: Sunisha Nee.

Call to order @ 5:00 PM

This meeting was requested by Steve Jumbo to discuss the GSA forthcoming orientation/BBQ. The main agenda of the meeting was on the financial state of the GSA.

## **Barbecue Update**

The executives received briefing on the extent of preparedness for the Orientation/BBQ program slated for 8th of August. Various organizations and business groups have signified interest in setting up booths at the venue of the orientation. Letters of invitation and funding request have been sent out to different organization and business groups for sponsorship. The food, pops and other things needed for that day were already arranged for. The VP Student Affairs and Orientation Coordinator were commended by the executives for the preparation so far and were also encouraged to prepare a well detailed budget for the event. Alison is to submit an orientation report after the ceremony. The orientation team were encouraged to source for fund and the GSA will supplement whatever budget deficit exists.

## **Orientation Update**

Executives were encouraged to be available on the 1st of September at the GSA Commons to welcome new graduate students. New graduate students will be visiting the GSA Commons in their groups of 20 and at each session, an executive and GSA

Administrators are to be on ground to welcome them, answer questions and familiarize them with the affairs of the association. The VP Student Affairs will be at the exhibition hall occupying the GSA booth.

### **President's Gift**

The President of University of Saskatchewan, Peter McKinnon, had signified his intention to resign from his role by June 2012 and considering his meritorious service to the school in general, his assistance to the GSA in particular over the years and that this will be the last GSA orientation and BBQ before his departure, there is a need for the association to honor him during the ceremony. The executives discussed on what gift to give to him. It was agreed to give him a drinking vessel with a GSA message engraved on it.

#### **Motion**

BIRT that the GSA spend a \$100 to get a gift for the out going University of Saskatchewan President. Motion moved by Rebecca and seconded by Mohamed. All agreed, no absentia and non opposed.

### **Membership of Post-Doctoral students**

Post-Doc. membership to the GSA is optional but there is a need for all post-doctoral students to pay the GSA fees before they can register for the GSA administered health and dental plan. Section 4.1 (ii) of the GSA constitution states "Post-doctoral fellows and graduate student members of the Saskatoon Theological Union may become regular members if they register with the College of Graduate Studies and Research and pay the full GSA fees." It was agreed that in line with section 4.1(ii) of the GSA constitution, post-doctoral students can pay the complete GSA fees of \$29.06 per term for two terms (for those joining the association by September) or pay a one term GSA fees of \$29 (for those joining GSA by January) and thereafter obtain an acknowledgement receipt from the GSA for onward registration for the Health and Dental Plan.

#### **Motion**

BIRT in line with section 4.1(ii) of the GSA constitution, The GSA staff are henceforth to collect the respective GSA fees from all qualified post doctoral fellows and provide them with a receipt of acknowledgement for onward registration for the Health and Dental Plan.

Motion moved by Mohamed and seconded by Ehimai. All agreed. Non absentia and non opposed.

Adjournment

6:30pm

Steve/Ranjan

Carried unanimously