

Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Minutes



University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association

December, 2 5:00 P.M -7:00 P.M
GSA Commons

Present: Xue Yao, Ehimai Ohiozebau, Ranjan Data, Mohamed Hamid Mohamed, Sunisha Neupane and Steve Jimbo.

Regrets: VP Aboriginal

Call to order @ 5:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Motion: BIRT agenda for December, 2 2011 GSA executive meeting be adopted with relevant amendments. Motion moved by Sunisha and seconded by Ranjan. All supported, non opposed.

November, 1 Executive minutes

Motion: BIRT minutes for November 21, 2011 GSA executive meeting be adopted with relevant correction. Motion moved by Ehimai and seconded by Ranjan. All supported, non opposed.

Health and Dental Plan Report (Presented by Amanda Smytaniuk, Prairie Program Manager, Studentcare.net/works)

Amanda presented the annual claims report for 2010-2011 to the executive. A summary of the various claims are highlighted below:

Health: Premiums-\$312,129, Claims-\$243,763. Loss ratio was 78%.

Dental: Premiums-\$226,932, Claims-\$195,995. Loss ratio was 86%

Paid Claims grand total: Premiums-\$539,061, Claims-\$439,758 and loss ratio of 82%

Ph.D. Movie

The president (Yao) informed the executive of a campus-life documentary made by a graduate student at the U of S and explained how it would be of benefit to graduate

students. The VP Student Affairs (Steve) agreed with her and further explained the need for GSA to screen the movie for graduate students. The VP Student Affairs was directed to screen the movie as part of the schedule for GSA winter term orientation.

GSA Survey

Yao explained why the present executive needs to conduct a survey in its administrative year. Graduate students' needs and expectations from the GSA are diverse and enormous. It is unrealistic to effectively actualize all. The survey will enable GSA administration prioritize its issues and agenda to bring to fruition. It was agreed to conduct a survey sometime in 2012 Term 2.

Policy and Constitution Review

The VP External (Sunisha) was reminded of the urgency to set a constitution and policy review committee. She explained to have made effort in setting up a meeting to no avail. Various suggestions were given by the executive on how best to set up such meeting. She promised to set up a meeting when she was done with her Term 1 exams.

Meeting with Director of Support Services

The director of support services wanted to meet with GSA executives on ways to partner and provides services to graduate students. The executive agreed to meet with him on Monday December, 19 9-10am

Adjournment 7:00pm-Sunisha and Mohamed.