

Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Minutes



University of Saskatchewan
Tuesday, December 9th, 2014
5:25 P.M – 6:24 P.M
GSA Commons

1.0 Call to Order 5:25

2.0 Approval of Agenda

3.0 Winter Orientation

3.1 Email from ISSAC on winter orientation has been forwarded to VP Student Affairs. Devin Clemens from ISSAC dropped by to the GSA office. VP Student Affairs and Academic are going to attend their orientation sessions and talk about GSA services, both academic and non-academic. The date is on Jan 3rd for all new graduate students. The President suggested that Aboriginal Liaison could go as well.

3.2 At this stage, the GSA doesn't have a plan for winter orientation because application for funds has not been done. Winter orientation of the GSA could be discussed should the VP Student Affairs come up with a proposal and confirmed funding. This doesn't have to go through an executive meeting, updates and proposal can be sent to the President via email.

4.0 Conference

4.1 VP Academic has applied to the Presidents fund. However, the person in charge has just came back to the office and they will be in touch Friday.

4.2 Call for paper is planning to be sent within the first week of January. The President asked VP Academic to prepare a document in writing for the next meeting explaining the plan for the event—the theme, who can apply, who can present, time to call for submission of papers, paper selection process, time to inform successful applicants, conference dates, promotional material, budget,

keynote speakers, and scope of whether within the U of S or larger—and this written document is required to be sent to the President within two weeks.

5.0 VP Finance

5.1 The President asked if attending VPs have any names to put forward for the position of VP Finance. No one had any by the time of the meeting.

5.2 The VP Student Affairs suggested that we may ask grad students if anyone would like to apply, so that anyone interested in the position might get in touch talk with the executives, so as to be transparent. The process will create a pool of candidates and allowing us to select one.

5.2.1 However, concerns were raised that this would make the call look like a job offer, and that it is not realistic to have the person talk with every VP at this time of year. Further, since having all executives as a board meeting and talking with candidates is hard to realize at the final season, and that we could not select any VP to be a speaks person for the selection process, if the candidates are talking with different executives, it will be hard to make a possible comparison and selection.

5.2.2 Moreover, if Council disagrees, the process have to go through back again.

5.2.3 The President pointed out that the policies allow us to appoint a person we can all work well with as soon as possible. This is not bridging the constitution and policy. It is within the right of the executives.

5.3 The VP Student Affairs has not been respecting the chair, and has been disrupting the meeting. Therefore, the President asked VP Student Affairs to leave but was refused. VP Student Affairs then asked to call the campus safety.

5.4 VP Student Affairs apologized. The meeting continued.

6.0 Funding Request by Toxicology Graduate Student's Association

6.1 An amount of \$300 was approved by all attending executives for Toxicology Graduate Student's Association's graduate student event in January 2015.

7.0 Clarification of the November 25 Executive Meeting

7.1 Concern was raised by executives on the Nov 25 Executive Meeting because many executives were not attending. The president explained that the items were brought to the meeting with agenda properly distributed. Last year, \$500 was spent for a dinner of executives. This year, the Christmas social for all graduate student with the same money is engaging students. The decision doesn't need a majority vote among the executives.

8.0 Clarification on motions not added to Dec 11 Council Meeting

8.1 The Agenda is already full with 7 items, among which is one regarding the GSA fees, which the December Council meeting must approve.

8.2 We have to reply to the questions—but now we are too busy.

9.0 Approval of Oct 28 Executive Meeting Minutes

9.1 President guidance and feedback is needed for the minutes.

10.0 Adjournment:6:24