



University of Saskatchewan – Graduate Students’ Association
Governance Committee Meeting
February 1, 2022 – Online Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Rifat Zahan (President),
Mostofa Kamal (VP Academic and Student Affairs),
Hema Sandeep Narava (Council Chair),
Elyse Proulx-Cullen (Councillor),
Nabeela Kanwal (Regular/General Member),
Ankita Srivastava (Regular/General Member)

Absentees:

William Davis (Regular/General Member),

Regrets:

Eronmwon Joyce Iroque (Regular/General Member)

Guests:

None.

Chair and Notetaker:

Elyse Proulx-Cullen (Councillor)

Meeting Minutes Compilation:

Rifat Zahan (President)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and welcomes members of the Governance Committee.

2. Agenda for this meeting

Chair presents the order of business which is to review the GSA Bylaws (April 23rd 2021 Version). The Chair suggested going through those bylaws that were proposed to be amended in the previous committee meeting. Chair Proulx-Cullen also added that once time permits, the

committee can go through the other part of the governing documents after the proposed amendments.

*Moved by Rifat Zahan
Seconded by Hema Sandeep Navara*

3. Proposed amendments to the GSA By-Laws:

Section of the By-Laws	Amendments
2.2 President	<p>Added 2.2.1.11. The President shall assign responsibilities and workload to Executives as per position vacancies. The President shall assign workload through a process of a minimum of one consultation with all existing Executives.</p>
2.3 Vice-President Finance and Operations	<p>Removed 2.3.1.5. Act as recording secretary for the Executive Meetings.</p> <p>Added 2.3.1.14. Organize and coordinate assigned vacancy workload from President as per consultation with all existing Executives.</p>
2.4 Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs	<p>Removed 2.4.1.6. Responsible for the ratification of all Academic Councils and Social Groups.</p> <p>Added 2.4.1.9. Organize and coordinate assigned vacancy workload from President as per consultation with all existing Executives.</p>
2.5. Vice-President External Affairs	<p>Added 2.5.1.11. Act as recording secretary for the Executive Meetings.</p> <p>2.5.1.12. Responsible for on-campus and off-campus housing issues of Graduate students.</p> <p>2.5.1.13. Organize and coordinate assigned vacancy workload from President as per consultation with all existing Executives.</p>
2.6 Vice-President Indigenous Engagement	<p>Due to on-going vacancy and unsuccessful at fulfilling this position and retention, this position is being temporarily dissolved until interest is known from Indigenous Graduate Students to reinstate this position. As a result, a proposal was put forward to establish a GSA Standing Committee Indigenous Affairs/Engagement with a dedicated budget – to bring to the budget committee. The Chair of the committee must be a self-declared Indigenous graduate student. The members of the committee should be ratified by the GSA Council. The members are to define the strategies and orientations under the guidance of the Chair)</p>

	Therefore, the bylaws under VP Indigenous Engagement would be removed from the VP position but may be put under the new standing committee Indigenous Affairs/Engagement Committee.
2.8 Resignation of an Executive Member	Changed 2.8.1 An Executive member may resign from their position at any time during their term by submitting an electronic letter of resignation to either the President, Council Chair or Office Manager. Who receives the resignation is responsible to immediately communicate to the other two (President, Council Chair, Office Manager). The workload resulting from this resignation is to be reassigned by the President as per consultation with all existing Executives. The resignation of an Executive member will take effect immediately following the submission of the letter.

4. Other Business

- Governance Committee Chair to send a doodle poll for upcoming meetings.
- President to share the changed bylaw documents with other members of the committee.
- Chair asks if there is any new order of business. There was none.

5. Adjournment of the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

*Moved by Nabeela Kanwal
Seconded by Hema Sandeep Navara*