



**University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Executive Committee Minutes
Friday, February 10th, 2017 - GSA Commons**

Present: Z. Ghaith (President), N. Absher (VP Operations), S. Sapal (VP Student Affairs), K. Sharma (VP Finance), I. Efimoff (VP Aboriginal Liaison) & C. Gaspar (VP External)

Regrets: A. Kiani (VP Academic)

1. Call to Order at 5:04 PM

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Executive Committee added Health Chat, Communications, February Social, Tax Filing and Anti-Racism Workshop. All in favor.

Carried.

Sharma moved a motion to add the mathematics to the agenda. 2 in favor, 3 opposed.

Failed.

Ghaith moved a motion to skip reports. 4 in favor. 2 opposed.

Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of GSA Executive Meetings:

3.1. Minutes of GSA Executive Meetings on January 27th, 2017

Ghaith moved a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 27th, 2017. Seconded by Efimoff. All in favor.

Failed.

4. Presentation by BGSA

BGSA will be hosting a biology-prairie event. To lower registration cost, BGSA is fundraising. There will be students from multiple universities. Although mainly for graduate students (75%), there will also be undergraduate students. \$500-1000 is their goal to fundraise from the GSA which will cover catering, administration, and speaker's costs.

Efimoff moved a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$300 to BGSA. Seconded by Ghaith. All in favor.

Carried.

5. Presentation by PGSA

PGSA is planning an event on March 3rd in the Louis' Pub, where there will be 50 graduate students attending. This is in association with the undergraduate psychology student association. Ghaith will contact them.

Absher moved a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$300 to PGSA. Seconded by Sapal. 5 in favor. 1 abstained.

Carried.

6. Presentation by SSGSA

The SSGSA VP Student Affairs requested a retroactive social event in December. They are requesting any support. The event costed \$600. It was a department wide event, and about 50 graduate students attended. The tickets to graduate students was \$15 that covered food and drinks.

Ghaith moved a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$100 to SSGSA. Seconded by Efimoff. 5 in favor. 1 opposed (VP Finance).

Carried.

7. Presentation by EGCC

EGCC is an umbrella for six academic units. The Executive Committee approved \$400 on January 27th, 2017. EGCC is requesting the committee to reconsider the funding and increase it due to the high anticipated attendance.

Absher moved a motion to approve an addition of \$300 to EGCC 's event. Seconded by Gaspar. 4 in favor. 2 abstained. Sapal will inform them.

Carried.

Sapal moved a motion to override the above motion. Seconded by Efimoff. Sapal explained that EGCC represents 6 academic councils, and has the largest number of graduate students.

Sapal moved a motion to approve an addition of \$600 to EGCC 's event. Seconded by Efimoff. 1 in favor. 5 opposed. Original motion carries.

Failed.

Sharma moved a motion to override the above motion. Seconded by Sapal.

Sharma moved a motion to approve an addition of \$400 to EGCC ' s event. Seconded by Efimoff. 3 in favor. 2 opposed. 1 abstained.

Carries.

8. Presentation JSGS

JSGS sent a representative to request a sponsorship of \$500 for a wine & cheese event in Regina. The event takes place tonight and there are 30 students travelling. Ghaith will inform them.

Gaspar moved a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$450 to JSGS. Seconded by Efimoff. 2 in favor. 4 opposed.

Failed.

Gaspar moved a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$300 to JSGS. Seconded by Efimoff. 5 in favor. 1 abstained.

Carried.

9. Reports

1. VP External

CFS increased membership fees of 1.43% per individual member for 2017/2018. \$5.99 per semester. This is based on CPI. This does not require consultation of the council. Gaspar will investigate the process of the fees for U of S to accommodate this change.

10. Items for Actions/Information

10.1. Gala Updates

[C. Gaspar]

Gala tickets and nominations are live and have been advertised on the media. The U of S alumni created an event page. An email went out to students. Posters were printed. Invitations have been extended to MLAs.

10.2. 3MT Updates

[Z. Ghaith]

A call for submission was sent to all graduate students and posted on various GSA platforms. Absher proposed to meet to plan the promotional strategy of the Graduate Achievement Week. Gaspar and Sutherland will work together to ensure these posters are advertised on the TV displays across the campus.

10.3. Election process for the Aboriginal executive

[I. Efimoff]

In the governance review committee, there was a discussion to hold this election at the same time as other GSA Executive elections, using the same online platform. This was taken back to the IGSC and various options were discussed, with members requesting time to deliberate further. make this position as a by-election to Indigenous students or to make it elected by all graduate

students to keep it as is.

10.4. GSA communications with the University

[Z. Ghaith]

Ghaith explained that the University Administration is unsure if they should reply to requests by different executives. There should be central communications for requesting funds.

10.5. Health Chat

[N. Absher]

Absher explained that there will be a Health Chat on February 24th, 2017 in collaboration with VP Academic and the PAC. 3 gift cards (\$10) will be given out as a prize to the attendees.

Gaspar is coordinating another health chat with an expert panel that will cover the topic of sexual health.

10.6. communications (In Camera)

[N. Absher]

10.7. February social

[S. Sapal]

The February social will be board game night on February 24th, 2017 after the Health Chat.

Sapal moved a motion to allocate \$220.00 towards the February Social. Absher seconded. All in favor.

Carried.

10.8. Tax filling

[K. Sharma]

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

10.9. Anti-racism workshop

[Z. Ghaith]

Ghatih moved a motion to allocate \$100 towards the anti-racism workshop. Gaspar seconded. All in favor.

Carried.

11. Adjournment at 7:31 PM.