



## GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Executive Meeting

### Executive Agenda

Friday, November 3, 2017, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

GSA Commons



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**Present:** Z. Ghaith (President), J. Bonkowski (VP Finance & Operations), A. Kiani (VP Student Affairs), N. Sahtout (VP External), I. Efimoff (Indigenous Liaison)

#### 1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

- a. Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM. We are more than halfway through our terms!

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Kiani wishes to add GSA Parking as an item in the open session (Item 9).
- b. Ghaith adds the Co-Curricular Record topic (Item 10).
- c. Sahtout moves to approve the agenda as amended. Kiani seconds. All in favour.

**Motion Carried.**

#### 3. Approval of October 27 Minutes

- a. Bonkowski circulated the minutes for edits following the October 27 meeting. They have since been posted on the website. Kiani moves to approve. Sahtout seconds. All in favour.

**Motion Carried.**

#### 4. Indigenous Liaison Update

- a. Attended Halloween Social. Had a friend informally DJ while at the event, which went well. Efimoff recommends doing this for future events with some sort of compensation associated.
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- b.** Presented to TLARC regarding efforts and student input on Indigenization.
- c.** Planning a Soldier Commemoration for Saturday, November 11 to take place on campus.
- d.** Currently searching for resources for students doing research with Indigenous community given recent increase in requests for this type of assistance from the IGSC.

#### **5. VP External – Update**

- a.** Gala planning is underway! The date is March 31. Sahtout is waiting to hear back from the Council Chair about the composition of the Gala Committee.
- b.** Attending the Saskatchewan CFS meeting tomorrow in Regina. The RISE conference is on the agenda, and Efimoff has submitted feedback about the event. Sahtout will also provide an update on membership, events and ideas as to how CFS materials can be used to help better the Association. Sahtout will also move a Motion for Gala, 3MT and conference funding to be provided from CFS-Saskatchewan.
- c.** Talked to Studentcare Representative about their presentation at the upcoming Council meeting (November 21). Sahtout has asked for a table comparing the coverage offered by other members of the U15.
- d.** Health Chats - Zumba will take place November 23 and a Health and Nutrition session December 6.

#### **6. VP Student Affairs – Update**

- a.** Meeting w/ students regarding academic and non-academic issue
- b.** Met w/ U of S Parking Manager, see Item 9

- c. Workshop in December re: Digital Marketing
- d. Initial planning for 3MT, working with CGPS. Hoping to have the event on March 15 and 16. Maybe these dates change. Kiani has also reached out to potential judges for the event.

## **7. VP Finance & Operations – Update**

- a. Bonkowski has been working closely with the GSA Office Manager to file the annual insurance forms for the GSA. This submission was officially made on November 2, and takes effect on November 5.
- b. The Fall bursary application window opened on October 26 and is set to close on Friday, November 10. There will be 20 recipients selected to receive the Fall bursaries.
- c. Bonkowski attended the AM ceremony of Fall Convocation to represent the GSA and show support for the graduate students who convoked.
- d. Bonkowski met with the Copyright Advisory Committee on November 2. They discussed the current state of copyright policy at the university. There is also a Copyright and Your Thesis session next week for graduate students that is being held at the GSA Commons.

## **8. President – Update**

- a. U-Pass survey deadline is approaching (November 10). There are 476 responses so far. This is a good sample to present data about feelings towards the Spring/Summer U-Pass. Results will be shared with Council.
- b. Met w/ along w/ Sahtout regarding the CCR designation

- c. GSA Council requested a drafted positioning statement regarding graduate student representation on University Council. Ghaith is working on this initiative and will likely form a group to ensure the statement covers all views.
- d. Attended RAAC Council meeting
- e. Attended President's Reception for United Way Donors w/ Sahtout.
- f. Attended Convocation on Saturday, October 28.

## **9. GSA Parking**

- a. Kiani had a meeting with the Manager of Parking and Transportation Services at the university to discuss GSA parking options. Parking and Transportation Services didn't accept GSA's proposal to have a parking spot at the GSA building that GSA could use for events and GSA guests. Parking and Transportation Services options were not acceptable for the GSA executives. The executives will continue to work on other options with the parking office.

## **10. Co-Curricular Record**

- a. Idea is a nation-wide initiative that involves a transcript that describes non-academic activities within the University. Encourages student engagement within the University. There are guidelines for what constitutes co-curricular criteria. The GSA is responsible to set these criteria for participation with student initiatives that involve the Association. Sahtout will take the lead on this initiative. Email suggestions to her. Plans to have it ready for December Council meeting.

## **11. Other Business**

## **12. Confidential Session**

**13. In Camera Session**

**14. Adjournment**

- a. Efimoff moves to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Bonkowski seconds. All in favour.

**Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.**