



Graduate Students' Association

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

GSA Executives Meeting on March 18, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Attendance: David Ohene-Amoako, Lindsay Carlson, Nickson Joseph, Reza Golpayegani.

Regrets: Jennifer Amarualik-Yaremko

All executives approved all of these actions.

VP Finance:

1. Debrief/discussion on first round of interviews in Operations Manager search. Noted that Lindsay and Jen are meeting with our HR Consultant on March 19.
2. Received a request from Ali for a short phone call last week. He wanted to warn us about an upcoming change that will be announced next week (my prediction is some sort of merger), that will not impact students and is “good news” but he could not reveal details at this time.
3. Discussed planning for a Town Hall to discuss changes to H&D plan fee in April. Ali from Studentcare agreed to attend to help explain the changes in the plan.
4. Sought executive approval to give bursary selection committee each a \$10 coffee gift card as a thank you for their dedication this academic year. - Approved
5. Some discussion about next steps to how to proceed with further revisions to the bylaws given the Governance Committees reluctance to participate in further meetings.

VP Academic:

1. Updated executive board about the planning of the elevator pitch competition.

VP External:

1. Moved to approve February 2025 executives' meeting minutes. **(Approved)**
2. **GALA 2025:**
 - a. **Sale of Remaining GALA 2025 Tickets**
 - i. The Executive Board approved the sale of the remaining approximately 35 GALA 2025 tickets to graduate students at a price of \$30 plus tax.
 - ii. To ensure only graduate students purchase these tickets, buyers must use their USASK email to receive the ticket.
 - iii. A maximum of two tickets may be purchased per graduate student.
 - b. **GSA Staff Complimentary Ticket Policy**
 - i. The Executive Board decided not to provide a complimentary +1 ticket to GSA staff, as they are compensated for their time at the GALA.
 - c. **Complimentary Tickets for Awardees**
 - i. Each award recipient will receive three complimentary guest tickets.
 - ii. The Advising Excellence Award recipient requested two additional tickets, which were granted at no cost to avoid charging an awardee for attending their recognition ceremony.
 - d. **Invitations to External Representatives**
 - i. The Executive Board approved invitations for four representatives from the USSU (current executives) and two representatives from ISSAC to attend the event.
 - e. **Complimentary Ticket for Former GSA VP External**
 - i. The current GSA VP External (Reza) informed the Board that a complimentary +1 ticket was offered to Abbas (former GSA VP External) in appreciation of his support during the current fiscal year.
 - f. **Reimbursement for Canva Premium Subscription**
 - i. The Executive Board was informed that the certificate file contained premium content, requiring Reza to activate Canva Premium to access the file.
 - ii. Reza will submit a reimbursement request at the end of April 2025.