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Summer Council Meeting Minutes

University of Saskatchewan-Graduate Students' Association (GSA)

Wednesday, August 19th, 2026; 17:00 -19:00

Meeting Location: GSA Common & Zoom

"As Council gathers, we acknowledge that we are on Treaty C Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another."

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Attendance: See appendix A
Agenda: See Appendix B

Council Chair: Vacant
Vice-Council Chair: Shamsuddeen Ma'aruf (attended as candidate for Chair)
Recording Secretary: Aiminayanate Pepple
Acting Chair / President: Sunny Bui

a. Call to Order

- The GSA president, Sunny Bui chaired the meeting. He welcomed every council member. The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM.
- A land acknowledgment was observed, recognizing Treaty 6 territory and the Métis homeland.

b. Rules and Regulation

Council members were briefed about the:

- Use of Robert's Rules of Order.
- Requirement of mover and seconder for motions.
- Voting procedures (chat or a raise of hands).
- Time allocations: 3 minutes per speaker, with reminders.
- Emphasis on professionalism and respect.

c. Approval of Agenda

Yes: 31
No: 0
Abstention: 0
Motion carried.

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d. Approval of Spring Council Meeting Minutes

Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstention: 0
Motion carried.

e. Motion: Election of GSA Council Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary

- Four candidates submitted interest for the Council Chair position.
- Prannav Jain won the election of the GSA Council Chair position with a total of 13 votes against other candidates.

- Moses Kalamuzi indicated interest in the Council Vice-Chair position and was voted in with a total of 12 votes.
- The new recording secretary is Nikoo Sarmasti who was elected with a total of 8 votes against the second candidate.
- All GSA Council leaders resume duties from September 1, 2026 to August 31st, 2027.

f. Motion: Move in-Camera for Codes of Ethics & Discipline Committee Report on Election 26/27 Complaints

- Unanimous

g. Ethics Committee Decision Regarding the Disqualification of Votes Cast for the Candidate for VP External Affairs, 2026/2027

This matter was considered during the in-camera session. The meeting failed to meet quorum for this decision and the motion did not move forward. The remainder of the agenda was deferred to the next Council meeting for further consideration.

h. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

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Appendix A

	Academic Council	Councillor	August 2026
1	Agricultural and Resource Economics Graduate Students' Society	**Councilor** - Aminata Ba **Alternate** - Cornelius Mensah	A
2	Animal and Poultry Science Graduate Students' Association	**Councilor** - Megan Dubois **Alternate** - Beatriz Montenegro	P
3	Biology Graduate Students' Association	**Councilor** - Portia Mohrbutter **Alternate** - Laura Dyson	P
4	Chemistry Course Council	**Councilor** - Shreya Tiwary **Alternate** - Segun Liyansan	A
5	College of Medicine Graduate Student Society (CMGSS)	**Councilor 1** - Griffin Lehnert **Alternate 1** - Christopher Chivers	A
		Councilor 2 - Amber Jurke **Alternate 2** - Hetvi Darji	A
6	College of Kinesiology Graduate Society	**Councilor** - Jessamy Sundby **Alternate** - Jessamy Sundby	A
7	Computer Science Graduate Council (CSGC)	**Councilor** - Mary-fidelma Chioma Ndupu **Alternate** - Mahdi Moayeri	P
8	Education Graduate Students Association (EGSA)	**Councilor** - Kiegan Lloyd **Alternate** - Rumpa Banik	A
9	Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC)	**Councilor 1** - Farzana Haque Reeti **Alternate 1** - Binod Sapkota	P
		Councilor 2 - Adit Raj Chalise **Alternate 1** - Corwyn Shomachuk	P
10	English Course Council	**Councillor** - Hamid Yari **Alternate** - Jasmine Redford	A
11	Geography and Planning Graduate Student Council (GEPL)	**Councilor** - Emily Ireland **Alternate** - Prakash Sapkota	A
12	History Graduate Student Association	**Councilor** - Jessy Lee Saas **Alternate** – Katie Hughes	P
13	Nursing Graduate Students Association	**Councilor** - Kirsten Witter **Councilor** - Aja Tost	A
14	Physics and Engineering Physics Graduate Association of Students at University of Saskatchewan (PEGASUS)	**Councilor** - Jeisson Vanegas **Alternate** - Brody Dunlop	A

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15	Plant Science Graduate Students' Association (PSGSA)	**Councilor 1** - Luke Dojack **Alternate 1** - Makenna Mitchell	P
		Councilor 2 - Giri Raj Paudel **Alternate 2** - Sachinthya Attanayake	P
16	School of environment and Sustainability Student Association	**Councilor 1** - Nelly Ataawomba Afuubi **Alternate 1** - Jethro Opara	A
		Councilor 2 - Jabed Chowdhuary **Alternate 2** - Anas Ansari	A
17	Sociology Graduate Students Association	**Councilor** - Meaghan Boily **Alternate** - Leah Houseman	A
18	Soil Science Graduate Students Association	**Councilor**- Levi Lundell **Alternate** - Levi Lundell	P
19	The School of Public Health Students' Association (SPHSA)	**Councilor 1** - Motajo Modupeoluwa Olakunle	A
		Councilor 2 - Angelica Caresse Uy **Alternate** - Sun Thai	P
20	Toxicology Graduate Student Association	**Councilor** – Mawuli Amekor **Alternate** - Catherine Roberts	A

Executive member	**Name**	**August 2026**
Executive President	Sunny Bui	P
Exec. VP Finance and Operations	Hayley Pelletier	P
Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs	Rupesh Acharya	P
Exec. VP External Affairs	Md Faisal Kabir Rozars	P
Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement	Laila Valila	P

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