



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2019

Present: Naheda Sahtout (President), Jesus Corona Gomez (VP Finance and Operations), Somtochukwu Ufondu (VP External), Edgar Martinez-Soberanes (VP Student Affairs).

Regrets: none

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The President asked if there were any additions or amendments to the agenda as circulated.

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated moved by the VP External and seconded by the VP Finance and Operations.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the March 28, 2019 Executive Meeting Minutes

The President asked whether there were any further amendments to the March 28, 2019 Executive Meeting Minutes. These have been posted to the website.

Motion to approve the March 28, 2019 Executive Meeting Minutes moved by the VP Finance and Operations and seconded by the VP External.

Motion carried.

4. Items for Action

4.1 Office Computers /Audio System

The President reminded the Executives about the office computers purchase, emphasizing they will be charged until May. The computers chosen will be regular units as discussed in the last Executive meeting. The VP Student Affairs mentioned that part of the update of the audio system is that the projector can be connected to the podium directly. The VP Student Affairs explained that according to the meeting with the audio technician, there will be no need to change right now the amplifiers. In case an amplifier gets out of service in the future, only one amplifier will be sufficient, while the other one is replaced.

The VP Student Affairs moved to approve the changes in the Audio System except the amplifiers. This motion was seconded by the VP External.

Motion carried.

4.2 Cheque remittance

Whereas GSA bylaws 5.4.3 restricts expenditure amounts above \$500, of any budget line, with the exception of salaries and Executive honorariums, without a majority vote of the Executive.

- Cheque 3609 on April 3, 2019 to Houghton Boston RE: 3-MT Booklet of \$505.05
- Cheque 3608 on April 6, 2019 to Freeze Framez RE: Gala Photobooth of \$1,276.5
- Cheque 3610 on April 6, 2019 to Dawn Stranden RE: Gala Photography of \$555.0
- Cheque 3615 on April 11, 2019 to Delta Hotels RE: Final invoice Gala booking of \$12,504.40
- Cheque 3613 on April 11, 2019 to Love & Lace RE: Final invoice for Gala decorations of \$1300.64
- Cheque 3612 on April 11, 2019 to Houghton Boston RE: Gala Programs of \$1015.65

Motion to approve the above expenditure moved by the VP Finance and Operations and seconded by the President.

Motion carried.

5. Items for Information / Discussion

5.1 Awards Gala

The VP External thanked the Executives for their support for the Gala, especially the GSA President and the Office Manager for their extraordinary support and guidance during the preparations of the GSA Gala that took place last Saturday April 6th. The VP External added that, based on the feedback he obtained from the guests, students and University admin, the Gala was an enjoyable success in all aspects.

5.2 Sustainability Committee's event

The VP External mentioned that the Sustainability Committee wanted to hold an event next week with only two weeks of preparation. The purpose of this event was to educate and bring sustainability awareness to the graduate community. The VP External explained that this would have been a \$200 dollars event. However, since the timing is bad, considering that exams have begun, the committee decided to forgo the event and recommend it to the next committee.

6. Other Business

6.1 Topics for ThinkGrad

The GSA President commented that the VP Finance and Operations is attending on the next day the ThinkGrad meeting. The GSA President asked the Executives whether they have any topic they consider it should be discussed and presented from Usask GSA. The VP Student Affairs suggested implied status and student supervisor relationship.

6.2 Other topics

6.2.1. Implied status

It was mentioned that updates regarding the change in employment for those under implied status is still pending; senior administration was still awaiting confirmation from IRCC.

6.2.2. Fusion – “Patty’s little secret project”

The VP Student Affairs suggested to ask and discuss about how this project involves the graduate community?

6.2.3. Transition meeting with ingoing Executives

The President reminded the Executives to contact the incoming Executives to provide them their corresponding transition manual and discuss their duties, and answer their questions.

7. Confidential Session

8. In Camera Session

9. Adjournment of Meeting

The President asked whether there was any other business arising. Seeing none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

While the Executives had intended to hold a final meeting on April 25, 2019, at least of the Executives indicated that they would not be able to attend and because quorum would not be reached, the Executives unanimously agreed to not meet.