



GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Executive Meeting



Executive Agenda

Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 5 – 7 pm

GSA Commons

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

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Orientation update added (Item 9), Executive Reports (Item 4),

Ghaith moves to approve agenda, Gaspar seconds. All in favour.

Carried.

3. Approval of June 28 Minutes

Gaspar moves to approve minutes. Kiani seconds. All in favour.

Carried.

4. Executive Updates

Gaspar – Brand Ambassador has been hired, will be trained through CFS next week

tentative start date August 1. CFS campaign materials will be ordered. ThinkGrad

whitepaper in progress. Met with Peter Henley Re: Mental Health / Wellness Strategy.

Consent dance meeting in future.

Efimoff – Consultation for Museum of Natural Sciences restructuring. Edited MoA for Union. Study Abroad session / feedback. Collaboration with ISC (undergrads) regarding better organization in coming academic term, Indigenous Student Leadership Group (ISLG) revived.

Bonkowski – Board meeting, Lease review, job postings for Commons / Events Coordinators to be posted soon. A/V equipment pricing / research has begun. Will contact rep regarding GSA App, will loop in Kiani regarding orientation promo.

Kiani – Different meetings: six hearing board, Study Abroad, student advocacy, ISAC and Orientation fundraising, Orientation Campus Expo. Orientation prep (ordering swag / planning).

Ghaith – 13 meetings. Working on Union MoA (in progress). Athletic Fees MoA. Consultation regarding the new Student supervisor agreement. Participating in SSC.

5. Executive Meeting Agenda Duties

Bonkowski moves to have Ghaith make the call for Exec meeting agendas. Efimoff seconds. Ghaith creates bulk of agenda so he will make call for additional items.

Bonkowski will still circulate final document. All in favour.

Carried.

Revised at the end of the meeting, Ghaith suggested that the GSA office manager send the call for exec agenda items and Bonkowski to receive the items and put the agenda together.

6. Commons A/V Equipment

\$10,000 available (5 K awaiting final approval from CGPS) – Suggestions from Exec regarding purchasing decisions: Large screen; Efimoff - better sound; Ghaith - focus

more on visual, potential providers available through University, Ghaith will look into this. Ask Sherri to reach out to IT regarding quote / assessment.

7. GSA/Union MoA

Plan to sign by August. Still open to feedback. Will be reviewed by legal consult, in progress. Will require Board / Council approval. Two drafts with varying language have been submitted to consultant in order to determine best course of action moving forward. Document is currently confidential. Ghaith does not expect substantial changes from the Union.

8. Update – Summer UPASS

Ghaith has taken on this initiative since the departure of Andersone. Has been in touch with Saskatoon Transit, organization undergoing an internal restructuring and thus movements have been stalled. Communications expected to resume in August. A referendum will take place once communications have begun again.

9. Update – Recreation and Athletic Advisory Council MoA

Currently working towards completion of document that defines the term of reference regarding fee increases and student consultation moving forward. Review will take place on July 19. Document is currently confidential.

10. Update – Orientation

Majority of items required for Orientation have been ordered. Event Coordinator role, which will assist with Orientation, will be posted ASAP. Fundraising is still ongoing and some part fundraising happened (ISAC and PAC). Collaboration with USSU and University Orientation ongoing. Plans to hire grad student as DJ entertainment for event. Will take place on afternoon of September 6.

11. Confidential Session

12. In Camera Session

13. Other Business

14. Adjournment

Gaspar moves to adjourn at 6:27 pm. Efimoff seconds. All in favour

Carried. Meeting Adjourned.
