



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 Executive Meeting June 27, 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

The meeting started at 5:17 pm

Mostofa Kamal: The GSA president started the meeting with land acknowledgement.

Approval of the meeting minute May 9, 2023:

Move: Sristy

2nd: Ramin

Agenda Items: (Discussion and Decision)

VP- Students and Academic:

1. **GSA X USSU meeting:** (VP-Academic will send an email to USSU to set the meeting)
2. **Wellness center:** GSA will participate and do partnership with USSU for academic awareness. The importance of sexual harassment, supervisor-student agreements are very important.
3. **Academic Awareness week:** 18-22 September 2023
4. **Fall Orientation'23: T-shirt Contest, swag bags, Orientation plan/Schedule, guest invitation:** VP-Academic will follow-up with the candidates to see if any submissions are received. President Mostofa Kamal and VP-Academic Sristy Sumana will finalize the swag bag orders together, and sustainability of products will be considered. The approximate T-Shirt quote will be \$6 each with the university and GSA logo (Ralph-Lauren company). VP-Acedemic will send the orientation plan for next meeting.

5. **Meeting invitation from Associate Dean of Library:** VP-Academic will send an email to the Dean to ask for their availability to meet.

VP-External:

1. Transition of remaining funding budget from 2023 GALA to 2024 GALA award: VP-External will talk to former VP-External Ozra Mohammadi to finalize the GSA Gala expenditures. Later, the executives will discuss the remained money to transfer.
2. Hand over documents to new executive members: For next year, every executives are responsible to send the hand over documents to new elected members and this item will be added in 2024 AGM policies.
3. **2023-2024 Handbook items approval:** VP-External has prepared the 2023-2024 Handbook components and needs all members' approval.
 - a. Move: Ramin
 - b. 2nd: Sristy
4. **Sending survey regarding the U-Pass:** President and VP-Finance will discuss about the questions for the U-Pass survey. Deadline July 3, 2023.

VP-Finance:

1. **Extending Spring/Summer Bursary application by July 7:** Budget distribution for GSA bursary is \$100K. VP-Finance proposed these portions for each term: 20% for Spring/Summer, 40% for Fall term, and 40% for Winter term.
 - a. Move: Abbas
 - b. 2nd: Mostofa
2. Purchasing new GSA mugs/Cups:
 - a. Move: Mostofa
 - b. 2nd: Abbas
3. Washing GSA Common Sofa:
 - a. Move: Mostofa
 - b. 2nd: Sristy

President:

1. **GSA Budget request (\$92,000 for 2023-2024) to CGPS:**
2. For the 2023/2024 academic year; the GSA sincerely request the CGPS to grant the following financial support to carry out its planned annual activities:
3. 1. Contributing CAD 70,000 (GSA will match the equivalent amount from GSA's discretionary fund) towards the GSA needs-based bursary.
4. 2. Contributing CAD 12,000 towards the GSA Annual Awards Gala.
5. 3. Contributing CAD 4,000 towards the Graduate Student Research Conference

6. 4. Contributing CAD 4,000 towards the Research Communication Workshop [new initiative]
7. 5. Contributing CAD 2,000 towards the Pop Talk/Elevated Speech Competition [new initiative]
 - a. Approved by all executives.
 - b. Move: Ramin
 - c. 2nd: Abbas

8. GSA executives representing university committees.

The GSA president informed the executives about the representation to different university committees.

9. GSA Common rental fees waiver request by Bangladeshi society:

- a. Move: Ramin
- b. 2nd: Abbas

10. GSA Event Invitations: all executives are asked to send their event invitations to the chief guest of corresponding events.

The GSA president adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.

Move: Abbas