



University of Saskatchewan – Graduate Students’ Association
Governance Committee Meeting
February 16th, 2022 – Online Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

Rifat Zahan (President),
Mostofa Kamal (VP academic and Student affairs)
Elyse Proulx-Cullen (Councillor),
Nabeela Kanwal (Regular/General Member),
Ankita Srivastava (Regular/General Member)
Eronmwon Joyce Irogue (Regular/General Member)

Absentees:

None.

Regrets:

Nabeela Kanwal (Regular/General Member)

Guests:

None.

Chair:

Elyse Proulx-Cullen (Councillor)

Recording Secretary:

Ankita Srivastava (Regular/General Member)

Meeting Minutes Compilation:

Rifat Zahan (President)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:41 PM and welcomes members of the Governance Committee.

2. Approval of the February 9th meeting minutes

*Moved by Mostofa Kamal
Seconded by Eronmwon Joyce*

3. Approval of Agenda for this meeting

*Moved by Ankita Srivastava
Seconded by Rifat Zahan*

4. Proposed amendments to the GSA By-Laws:

Section of the By-Laws	Amendments
Elections and By-Elections	Added 4.13.3.11 The Nominee must consent to conduct general background check by the Elections and Referenda Committee – If elected, electee must provide an affidavit of good conduct signed before a notary public.
Elections and By-Elections	Added 4.13.11.7 - Eight percent (8%) of the total graduate student body must vote in an Election/By-Election, for all the Executive, except for the Vice-President Indigenous Engagement position. Eight percent (8%) of the Indigenous graduate student body must vote in an Election/By-Election for the Vice-President Indigenous Engagement position. In cases where this does not occur, the Elections and Referenda Committee can, at their discretion, choose to move forward with the voting results without extending the voting period or holding a new election. (Need to refer to Election and referenda committee AGM)

<p>Elections and By-Elections</p>	<p>Added</p> <p>4.13.12.3 - As soon as all violations or complaints have been dealt with by the Elections and Referenda Committee, as per Bylaw 4.10, the Chief Electoral Officer shall ask for the results to be posted on the Association’s website and social media platforms and shall notify all Candidates of the results.</p>
<p>Referenda</p>	<p>Modified-</p> <p>4.14.9.7.1.6 - May use their own websites, social media (such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, WhatsApp, etc.) and may send mass emails for campaign purposes provided; 1- Each Campaign Committee is responsible for learning and following applicable University rules, regulations, and policies regarding electronic communication. 2- These websites, social media platforms and email lists must be the Campaign Committee’s own and not provided or belonging to others. 3- All platforms, apps, and communication tools used must not share contact details, emails, information to others for e.g., Sending a group message in a BCC (blank carbon copy) to protect people’s details and identities. 4- At the discretion of the Elections and Referenda Committee, other restrictions may apply.</p>
<p>Referenda</p>	<p>Modified-</p> <p>4.14.9.7.8 - Shall ensure their campaign materials are taken down 24 hrs after the last day of voting.</p>
<p>Referenda</p>	<p>Modified –</p> <p>4.14.12 - Campaigning shall be allowed during the voting period.</p>

<p>Violations and complains</p>	<p>Removed –</p> <p>4.15.4 – Removed the verbs and reads as follows: The Chief Electoral Officer, in consultation with the Elections and Referenda Committee, shall investigate and deal with those complaints received within twenty-four (24) hours after the complaint deadline.</p>
<p>Signing Officers</p>	<p>Added –</p> <p>5.7.5 - In the case where one of the signing officers is absent for an extended period of time, the Executives must appoint another Executive member, within five (5) business days, as a third co-signer by a majority vote of the Executives.</p>

5. Other Business

- The committee assignment will be made available in the policy documents.
- Chair asks if there is any new order of business. There was none.

6. Adjournment of the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

*Moved by Rifat Zahan
Seconded by Mostofa Kamal*