

Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Agenda



University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 18^h, 2014 5:00 P.M -7:00 P.M GSA Commons

Attendees: Ehimai Ohiozebau (President), Steve Jimbo (VP External), Kiri Staples (VP Operations and Communications), Mohammad Rafati (VP Finance), Reanne Ridsdale (VP Student Affairs), Dana Carriere (Aboriginal Liaison)

Regrets: Izabela Vlahu (VP Academic)

1. Call to Order – 5:17PM
2. Letter to University
 - Last two Council meetings on how GSA should provide feedback on TransformUS has gone undecided
 - Unsure whether we should request for extension of analysis phase, because expectation that implementation will be ready by April
 - Given that time is short, getting feedback from students on what to put in the letter might be difficult
 - Purpose of writing a letter is to express student concerns, as well as explain that we want a role in the ongoing process
 - Role that we would like could potentially include:
 - PCIP – made up of administrators, so a seat here would be difficult, but might be able to ask for place in their process (i.e. if they look for feedback from academic departments, we could ask to be a part of this)
 - Board of Governors – legislated, so without provincial support this would be difficult, but could ask for rotating seat
 - Advisory Committee
 - Would like more opportunities to be involved in vision and development of University
3. Address from VP Student Affairs
 - Co-authored letter with USSU to Board of Governors regarding support for expansion of childcare centre
 - UPASS – VP Student Affairs is in charge for planning in upcoming term

- For administration and implementation of spring/summer, we had a conversation on hiring staff. But due to limitation in time and need for training new staff, VP student affairs and two previously trained staff will work extra and be paid for this purpose
 - Dates for opt-outs and pick-ups have been moved up because students will likely be traveling for research, and to improve transition to new Executives
 - Working with IT to create computer system that improves process of finding out whether or not students are registered – students need to be registered in both spring and summer term to get UPASS
4. Update on auditing process
 - Showed GSA didn't received one of its cheque from the University in April 2010. The value was around \$34000. I expect to get that cheque by the end of March.
 5. Elections
 - Nomination packages online
 - Might be good idea once new Executives are here to organize meet and greet with USSU
 6. Adjournment 6:20 PM