



University of Saskatchewan – Graduate Students’ Association
Governance Committee Meeting
March 2nd, 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:

Jovita Dias (Council Chair)

Regrets:

None

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 5:31 PM and welcomes members of the Governance Committee.

2. Approval of the February 23rd meeting minutes

*Moved by Rifat Zahan
Seconded by Nabeela Kanwal*

3. Approval of Agenda for this meeting

*Moved by Mostofa Kamal
Seconded by Ankita Srivastava*

4. Proposed amendments to the GSA Policy Manual:

Section of the Policy Manual	Amendments
Research Excellence	<p>Added and divided 13.3. into</p> <p>13.3.8 Research Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM):</p> <p>The following award categories will be considered for nomination-</p> <p>(1) STEM Medical Science and Public Health (examples include but not limited to, Human Medicine, Nursing, Public Health, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, etc.),</p> <p>(2) STEM Natural Sciences (examples include but not limited to, Chemistry, Biology, Math, Agriculture, Physics, Ecology, Geology, etc.),</p> <p>(3) STEM Technology and Engineering (examples include but not limited to, Computer Science, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, etc.).</p> <p>13.3.8.1 These awards shall honor graduate students who have made significant impacts in the field of science, technology, engineering or math and who has produced outstanding research results throughout their course of study.</p>

	<p>13.3.8.2 The awarded graduate students shall be a favorable member in the research community, shall exemplify scholarly achievements and shall have contributed to positive collaborations amongst researchers and the community</p>
Code of ethics and discipline committee	<p>Added 15.1.5.1- Council chair, or as outlined in the terms of reference.</p>
Award Selection Committee	<p>Added 13.4.6 – The award selection committee should follow GSA governing documents for the award selection process. All evaluations must be done within committee discussions.</p>
Appendix	<p>Scheduled Committee Assignments of GSA Executives</p>

5. Proposed amendments to the GSA Bylaws:

Section of the By-Laws	Amendments
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Executive	Added 2.1.3.18 The full list of scheduled meetings executives are supposed to attend are outlined in the Appendix of GSA Policy Manual. Executives should discuss among themselves to collectively identify and determine which individual will attend any unscheduled meeting(s).
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6. Other Business

- **Award Selection Committee** – VP academic & Student Affairs will make recommendations for matrix evaluation to the President.
- Rifat to include Committee assignment in Policy document and make changes in Bylaws.
- Prepare documents for AGM.

7. Adjournment of the Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

*Moved by Rifat Jahan
Seconded by Eronmwon Joyce Iroque*