



*I acknowledge that I live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the homeland of the Métis. I pay my respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.*

GSA Meetings on May 15 and 28, 2024

**Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** David Ohene-Amoako, Lindsay Carlson, Nickson Joseph, Jennifer Amarualik-Yaremko, Reza Golpayegani

**Regret:** None

**Guest:** None

**All of these actions were approved by all executives.**

**President:**

1. Asked Everyone to introduce themselves briefly.
2. Asked the VP External to create a WhatsApp group for the executives.
3. Discussed the meetings that the executives have to attend.
4. Discussed executives meetings and all executives agreed to attend biweekly meetings until September and after that time executives will attend monthly meetings.
5. Supporting cultural diversity with ceremonies to show each country's culture.
6. Scheduling the next meeting with HGSA and Ehsan Moradi.
7. Nickson should represent GSA on the governance committee so that we can have a voting right.
8. Proposed to celebrate 40th Anniversary of GSA in late Nov 24.
9. Free coffee/tea is always available at GSA Commons.
10. Free bread is available every Friday.

11. Discussed asking the university to let students pay the tuition in three installments.

### **VP Finance:**

1. Was absent from the first meeting of May.
2. Paying Recording Secretary: decided to pay her for 8 hours.
  - a. The Recording Secretary requested to be paid for 8 hours this month because of AGM of GSA was over 3 hours long which was approved by the executive board.
3. Addressing CFOAPAL payments.
4. Discussed bursary committee issue.
5. Bookkeeping firm meeting results.
6. Is responsible for coordinating the Graduate Research Conference and Holiday Hangout.
7. Would try to make applying for need-based bursaries easier so that students have to submit tuition reports and unofficial transcripts in order to prevent students from paying \$10 for a confirmation of Enrollment letter.

### **VP Academic:**

1. Discussed two students who have requested financial support from GSA.
  - a. One from Education College (Problems with supervisor) asked for financial aid for the month.
  - b. Master's student defense was delayed due to being accused of plagiarism and asked for financial assistance for the extended term.
2. Wants to create a clear way to convey messages to graduate students.
3. Research Newsletter through GSA.
  - a. Committee to filter out the best articles.
4. Proposed Orientation Sept starting at 10 am. (Date TBD)
5. Proposed Creating Graduate Student Newsletter:
  - a. Publish the best articles submitted.
  - b. Should create a Committee for finding articles.
  - c. should have a small award of ~ \$100-200 per selected article.

**VP Indigenous:**

1. Intends to work with OVPIE to increase the transparency of identity verification processes.
2. Proposed finalizing GSA's budget for this fiscal year.
3. Proposed Wanuskewin trip for Executives board.

**VP External:**

1. Social Media Update:
  - a. Already got access to GSA's Instagram account which is connected to our Facebook page.
  - b. Currently, we don't have access to our Facebook account but our Instagram is connected to our FB page so whatever we share on the Instagram account automatically becomes shared on our FB.
  - c. Previous executives did not have access to our LinkedIn page and our Twitter (X). The passwords for our FB, LinkedIn, and Twitter are lost and we don't have access to them anymore.
2. Request for a bus pass for spring and summer terms.
3. Request for domestic Tuition for thesis-based masters students.
4. Arrived 44 minutes late for the second meeting.