

University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association
Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes
July 21th, 2021 – WebEx
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
2021 – Spring/Summer Term

Members Present: Ehsan Moradi (VP Finance and Operations), Olusola Akintola (VP Academic and Student Affairs), Mostofa Kamal (Council Member), Iyanu Kumayon (Council Member), Khaled Zoroufchi Benis (Council Member).

Regrets: None

The VP Finance and Operations called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and thanked all the committee members for being present on this selection process meeting despite their busy schedule. It was mentioned that a gift card will be provided for the committee members. All members present have signed confidentiality documents to ensure all bursary applicants' privacy rights are protected. We have received 150 respondents to the Bursary application on Survey Monkey however only 83 were completed. The committee has decided to eliminate candidates who have already received a GSA bursary in any of the previous three terms (**as per our bylaws students who have been awarded with GSA bursary in any of the previous three terms –from the date of the application, are automatically disqualified**). The committee found four (5) candidates who fit such criteria and one (1) candidate who has applied twice, therefore 5 names were removed from the pull of applicants (83-6 = 77 candidates to be evaluated). The 77 students with successful applications were equally divided between the members of the committee. Members of this committee confirmed their understanding of the bursary evaluation form that was used to evaluate all candidates. It was restated by all present that if anybody knows or has any type of relationship with an applicant, another committee member has to evaluate that application. The applicants were carefully distributed so that conflict of interest was avoided/minimized.

Each committee member had access to Survey Monkey extracted data on July 21st 2021. Next committee meeting was scheduled **for Monday, July 27th at 6:30 PM** where recipients of the bursary will be selected during that meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.