



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 November 22, 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

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM by GSA President Kamal.

2. 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-External (Abbas Fazel)

Seconded: VP-Academic (Sristy Sumana)

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

Agenda Items: (Discussion and Decision)

1. Elevator pitch competition updates.

GSA received confirmation from the president's office that Dr. Peter Stoicheff will participate in Elevator Pitch competition for opening at 9:30. All executive members must be present before 9:00 am on November 30. 60 participants have registered for this competition. The judging rubrics will be sent by President Mostofa Kamal in advance. The judging committee announcement will be sent by September 24. In case of a similar score ranking, extra awards will be given to the winners.

2. GSA chair election legitimacy issue and Voting council allocations for Engineering and Medicine graduates councils.

Due to a lack of GSA policy transparency for the maximum number of council members voters, the EGCC votes are considered, and in the next GSA AGM, this policy by law will be clarified. This revision will be effective after the next AGM meeting. Hence, GSA will not change the results and move forward and will respect what happened during the last two council meetings.

3. GSA executive representation to CFS NGM 2024 in Toronto.

Representation of LOCAL 101 at CFS NGM in Toronto will be VP-Indigenous and VP-Finance, and President will represent the Saskatchewan Federation of Students.

- a. Move: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)
- b. Second: VP-Academic (Sristy Sumana)
- c. **Motion Carried**

4. GSA advocacy letter support collection at the CFS NGM for a set in the USASK board of governors.

For the last 10 years, GSA is advocating to have a seat in the USASK board of governors, and GSA will write a letter of support and petition during the NGM and if all members agreed, they would sign the petition and it goes to government of Saskatchewan.

- a. Move: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)
- b. Second: VP-Academic (Sristy Sumana)
- c. **Motion carried.**

5. GSA office manager letter discussion and probation period review.

GSA executives will sit and talk with the GSA manager and will discuss about the monthly report comments.

6. CGPS bursary funding collection and disbursement process.

Transferring the bursary needs payments to CGPS to proceed with the awards deposit directly through CGPS account by connection point.

- a. Move: VP-Finance (Ramin Mohammadi)
- b. Second: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)
- c. **Motion carried.**

7. World Cup Cricket match watch party (retrospective approval).

GSA will contribute for \$300 CAD for huskies cricket Club.

- a. Move: VP-Finance (Ramin Mohammadi)
- b. Second: President (Mostofa Kamal)

Motion carried.

8. Bangladeshi Students Association funding approval vote (we discussed it before but didn't vote in the absence of meeting quorum).

Approval for \$250 expenses for Freshers' reception

- a. Move: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)
- b. Second: VP-Finance (Ramin Mohammadi)

Motion carried.

9. Graduate Research Conference (Informational item).

VP-Finance delivered new updates for conference facility and setups.

10. Presenting a uniform tuition fee framework for graduate students through a tuition limit policy (Informational item for the upcoming PEC).

This topic will be presented for the next PEC meeting and will be one of the agenda items for GSA.

11. Introducing a Cost-of-Living Calculator for Graduate Students on our website.

VP-Finance proposed adding a Cost-of-Living Calculator for graduate students on our GSA website. This idea is supported by all executives.

12. Providing an update on the CGPS-GSA bursary (Informational item).

By today, 215 complete applications received.

13. Budget for Mitacs workshops (January and February 2024).

GSA will contribute to MITACS workshops for \$500 CAD. VP-Academic will contribute to flyer preparation.

14. Writing a letter about our issues to the University office that was discussed in the UFA meeting.

GSA will write a joint letter with USFA and will send to USFA to send it to president's office.

15. Adjustment of GALA Event date from April 20 to April 27.

Due to a conflict of date for GSA GALA, this event postponed to April 27, 2024.

- a. Move: VP-External (Abbas Fazel)
- b. Second: VP-Finance (Ramin Mohammadi)

The meeting was adjourned at 19:16

- a. Move: VP-Finance (Ramin Mohammadi)