Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Minutes



University of Saskatchewan Friday, May 1st, 2015 12:00 P.M – 1:00 P.M St. Thomas More Cafeteria

Present: Rajat Chakravarty (President), Hardi Shahadu (Vice President Student Affairs), Natalia Terekhova (Vice President External), Dana Carriere (Aboriginal Liaison), David Bennett (Vice President Finance), Sherri Rohovich (Office Manager – nonvoting)

Regrets: Jebunessa Chapola (Vice President Academic)

- 1. **Call to order:** 12:14 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Chair: Rajat Chakravarty (President)
 - a. Moved by Hardi, seconded by David. All in favour. Motion passes.
- 3. Approval of Minute Taker: David Bennett (VP Finance)
 - a. Moved by Natalia, seconded by Hardi. All in favour. Motion passes.
- 4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Moved by Natalia, seconded by Dana. All in favour. Motion passes.

5. Motion

- WHEREAS the outgoing GSA President Izabela Vlahu has refused to transfer signing authority for the GSA bank account,
- WHEREAS the outgoing GSA Vice President Operations and Communication Xin Lu is unavailable to transfer signing authority for the GSA bank account,
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA Executive approve the removal of Izabela Vlahu and Xin Lu as signing officers for the GSA bank account.
 - a. Moved by David, seconded by Dana. All in favour. Motion passes.

6. Motion

- WHEREAS the position for the GSA Vice President Operations and Communications is currently vacant,
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA Executive call for a by-election to fill in this vacant position.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Election Officer Marco Milani be responsible for the conduct of this election.
 - a. Moved by Rajat, seconded by Hardi. All in favour. Motion passes.

7. Motion

• WHEREAS the position for the GSA Chair is currently vacant,

- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA Executive call for nominations for the position of GSA Chair to the campus community.
 - a. Moved by Dana, seconded by David. All in favour. Motion passes.

8. Motion

- WHEREAS the GSA Annual General Meeting was unable to complete business,
- WHEREAS the GSA currently does not have a budget for the year 2015-16,
- WHEREAS the GSA membership at the Annual General Meeting expressed its desire to have another special general meeting between 19-22 May 2015
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA Executive call for a Special General Meeting on Tuesday, 19th May 2015 at 5 p.m. to be held at the GSA Commons.
 - a. Moved by David, seconded by Natalia. All in favour. Motion passes.

9. **Discussion Items**

- a. Sherri thinks we should look into hiring a bookkeeper or Quickbooks.
- b. Contact information of GSA Council shall be available at the GSA Office.
- c. VP Operations and Communications will have to do website training. Rajat will do in the meantime. We need to clean up the website.
- d. Sherri wishes to come for the beginning of each meeting to give an update about the office. We all agree with that.
- e. Rajat currently has information on GSA's Facebook and Twitter account.

10. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by David, seconded by Rajat. All in favour. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 12.57 p.m.