



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 February 7, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Attendance: Kayla Benoit, Abbas Fazel Anvari-Yazdi, Sristy Sumana Nath

Regret: Ramin Mohammadi

Guest: Rebecca Granovsky-Lasern (SASK CFS Rep)

Land Acknowledgment:

Kayla Benoit (Interim President)

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

Kayla Benoit called the meeting to order at 5:28 PM.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion: To approve the current agenda

Moved: Abbas Fazel (VP-External)

Seconded: Ramin Mohammadi (VP-Finance)

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

None

4. Agenda Items: (Discussion and Decision)

- **December council meeting minutes update**

In relation to the December meeting minutes, the GSA executives have approved the release of the meeting minutes draft to the council and its publication on the GSA website. However, due to significant missing information from the council members' discussion, the current draft report only includes the motivation removal letters from the VP-Indigenous and VP-External.

The GSA executives are seeking assistance from other council members who were actively involved in the December council meeting discussions. They are encouraged to collaborate with the GSA Secretary to help complete the draft accurately.

- **Bylaw updates and plan for emergency General Meeting**

Due to some gaps in the election bylaws, the GSA executives recommend converting the March council meeting to an emergency annual general meeting. This will allow for necessary changes to be made before the election begins in March. The executives will bring this motion to the February 13, 2024 council meeting for discussion and decision.

- **Sponsoring events for Cricket social club**

The Cricket Social Club requested a sponsorship of 9000 CAD from GSA. However, GSA adheres strictly to budgetary constraints and sponsors only in accordance with its policies, supporting councils and social clubs within the specified budget lines. Regrettably, the request has been rejected.

- **Concerns regarding office manager autoreply and his affiliation with GSA.**

The GSA executives and graduate students have expressed concerns regarding the GSA office manager's affiliation, which is listed as 'GSA Manager' rather than 'GSA Office Manager,' as well as the autoreply message used during his leave. Additionally, the GSA executives are apprehensive about the potential side effects of the office manager's long-term absence. A decision on his contract will be determined based on the outcome of the next council's decision.

- **2024-2025 Executives election**

The GSA executives have discussed plans for the upcoming term's GSA election. The GSA chair will be informed and educated to initiate the election process following the Emergency General Annual Meeting in March.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 18:44

- a. *Move: Abbas Fazel (VP-External)*