



GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors



Notice of Meeting
Monday, 16 January 2018, 18:00 – 18:30
Teleconference

Agenda

		Pages	Action
	OPEN SESSION		
6:00	1. Agenda / Additional agenda items		Decision
	2. Remarks from the Chair	Oral	Information
	3. Minutes from the 16 January 2018 Board Meeting	2 – 3	Decision
6:05	4. Board Chair Position	4	Decision
6:10	5. UPASS Fee Change Correction	4	Decision
6:30	6. Adjournment		Decision

28 January 2018

Robert D. E. Henderson, Chair

Please convey regrets in advance to:

gsa.chair@usask.ca

Questions and comments should be sent to:

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GSA Board of Director's Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th, 5:00 p.m.

Room 2680 WCVM

Present: Ziad Ghaith (GSA President); Wanda Seidlikoski-Yurich (director, 2-year term)(left at 19:55); Arinjay Banerjee (Council appointee)(left at 21:28); Levi Johnson (director, 2-year term); Jordan Bonkowski (VP Operations & Finance); Logan Pizzey (director, 1-year term), Robert Henderson (chair)

Regrets: Chris Maierhoffer (Council appointee)

Recording minutes: Logan Pizzey

OPEN SESSION

1. Agenda/Additional agenda items
 - a. Call to order 5:05 p.m.
 - b. Call for changes to the agenda – none
 - c. Adopted by consensus

IN CAMERA *No notes taken

OPEN SESSION

Consent Agenda

Motion: To approve and/or receive for information by consent the items listed below.

6. Minutes from the November 21, 2017 board meeting
7. Progress Reports from the Vice-Presidents

Adopted by consensus.

Regular Agenda

9. Report of the VP Operations and Finance on UPASS Fee changes

Bonkowski: -The fee change application submitted November 21st.
-Word was received back in early December that clarification was needed regarding the submission.
-Clarification was provided after it came back.
-Vote was scheduled to occur by December 21st but haven't heard back and thus, expect that the fee change will not occur this semester.

Ghaith: -Sits on the university committee that reviews this and can report that it was in fact rejected.
-A new application will need to be submitted if an increase on the UPASS is required.

Henderson: -What are the reasons it was rejected?

Ghaith: -The university was hesitant to change fees mid-way through the year due to students with an installment plan. This would cause those students to have outstanding fees at the end of their term.
-University also felt that they didn't want students coming to them to complain about this increase when it was a GSA decision.
-Didn't want to set a precedent going forward to do fee changes middle of the year.

Banerjee: -Should this be passed on to council since they originally voted on this?

Henderson: -Council should be notified that the university rejected the proposal.

10. President's Update

Ghaith: -Decided to postpone taking representation on university board of governors to university council until February meeting upon advice from another individual.

[confidential session]

Meeting ended 9:34 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MOTIONS

1. **Motion:** *Resolved*, that the GSA Board hereby appoints Logan Pizzey as Board Chair, effective Tuesday, 30 January 2018.
2. **Motion:** *Resolved*, that in light of new information, the GSA Board hereby reverses the following decision from its 21 November 2017 meeting:

To include the necessary administration fees for the Winter Term U-Pass, which would add an additional \$4.11 to the current U-Pass rate, bringing the total cost of the Winter U-Pass to \$112.55 (3.8% increase).