



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

Dec 9, 2021

The GSA operates on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Present: Rifat Zahan (President), Ehsan Moradi (Vice-President Finance and Operations), Devin Cherneski (Vice-President External Affairs), Mostofa Kamal (Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs)

Regrets/Absent: None

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Zahan.

2. Approval of the Agenda

President Zahan asked whether there were any amendments to the agenda as circulated. There was no amendment.

Motion: To approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved: VP Academic and Students Affair

Seconded: VP Finance and Operations

***Vote: All in Favour,
Motion Carried.***

3. Approval of the last Executive Meeting Minutes

President Zahan asked whether there were any amendments to the last meeting minutes as circulated. There was no amendment.

Motion: To approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved: VP Academic and Students Affair

Seconded: VP Finance and Operations

***Vote: All in Favour,
Motion Carried.***

4. Items for decision

4.1 Cheque remittance

VP Finance and Operations mentioned that we have a cheque with the amount of \$340,519.53 CAD for Studentcare.

Motion: To approve remittance of the Studentcare cheque.

Moved: VP Finance and Operations

Seconded: VP External Affairs

***Vote: All in Favour,
Motion Carried.***

5. Items for Discussion/Information

5.1 Holiday Hangout

The President explained that we are currently looking for sponsors. We already received quotes from the restaurant for the food. She said the current budget is not much for the event so she and VP Academic and Student Affairs had a meeting and prepared a proposal for using budget amounts from other budget codes (with approval from GSA councillors) that will not be used in this round, for example executive's travel. She also indicated that we have already received money from ISAAC, CGPS, and some other personal donations. Additionally, we are still waiting for Faith Leaders, as well. The President added that she will send a reminder note to possible sponsors. The President asked executives to discuss their thoughts about using other budget codes for the Holiday Hangout and Winter orientation. The VP Academic and Student Affairs explained that the allotted money for Winter orientation and social events are not enough even for 200 students, and we need to support more graduate students and we should go forward with the President's plan and try to find money from other budget codes which will not be used this budget-year. The President mentioned that if everyone agrees she will add the two motions for using budget lines for the Holiday Hangout and Winter orientation. VP Finance and Operations mentioned that this is a great plan, and he has full support for the President's proposal.

The President mentioned that the deadline for sign-up for the holiday hangout is December 12.

5.2 Winter Orientation

The President mentioned that we want to order more handbooks, bags, and bottles for Winter Orientation. If Council members allow, then the money from other unused budget codes can be used to provide at least 500 swag bags to graduate students.

5.4. GSA Graduate Student Research Conference

VP Finance and Operations mentioned that the poster for Graduate Student Research Conference is ready to publish and we can have the research conference in the mid of February. He continued that the event is only about graduate students' research, not an actual conference so students will only present their work using a prerecorded video.

5.4. GSA Annual Awards Gala

The President asked VP External Affairs about updates. VP External Affairs explained that he already prepared theme materials and everything going forward. He mentioned as far as the theme, we're looking at, you know, Diverse by Nature to celebrate the graduate students, diverse cultures, research, scholarly and artistic successes, and achievements at the University of Saskatchewan. VP Student Affairs mentioned that we may need recurrent advertisement for the award selection process because if we receive less number of applications (for example, no application under some categories) based on last years' experience.

6. Closed Session

7 Adjournment of Meeting

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:0 PM

Moved: VP Finance and Operations

Seconded: VP Academic and Student Affairs

Vote: All in favour,

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM