

# Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Agenda



## University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Agenda Tuesday, October 1, 2013 5:15 P.M -7:00 P.M GSA Commons

Present – Ehimai Ohiozebau (President), Izabela Vlahu (VP Academic), Steve Jimbo (VP External), Reanne Ridsdale (VP Student Affairs), Kiri Staples (VP Operations and Communications), Mohammad Rafati (VP Finance), Claire Gosselin (Aboriginal Liaison/Rotating Chair), Nicole Callihoo (Aboriginal Liaison/Rotating Chair)

Welcome to new VP Finance and Ops and Communication

### 1.0 Call to Order

### 2.0 Introductions

- Welcome to new VP Finance, VP Operations and Aboriginal Liaison
- The AIGSC will have a rotating chair, including Omeasoo Butt, Claire Gosselin and Nicole Callihoo
- Thanks to Nicole for all of her hard work in the position of Aboriginal Liaison

### 3.0 Allegations against GSA

- Motion– propose that the GSA Executive recommend issue of allegations against the GSA to be deferred to the University Disciplinary Committee to investigate
- Understand that the GSA has been accused of embezzlement, and if there is embezzlement, there needs to be evidence and sanctions
- In favour: 5, Oppose: 1, Abstain: 1
- Motion passed

### 4.0 Meeting with College of Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR)

- Presentation to CGSR will be attended by VP Academic (Izabela)

### 5.0 UPass Implementation

- Propose to send a motion to GSA council to approve money to balance the 1% fee that the University is charging us for administration costs of the UPass

### 6.0 GSA Course Council meetings

- GSA Chair has informed us that VP Ops should upload documents for meetings onto website
- Documents should be sent to course councilors a minimum for 3 days before meeting, including agenda items, minutes and reports

- Next Course Council meeting is Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – send reports and motions to VP Ops by 6PM Sunday, the agenda, reports, minutes and any other relevant documents will be sent to Course Councilors by Monday

#### 7.0 UPass Negotiation

- Want to send motion to GSA Council suggesting forming new UPass Negotiation Committee
- Will be made up mainly of course councilors and students to prepare question and students will campaign for and against question

#### 8.0 UPass Survey

- VP Ops will write letter to Saskatoon Transit requesting the results of the survey that took place in fall

#### 9.0 Executive budget for VP Academic

- Want to form advisory body for VP Academic position – is only source of advocacy for students and VP could use the help
- Next VP could come from this committee, someone who is informed of the duties
- People have already expressed interest, but would like staff position as well – best way to do this is to have budget
- Hoping it will set precedence for future years to take responsibilities off VPs, involve more students and include staff to improve corporate memory
- VP Academic suggests about 4 hours a month for 6 meetings (around \$500)
- VP Finance needs to first get better idea of responsibilities, better idea of budget, and audit just to see if it is possible

#### 10.0 Letter from English Department sent to University officials - how Executive should respond to it

- Students in the English Department (and potentially in other departments) were told they didn't have offices but were told they could do "hotelling" – 50 students have access to a certain number of offices and it's first come, first serve, but can't leave anything in the office
- Concerns include: inconvenience for students, safety concerns, offices are important for teaching
- This decision was made by facility management
- This complaint was sent to many university officials
- Other departments have no room whatsoever, so it's an important issue
- Will bring this up at President's Breakfast Meeting

#### 11.0 GSA Bursary

- VP Ops need to send info about GSA Bursaries to students

#### 12.0 Adjournment