



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 Meetings on June 3 and 19, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Attendance: David Ohene-Amoako, Lindsay Carlson, Nickson Joseph, Jennifer Amarualik-Yaremko, Reza Golpayegani

Regret: None

Guest: None

All executives approved all of these actions.

President:

1. Proposed to have an established meeting time for Executives and all agreed to have biweekly meetings until September. (Every other Wednesday at 5 PM)
2. Proposed to put a message from the president on our social media.
3. Proposed to form a committee of executives to investigate the question of the office manager salary, specifically who office manager is technically employed by, whose jurisdiction salary changes are under, and appropriate market value for the position.
4. Proposed the reach out to all GSA representatives from all academic councils to introduce new executives and hopefully promote good communication and collaboration.
5. Missed the second meeting in June.

VP Finance:

1. Proposed to post information about student rights and best practices for conflict resolution in addition to student-supervisor agreement on the GSA website (in response to a student inquiry).
2. Proposed a list of best practices for organizing GSA files and information to improve efficiency within current executives and promote smoother transition to future executives.
3. Provided an update on the status of budget, including a few line items being investigated re: whether they are needed anymore. In general, the budget has not been changed since ~2020 and a number of items are now defunct, most actual budget values need to be updated.
4. Proposed to present and approve AGM minutes in the June council meeting. Proposed to get all 2023-2024 executive meeting minutes updated on the website.
5. Reported to the executive board results of early investigation into issue of office manager salary. Though office manager is paid through Usask, GSA pays the salary via CFOAPAL and is entirely responsible for hiring/salary decisions according to Director of Financial Operations at Usask.
6. Suggested that it may be good to complete an annual performance review before renewing Paul's contract, considering a salary increase.

VP Academic:

1. Discussed an initiative from a Ph.D. student whose supervisor has retired and his new supervisor was delaying his defense without a rational reason.
2. Proposed to meet with GSA chair and Recording secretary before June council meeting.
3. Discussed giving GSA Membership to graduate students of Affiliated Colleges.

VP Indigenous:

1. Updated executive board with key points from her meeting with Angela Jaime.
2. Discussed her plan for an executive board trip to Wanuskewin.
3. Proposed to meet with Abbas Fazel (Previous VP External) about meeting minutes.

VP External:

1. Discussed access to GSA's social media:
 - a. To this date (June 3rd), we do not have access to GSA's Facebook and LinkedIn.
 - b. It seems like the previous executives did not have access to these accounts as well.
2. Requested to put a section on top of next GSA's newsletter and ask graduate students to follow our social media.
3. June 19th update: All of our Social Media Passwords are secured in VP External's inbox according to the executive board discussion. (Including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter (X), LinkedIn, and GSA's Gmail account for executives.)
4. Reported to the executive board about the GSA Handbook submission process and assured everyone that it would be submitted before June 21st.
5. Shared Meeting minutes files that he received from the previous VP External.