

Graduate Students' Association Council Meeting Draft Agenda



**University of Saskatchewan
Tuesday, March 17th, 2015
5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M
GSA Commons**

- 1.0 Approval of the Agenda**
- 2.0 Approval of January 20th meeting minutes**
- 3.0 Ratification of new Councils**
- 4.0 Ratification of new Councillors**
- 5.0 Ratification of new Social Groups**
- 6.0 Executive Reports**
 - 6.1 President (Report attached)**
 - 6.2 VP Operations and Communications (Report to follow)**
 - 6.3 VP Academic (Report to follow)**
 - 6.4 VP External (Report to follow)**
 - 6.5 VP Student Affairs (Report to follow)**
 - 6.6 Aboriginal Liaison (Report to follow)**
 - 6.7 Q&A**
- 7.0 Standing Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Childcare Committee (No report)**
 - 7.2 Budget Committee (No report)**
 - 7.3 Bursary Selection Committee (No Report)**
 - 7.4 Elections and Referenda Committee (No report)**
 - 7.5 Constitution Revision Committee (No report)**
 - 7.6 Code of Ethics Committee (No report)**
 - 7.7 Gala Committee (No report)**
 - 7.8 Q&A**

8.0 Q&A

9.0 Adjournment

GSA Financial Report
May 1st 2014 – January 31st 2015

Revenue	Budgeted	YTD actual	Remaining	Jan
GSA Fees	\$ 189,952.82	\$ 89,754.52	\$ 100,198.30	\$ 1,150.40
Commons Booking	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,371.00	\$ 1,129.00	\$ 250.00
GSA Handbook Ad Sales	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -
Orientation Contributions	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
CGSR Bursary Contribution	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
U-Pass administration	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,326.00	\$ 4,674.00	\$ 72.00
Total Revenue	\$ 227,452.82	\$ 99,101.52	\$ 128,351.30	

Expenses	Budgeted	YTD actual	Remaining	Jan
Office Staff Salary	\$ 70,000.00	-\$ 47,739.18	\$ 22,260.82	-\$ 6,598.34
President Stipend	\$ 6,397.20	-\$ 4,797.90	\$ 1,599.30	-\$ 533.10
Executive Stipend	\$ 33,265.40	-\$ 24,948.88	\$ 8,316.52	-\$ 2,772.12
Academic Council Funding	\$ 10,000.00	-\$ 2,969.95	\$ 7,030.05	-\$ 1,122.51
Annual Audit	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Bank Charges	\$ 350.00	-\$ 1,064.92	-\$ 714.92	-\$ 65.46
GSA Handbook Printing	\$ 6,000.00	-\$ 4,661.99	\$ 1,338.01	\$ -
Commons Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 3,708.00	\$ 1,292.00	\$ -
Commons Renewal and Repairs	\$ 1,000.00	-\$ 982.41	\$ 17.59	-\$ 982.41
Executive travel fund	\$ 3,000.00	-\$ 2,902.67	\$ 97.33	\$ -
Entertainment/Refreshments	\$ 2,500.00	-\$ 1,353.93	\$ 1,146.07	-\$ 38.65
Executive Discretionary Fund	\$ 3,000.00	-\$ 2,715.28	\$ 284.72	-\$ 952.00
Grad Student Club Funding	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 1,700.00	\$ 3,300.00	-\$ 500.00
GSA (CGSR) Need-Based Bursary	\$ 40,000.00	-\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
GSA Awards Gala	\$ 5,000.00	-\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	-\$ 2,500.00
GSA Conference	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
GSA Fall and Winter Orientation BBQ	\$ 7,500.00	-\$ 6,232.46	\$ 1,267.54	\$ -
Office Supplies & Operating Costs	\$ 6,000.00	-\$ 5,337.40	\$ 662.60	-\$ 679.14
U of S Student Travel Award Contribution	\$ 6,000.00	-\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
U-Pass administrations	\$ 10,940.00	-\$ 4,539.82	\$ 6,400.18	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 227,452.60	-\$ 134,154.79	\$ 93,297.81	

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1.0 At 5:02 pm, the Chair called the meeting to order.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

2.1 Councillor Ashton Reimer moved an amendment to add the non-confidence motion to the agenda and put it to before Q&A. With 27 in favour, 0 oppose, and 8 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

2.2 Councillor Josie Steeves moved an amendment to add Chair's remarks to the agenda after the motion to ratify social groups. With 23 in favour, 0 oppose, and 16 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

2.3 Councillor Josie Steeves moved an amendment to add committee ratification motions that was on the agenda of previous Council meetings on the meeting agenda today. With 26 in favour, 1 oppose, and 4 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

2.4 With 38 in favour, 0 oppose, and 0 abstain, the agenda was approved.

3.0 Councillor Marion Hewitt-Pollack moved a motion to approve the November 18th meeting minutes. With 39 in favour, 0 oppose, and 1 abstain, the minutes was approved.

4.0 Councillor Marion Hewitt-Pollack moved a motion to ratify the new GSA Academic Council of Sociology Graduate Student Association with 39 members. With 43 in favour, 0 oppose, and 0 abstain, the Sociology Graduate Student Association was ratified.

5.0 A Councillor moved to ratify new Academic Councillors. The list of new Councillors are as follows:

Victoria Taras, from JSGS-SA, alternate;

David Sarich, from Sociology Graduate Student Association, alternate;
Jacques Desmarais, from Graduate Geological Society, regular;
Yuchen Gao, from Sociology Graduate Student Association, alternate;
Brett Tendler, from Toxicology Graduate Student Association, alternate;
Danielle Robertson-Boersma, from Sociology Graduate Student Association, regular;
Natasha Miller, from Sociology Graduate Student Association, regular;
Milad Taghavivand, from Engineering Graduate Course Council, alternate;
Ansel Clarke, from History Graduate Student Committee, alternate;
Harsha Kasi Vishwanathan, from School of Public Health Student Association, regular.

5.1 With 45 in favour, 0 oppose, and 0 abstain, the above listed Councillors were ratified.

6.0 Sociology Graduate Student Association intended to be ratified only as a Council instead of a Social Group. Therefore, there was no new social groups to be ratified at the meeting.

7.0 Councillor Hardi Shahadu moved a motion to table the executive reports later at this meeting.

7.1 With 32 in favour, 8 oppose, and 7 abstain, the motion was adopted.

8.0 Chair's remarks

8.1 The Chair explained circumstances of having no quorum: we still have a meeting but cannot make any motions or make any decisions.

8.2 A request was made to read a reference in Roberts Rules of Order Section 48, Page 468 has been made.

8.2.1 With 3 in favour, 27 oppose, and 8 abstain, the request was defeated.

8.3 The Chair provided information on his honourarium for the January 12th Special General Meeting, which adjourned at 1:10pm. The Chair refused the cheque for the honourarium of 4 hours and 10 minutes including 3 hours of prep-time and 1h10min for meeting time. The Chair argued that according to the Saskatchewan Labour Acts, the Association should have paid him for 5 hours because the meeting was scheduled to be 2 hours.

8.3.1 It was raised in the room that the authority of finances rests with the executives, and that the Chair is not employed by the GSA, and there is no contract and no T4 form for his honourium.

8.3.2 Though someone raised a suggestion to table this motion until an expert could help explain to the Association for this case, a motion of paying the Chair three hours of preparation time and two hours of attendance was passed with 40 in favour, 0 oppose, and 3 abstain.

8.4 The book of Robert's Rules of Order could be borrowed from the office, but the Chair encouraged the room to ask one of the executives before borrowing. The Chair asked the borrowers not to remove the tags in the book. The Chair also reminded the room that there is an online version available through the U of S library.

9.0 Councillor Ashton Reimer moved to table the non-confidence motion to a later time at the meeting. With 32 in favour, 4 oppose, and 5 abstain, the motion passed.

10.0 Old Business

10.1 Councillor Josie Steeves moved a motion to ratify Constitution Review Committee appointments:

WHEREAS Constitution Review committee members have not been appointed; and

WHEREAS all committee appointments shall be made and/or ratified by academic Council according to item 8.1.6. Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Constitution review committee requires representation of at least two academic councillors according to item 8.1. 11 constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following members be added to the Constitution review committee.

Izabela Vlahu - GSA President

Rahwa Osman – Vice President External Affairs

Patricia De Ciman- GSA Councillor

Dmitry Chesnakov – GSA Councillor

Ashton Rimer – GSA Councillor

Josie Steeves – GSA Councillor

Hardi Shahadu – GSA Councillor

Kathryn Forrester- GSA Councillor

Marion Pollock – GSA Councillor

**Rajat Chakravarty- Vice President Student Affairs
Isaac Pratt – GSA Councillor**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ratified councillors hold the membership until the new appointment by council

10.1.1 A Councillor moved to amend the motion by crossing two names out:

Patricia De Ciman and Dmitry Chesnakov, because they were no longer Councillors. With 39 in favour, 0 oppose, and 3 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

10.1.2 The amended motion reads:

WHEREAS Constitution Review committee members have not been appointed; and

WHEREAS all committee appointments shall be made and/or ratified by academic Council according to item 8.1.6. Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Constitution review committee requires representation of at least two academic councillors according to item 8.1. 11 constitution.

BE IT RESOLVED that the following members be added to the Constitution review committee.

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Rahwa Osman – Vice President External Affairs

Ashton Rimer – GSA Councillor

Josie Steeves – GSA Councillor

Hardi Shahadu – GSA Councillor

Kathryn Forrester- GSA Councillor

Marion Pollock – GSA Councillor

**Rajat Chakravarty- Vice President Student Affairs
Isaac Pratt – GSA Councillor**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ratified councillors hold the membership until the new appointment by council.

With 36 in favour, 3 oppose, and 2 abstain, the amended motion was adopted.

10.2 Councillor Jason Ho moved a motion to ratify representatives for Student Forum:

WHEREAS the purpose of the Student Forum is to provide a venue in which the University Administration, governing bodies, and representatives of the university's key stakeholder groups hear and consider institution-wide issues that affect the nature and quality of the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan, and

WHEREAS the Student Forum terms of reference provide positions for two members of the GSA Executive and two Graduate Course Councillors appointed by the GSA Course Council, and

WHEREAS Isaac Pratt (College of Medicine) and Seth Dueck (Department of Physics and Engineering Physics) are both Graduate Course Councillors in good standing, and

WHEREAS Isaac Pratt and Seth Dueck represented the GSA Course Council to Student Forum in the 2013-2014 academic year.

BE IT RESOLVED that Isaac Pratt and Seth Dueck be appointed to represent the Graduate Student body at the Student Forum for the 2014-2015 academic year.

With 35 in favour, 0 oppose, and 5 abstain, the motion was adopted.

10.3 Councillor Ashton Reimer moved a motion to ratify members of Budget Planning Committee

WHEREAS GSA budget planning committee members have not been appointed;

WHEREAS all committee appointments shall be made and/or ratified by academic Council according to item 8.1.6. Constitution;

WHEREAS the budget planning committee requires representation of at least two academic councillors according to item 8.1. 11 constitution;

BE IT RESOLVED that GSA council approve, Jason Ho (PEGASUS), Andrew Frank-Wilson (College Kinesiology Grad. Students), Mostafa Aghbolaghy (EGCC), Marion Hewitt Pollock (Education Admin Academic Council) to sit in budget planning committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ratified councillors hold the membership until the new appointment by council.

10.3.1 Councillor Mostafa Aghbolaghy moved a motion to amend the motion by removing his name. With 43 in favour, 0 oppose, and 0 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

10.3.2 The President moved a motion to amend the motion by adding Venkat Palgat and Dustin McNicol into the member list. With 40 in favour, 0 oppose, and 1 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

10.3.3 The President moved a motion to amend the motion by adding VP Operations into the member list. With 7 in favour, 19 oppose, and 16 abstain, the amendment was not adopted.

10.3.4 The amended motion reads:

WHEREAS GSA budget planning committee members have not been appointed;

WHEREAS all committee appointments shall be made and/or ratified by academic Council according to item 8.1.6. Constitution;

WHEREAS the budget planning committee requires representation of at least two academic councillors according to item 8.1. 11 constitution;

BE IT RESOLVED that GSA council approve, Jason Ho (PEGASUS), Andrew Frank-Wilson (College Kinesiology Grad. Students), Marion Hewitt Pollock (Education Admin Academic Council), Venkat Palgat (EGCC) and Dustin MacLean (Plant Sciences Graduate Student Council) to sit in budget planning committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ratified councillors hold the membership until the new appointment by council.

With 41 in favour, 0 oppose, and 6 abstain, the amended motion was adopted.

10.4 Councillor Ashton Reimer moved a motion to ratify the terms of reference of the Code of Ethics Committee. With 29 in favour, 0 oppose, 0 abstain, the motion was adopted.

10.5 Councillor Josie Steeves moved a motion to ratify the members of Phil Legace, Jed Huntley, Aaron Thacker and Thomas Seibel to the Committee.

10.5.1 The President moved an amendment to add Reanne Ridsdale, Setareh Shahkarami, and Danielle Robertson-Boersma in an effort to consider the gender balance of the committee members. With 40 in favour, 0 oppose, and 1 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

10.5.2 With 39 in favour, 0 oppose, and 2 abstain, the motion was adopted.

10.6 Councillor Josie Steeves moved a motion to adopt a lawyer to the GSA.

WHEREAS the GSA engages in contractual obligations with internal and external bodies (e.g., The City of Saskatoon), and

WHEREAS the GSA has not had prior professional legal consultation on any matters that may require legal consultation (e.g., ensuring good standing with Non-Profit Corporations Act, contractual consultation for U-PASS);

BE IT RESOLVED that the GSA executives investigate options for legal consultation with the intent to hire professional legal counsel who is familiar with the Non-Profit Corporations Act,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$9,000 from the GSA reserve fund to be allotted for legal consultation costs for the 2014/2015 fiscal year,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that tasks that are critical to GSA operations, such as contractual obligations and ensuring good standing under the Non-Profit Corporations Act, be given priority for legal consultation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GSA Executive, the Constitution Review Committee, and the Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee also be given priority for GSA-related legal consultation should the need arise.

10.6.1 Councillor Ashton Reimer moved to amend the motion by deleting the three “be it further resolved” items. With 37 in favour, 2 oppose, and 7 abstain, the amendment was adopted.

10.6.2 The amended motion reads:

WHEREAS the GSA engages in contractual obligations with internal and external bodies (e.g., The City of Saskatoon), and

WHEREAS the GSA has not had prior professional legal consultation on any matters that may require legal consultation (e.g., ensuring good standing with Non-Profit Corporations Act, contractual consultation for U-PASS);

BE IT RESOLVED that the GSA executives investigate options for legal consultation with the intent to hire professional legal counsel who is familiar with the Non-Profit Corporations Act.

With 41 in favour, 1 oppose, and 2 abstain, the amended motion was adopted.

11.0 Councillor Marion Hewitt-Pollack moved a motion to remove executive reports from the tabled list. With 29 in favour, 4 oppose, and 8 abstain, the motion was adopted.

12.0 Councillor Marion Hewitt-Pollack moved a motion to defer the executive reports to the next Council meeting. With 27 in favour, 15 oppose, and 3 abstain (including Ashton Reimer), the motion was adopted.

13.0 Councillor Ashton Reimer moved a motion to un-table the non-confidence motion. With 37 in favour, 1 oppose, and 3 abstain, the motion was adopted.

14.0 Motion of Non-Confidence on the GSA President

14.1 The Chair pointed out that to pass this motion, 2/3 of the council membership (82) needs to vote in favour, i.e., 54 votes in favour.

14.2 Upon a secret ballot, 29 voted in favour, 11 oppose, and 3 abstain. The motion was defeated.

14.3 Councillor Marion Hewitt-Pollack moved a motion to destroy the ballots.

With 14 in favour, 0 oppose, and 0 abstain, the motion was adopted.

15.0 The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Attendance List for the January 20th Council Meeting

Voting Members	20-Jan
Aaron Thacker	P
Adeola Olubamiji	A
Ahmad Ghadyani	A
Aimee Schmidt	P
Alex Stoddart	P
Amanda Guy	A
Amin Mohammadbagheri	A
Andrew Frank-Wilson	P
Anne Janhunen	R
Annie Battiste	A
Ashton Reimer	P
Austen Smith	P
Brenda Schurr	A
Chi Su	A
Christopher Gbekorbu	A
Christopher K. West	A
Cody Manchester	A
Colleen Fitzpatrick	A
David Bennett	P
Daeung Yu	A
Dallas Posavad	A
Daniel Karran	P
Danielle Robertson-Boersma	P
David Saunders	P
Devon Stumborg	P
Dustin MacLean	P
Emmanuel Ozemoya	A
Erin Barbour-Tuck	A
Frederick Sage	A
Garrett Morandi	P
Hardi Shahadu	P
Harsha Kasi Vishwanathan	A
Isaac Pratt	P
Jason Ho	P
Jason Mercer	P
Jed Huntley	P

Voting Members	20-Jan
Jennifer Grewal	A
Josie Steeves	P
Kathleen Aikens	A
Kathryn Forrester	P
Kayla Lindenback	A
Keaton Wheeler	A
Kendra Meier	P
Khalil	A
Khan MD Rashed Al-Mamun	A
Kimberly LaFreniere	A
Kung Chi Cinnati Loi	A
Kurt Woytiuk	P
Kyle Dase	P
Lav Mittal	A
Layla Gould	P
Linzi Williamson	P
Lotanna Ufondu	A
Marion Hewitt-Pollack	P
Marzieh Eskandari	A
Md Shayeb Shahariar	P
Melanie Deneiko	A
Mohsen Sanayei	A
Mstafa Aghbolaghy	P
Naomi Maina	A
Natalia Terekhova	A
Natasha Miller	P
Nazrul Islam	A
Patricia De Ciman	A
Rae-Leigh Pederzolli	A
Reanne Ridsdale	P
Robert Perry	A
Robin Brown	P
Setareh Shahkarami	P
Seth Dueck	P
Shahid Mehmood	P
Shailza Sapal	A

Spencer Gall	P
Stacey Domolewski	A
Sudipta Dasgupta	A
Tyler Koebel	P
Tyler Reimer	A

Venkat Palgat	P
Warren Berry	P
William Bonner	P
Zachary Bouck	P

Ex-officio	20-Jan
Izabela Vlahu	P
Xin Lu	P
Ranjan Datta	P

Ex-officio	20-Jan
Rahwa Osman	R
Rajat Chakravarty	P
Dana Carriere	P

Alternates	20-Jan
Andrei Ichaso	A
Ansel Clarke	P
Bronwyn Craig	P
Casey McMahon	A
Colten Goertz	P
Cynthia Bottomley	A
Dandan Huang	A
David Sarich	A
Federica Giannelli	A
Jennifer Rychlo	A
Alternates	20-Jan
Jessica Murphy	P
Kristopher Novak	A
Krystal Caldwell	A
Liya Zhang	A
Madelaine Gierc	A
Milad Taghavivand	A
Rachel Phillips Hall	A
Warrick Baijius	A
Victoria Taras	P
Yuchen Gao	A

