



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association

Awards Committee Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022 (ZOOM)

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

The GSA operates on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Attendance: Devin Cherneski, Rifat Zahan, Ozra Mohammadi, Pezhman Zolfaghari Didani, Leonie Bettin, Sristy Sumana Nath, Khaled Zoroufchi Benis, Sourabh Kumar.

Items for Action/Discussion:

- We discussed our committee's Conflict of interest (COI) internal policy regarding each member's need to review all applications and send the categories with a COI to the chair VP External Affairs. We felt it was essential to recuse and not be in a vulnerable situation.
- The nominator for some categories is essential as it should be a faculty member, or it could be a graduate student.
- The judging process has been agreed to have an excel spreadsheet template while ranking the applications for each nomination category using a grading rubric.
- Our committee discussed that the related achievements and experience should be a factor for each category. For example, for "Research Excellence," the number of papers and quality, including conferences, should be weighed and considered.
- The 2022 Award event is tentatively on Saturday, April 9th, 2022. This will include a multitude of other categories besides the annual awards.
- Committee results will be sent chair by Tuesday, March 29th at 9:00 a.m.
- The award chair will announce the winners on Wednesday, March 30th.
- Next meeting Awards Committee meeting will be March 29th, from 6-7 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Adjournment of Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.