



I acknowledge that I live and work on Treaty 6 Territory and the homeland of the Métis. I pay my respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

GSA Meeting September 20, 2023

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Attendance: Mostofa Kamal, Abbas Fazel Anvari-Yazdi, Ramin Mohammadi, Kayla Benoit, Sristy Sumana Nath

Regret: None

Guest: None

Land Acknowledgment:

GSA President Mostofa Kamal.

3. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 PM by GSA President Kamal.

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the current agenda

Moved: VP-Academic (Sristy Sumana)

Seconded: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

Agenda Items: (Discussion and Decision)

President:

1. GSA Office Manager Starting Date:

The start time for office manager will be September 22, 2023, and the contract will be signed the same day.

2. GSA Office Manager Contract Letter Review by Executives:

- Office manager salary will be: 45,000.00 CAD for one-year full-time contract from September 22, 2023, until September 21, 2024. The contract may extend based on the expected qualifications.

Move: VP-Academic (Sristy Sumana)

2nd: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)

Vote: All in Favour

Motion Carried.

- Some amendments added to the Office manager contract which are:
 1. The office manager will attend to meetings that GSA has with companies and stakeholders like Studentcare, City of Saskatoon and related meetings for U-pass. In any circumstances, if the GSA executives were unable to attend the meetings, the office manager is responsible for attending the meetings requested by executives.
 2. GSA office manager MUST report any serious incidents to both GSA president and VP-Finance.
 3. Office manager is responsible for any external official communication under the supervision of VP-External. (Ex. Government, MPs and etc.)
 4. GSA office manager is responsible for asking, collecting, and compiling of GSA handbooks materials including the university leaders, companies, government, MPs.
- All GSA executives have access to parking pass only, and it is not included to office manager's contract.

3. GSA Representative to University's Governance Committee

All GSA executives have to attend the university governance committees assigned for.

4. Writing Feedback for VPIE candidates

VP-Indigenous, Kayla will prepare the VPIE feedback on behalf of the GSA executives and the GSA president will send the feedback to the university president's office.

5. Graduate Research Conference Venue selection, Prize Money, Format:

GSA research conference will be held on November 9, 2023.

Venue: Convocation Hall

Prize: 2,000.00 CAD (500.00 CAD each-4 winners)

Refreshments: 1,000 CAD

Format: Poster (100)

6. Elevated Speech Competition Venue, Prize Money & Quantity determination

The GSA elevated speech postponed to October 17, 2023.

Venue: GSA Commons

Prize: 1st: 300, 2nd: 250, and 3rd: 200

Refreshments: snacks, 100 sandwiches

Attraction: distributing thirst to everyone

Full budget 2,000 CAD

7. Request for 500 CAD funding for computer science council:

Move: VP=External (Abbas Fazel)

2nd: VP-Indigenous (Kayla Benoit)

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

VP-Academic:

1. Distribution of leftover t-shirts:

Due to late arrival of some parts of GSA T-shirts, the GSA executive committee decided to keep the T-shirts and wait for winter orientation and our events and then we make a flyer to distribute the leftovers later.

Move: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)

2nd: President (Mostofa Kamal)

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

VP-External:

1. Distribution of GSA handbooks to EGCC Conference:

GSA executive committee approved to pass 50 GSA handbooks to EGCC Conference for September 28, 2023, which will be held in the engineering college.

Move: President (Mostofa Kamal)

2nd: VP-Academic (Sristy Sumana)

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42

Move: VP-Academic (Sristy Sumana)