



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association
Executive Meeting Agenda
Aug 04nd, 2022
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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: Mostofa Kamal (President), Ehsan Moradi (Vice-President Finance and Operations), Sristy Sumana Nath (Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs), Ozra Mohammadi (Vice-President External Affairs).

Guest: Huzzatul Khan

Regrets: None

Absent: N/a

Land Acknowledgement: The GSA president started the meeting with land acknowledgement.

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by GSA President Mostofa Kamal.

2. Approval of July 7, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes

President Kamal asked whether the meeting minutes of July 7, 2022 is approved as circulated.

Motion: To approve the July 7, 2022, Executives meeting minutes

Moved: VP Finance and Operations

Seconded: VP of students' affairs

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

3. Items for Information / Discussion

3.1 Bangladeshi Students' Association request for budget:

President Kamal started to explain the founding support to each association and academic council. Each group could request a maximum of 500\$ per year. Also, declare the conflict of interest of Mostafa and Sristy as they are from Bangladesh. So, they couldn't vote for the decision. But they could ask questions.

Then, the Bangladeshi Students' association president explained the event to the education team. the program started at five o'clock and we started late 60 people in there and then some people were coming in and out some people, so we can say around 70 people. more than 70% of the member is graduate students. We also invited our alumni and also undergrad students who are also a member of our association, so you those like 70 or 80 people.

As the number and the final ceremony around 9:30 pm on the same day followed by a dinner, it was like dinners and cold drinks and supplies.

He was asked to provide the total expenses including their receipts which he mentioned were 900\$ in total spent for food and gym rental.

Funding request received: July 18, 2022

Motion: The founding of 500\$ for the Bangladeshi students' association

Moved: Ehsan

Second: Ozra

3.2 Meeting with residence manager and his team (for info)

Mostafa mentioned since the September University of Saskatchewan will return to totally in person. So, all the rooms are booked in campus buildings. The office for each building is required to be opened and offer whole services and communicate with students about their issues. All executives need to attend the first meeting but for the next meetings, Sristy and Mostafa will attend.

3.3 Meeting with Student wellness center coordinator (for info)

President Kamal mentioned issues related to the Wellness Center including the Number of employees which is not as the number of pre-pandemics.

3.4 GSA council in-person meeting at GSA commons (discussion)

From September all council meetings will be in-person at the same time as scheduled. For attendees, food and drinks will be served before the meeting. The meeting is open to all general students.

3.5 Call for Fall orientation volunteer (discussion)

5 volunteers are needed for the fall orientation event. Mostafa will email the student on the volunteer list about the volunteer positions. It will be shared on social media as well.

3.6 Identifying issues to take to the Canadian Federation of Students CFS (discussion)
VP external affairs will attend the CFS meetings.

Issues:

- Increase scholarships: increase the amount and number of scholarships. The number of graduate students increased to 4400 (highest in the university's recorded history), but scholarships haven't changed yet.
- Deferential tuition for international master's students. Make a policy to usask can't increase tuition more than 1.5 times for international students.; it will affect the number of students coming to usask.

3.7 GSA executive required in-person meeting attendance to various university communities starting from Fall (discussion)

All meetings will be in-person. If any executive couldn't attend let the others know to attend on behalf of them. Accept meeting invitations to have it on your calendar.

3.8 Approval of July executive meeting minutes

Motion: Approval of July executive meeting minutes

Moved: Ehsan

Second: Sristy

3.9 Schedule discussion for Fall'22 Orientation

- Sristy will provide program details,
- Orientation just for fall coming students (100 grad students are allowed due to GSA Commons Space limit)
- Swag bag for total 250 grad students (new and current students)
Registration page for orientation and swag bag items will be announced in the August newsletter.

3.10 One-hour GSA session in the JumpStart program about

- Aug 19, 2022
- Sristy will make a presentation; all executives are welcome to attend

Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting was adjourned by Mostofa Kamal at 7:23 pm.

Move: Ehsan

Second: Sristy