

Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Agenda



University of Saskatchewan

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Executive Meeting Minutes

June 27

Attending: Izabela Vlahu (President), Xin Lu (VP Operations), Ranjan Datta (VP Academic), Rahwa Osman (VP External), Rajat Chakravarty (VP Student Affairs), Dana Carriere (Aboriginal Liaison); Sherri Rohovich (Office Manager)

Absent: Mohammad Rafati (VP Finance)

1. Call to order—3:05pm.
2. Setting the agenda.
3. Executive reports
 - a. VP Academic:
 - i. Dealing with four cases from public health;
 - ii. SECC evens:
 - Should have more student participation;
 - The GSA provides the Commons space, and SECC hold their events
 - b. VP Student Affairs
 - i. Daycare meeting;
 - ii. Parking meeting.
 - c. Aboriginal Liaison
 - i. Advocating for aboriginal students;
 - ii. Meti flag in convocation hall pushing for the space.
 - d. VP External
 - i. CFS: support from other student unions against TransformUS—member union members writing a letter to the board, to the provincial government to stop TransformUS and tuition hike;
 - ii. Rahwa was elected CFS chair in Saskatchewan for student movement in the province;
 - iii. GSA handbook: added a page of GSA staff and ratified groups;
 - iv. Advertisement in GSA handbook;
 - v. Sisters and spirit national awareness event on Oct 4;

- e. Office manager:
 - i. Bursary forms;
 - ii. U-Pass procedure manual;
 - iii. Online applications for coordinators and minute takers;
 - iv. Extended office hours taken care of from 5 to 8 pm by volunteers.
- f. President:
 - i. Propose to our GSA council in electing academic councillors
 - ii. Push harder for parking in residence
- g. VP Operations:
 - i. Bursary application
 - ii. Hiring
- 4. Orientation
 - a. Plan on Sep 4-5, because Sep 2-3 will be University orientation activities
 - b. Two sessions: morning and afternoon, plus an evening BBQ
 - i. BBQ is not eat and go event but having a picnic with fun in the Bowl
 - ii. No alcohol: only burgers, water, juice
 - c. Stage for performances
 - d. VP Aboriginal should work with VP Student Affairs on the picnic BBQ event to organize an Aboriginal content for international students with no knowledge of the Aboriginal culture and for a celebration of Aboriginal culture
 - e. Volunteer recruitment
 - f. Wine and Cheese event on the second day: VP Operations in charge
- 5. U-Pass implementation
 - a. Contract renewal
 - b. Implementation dates
 - c. Opt-out will be online
 - d. Sherri will be for contacting people, coordinators take care of the implementation
 - e. Pick up time
 - i. First week: 9am to 8pm
 - ii. Afterwards: 5-7pm
- 6. Discretionary fund
 - a. This year \$3,000. Last year \$3,500.
 - b. Used to attend GU15 to learn how graduate student associations in other universities are been operated
- 7. Council and Governance.
 - a. Renew info on the website.
- 8. Finances
 - a. Contract with RBC for electronic transaction to deposit money directly.
- 9. Adjournment: 5:10pm