

Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Minutes



**University of Saskatchewan
Tuesday, January 27th, 2015
5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M
GSA Commons**

Present: President, VP Academic, VP Student Affairs, VP External, Aboriginal Liaison
Regrets: VP Operations and Communications

Call to order at 5:15 p.m.

1.0 Approval of Agenda

2.0 Approval of minutes from previous meeting (January 13, 2015)

- 2.1 Approval of the minutes with the condition that the attendees are added.
- 2.2 All approved.

3.0 Gala

3.1 VP External reported the following:

- To meet the proposed revenues of the Gala, we need to raise \$13,000 more.
- Signed contract with the Radisson. Radisson mentioned that the GSA has earned Carlson points from last years event, which can be used towards accommodations for a keynote speaker.
- Entertainment will consist of talent from various student associations
- Nomination call for awards will be sent next week and put on the GSA website

4.0 Conference

4.1 Communications in regards to submitting abstracts for the conference were sent earlier this month. Only 10 abstracts have been received, but more are expected closer to the deadline. A reminder will be sent to graduate students this week week, as well as a message to faculty to encourage their students to submit abstracts.

4.2 Keynote speakers are confirmed for March 5th and March 6th.

5.0 3MT

5.1 The President informed that CGSR is funding the Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) competition that will be taking place during GSA week in March.

5.2 Trever Crowe has requested that the winner of the 3MT be announced and able to present at the Gala on March 7th. All executives agreed that this was appropriate.

6.0 Social Night

6.1 The GSA is hosting a social night on January 28th. The President invited senior administration, the Ministry of Advanced Education, and the USSU Executive to attend at 6:00 p.m., and students are invited to attend at 7:00 p.m.

7.0 National Graduate Caucus (NGC)

7.1 The National Graduate Caucus is taking place on February 27th and 28th. VP External mentioned that a request was received from CFS Ontario to have a representative present on revolution of Transform US.

7.2 All executives agreed that VP Academic and the President would attend.

7.3 All executives approved that fees to attend NGC will come from the Executive 7.4 Discretionary Fund.

8.0 Funding Request from EGCC

8.1 All executives agreed to approve funds for \$500 with request that the GSA will be acknowledged as sponsors on their promotional materials.

9.0 Adjournment 6:15 p.m.