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GSA Executives Meeting(s) on July 15

Time: 2:08PM to 2:44 PM

Attendance: Hayley Pelletier, Rupesh Acharya, Rozars Faisal & Sunny Bui

Guests: None

Absent: Laila Valila

All executives approved all of these actions.

Approval of Agenda

- Review and approve agenda items and order.

Approval of Previous Minutes

- June 26 meeting minutes are still being finalized.

Agenda Items

1. Vice-President Finance & Operations Report

The meeting focused on items under the Vice-President Finance & Operations portfolio, including event funding applications, event funding policy interpretation, and follow-up actions related to funding administration.

2. Event Funding Applications

a. Chemistry Course Council and Women in Chemistry

- The Executive reviewed the revised funding application submitted by the Chemistry Course Council and Women in Chemistry. The Vice-President Finance & Operations reported that the original funding request exceeded the maximum allowable amount.
- A revised application was submitted requesting the eligible amount of \$250, with an updated budget. The application was reviewed and found to meet GSA funding requirements.
- Motion: That the GSA Executive approve \$250 in event funding for the Chemistry Course Council and Women in Chemistry application.
 - Moved by: VP External, Seconded by: President. Vote: All in favour.
 - Status: PASSED unanimously.

b. Computer Science Graduate Council

- The Vice-President Finance & Operations confirmed that the Computer Science Graduate Council funding application had already been approved at the previous Executive meeting following submission of revised documentation. No further action was required.

c. Black Graduate Students in Saskatchewan

- The Executive reviewed the revised funding application from the Black Graduate Student Association. The discussion noted previous concerns that the event had been advertised as open to the public. Revised documents indicated graduate student participation; however, promotional materials continued to invite the broader public. The Executive agreed that the revised application did not fully address the previous feedback.
- Following discussion, the Executive agreed to provide partial support based on the proportion of graduate student participation.
- **Motion:** That the GSA Executive approve funding for the Black Graduate Student Association application proportional to the percentage of graduate student participants identified in the application, with an additional 5% allowance to recognize accompanying spouses, partners, or dependents. The Vice-President Finance & Operations will provide written feedback explaining that future applications must clearly demonstrate compliance with GSA funding requirements and that promotional materials must accurately reflect the intended graduate student audience.
 - Moved by: VP External. Seconded by: VP Academic. Vote: All in favour.
 - Status: PASSED unanimously.

3. Event Funding Policy Review

- The Vice-President Finance & Operations identified an inconsistency between the GSA Event Funding Application wording and current practice. The Executive discussed that previous application wording referred to an academic-year funding cycle, while the actual administration of event funding has been based on the GSA fiscal year. The application wording has since been corrected to reflect the fiscal year. Previously submitted applications affected by the wording discrepancy will be honoured under the former interpretation.
- The Executive discussed whether ratified group eligibility periods should be aligned with the fiscal year. Members noted that ratified student groups generally elect executives in September, and that aligning all funding eligibility strictly with the fiscal year could disadvantage incoming student group executives. The Executive agreed that maintaining the current approach would minimize disruption while allowing flexibility.
- After discussion, the Executive agreed not to change the existing funding policy.
- **Motion:** That the GSA Executive maintain the current funding framework and include a strong recommendation within the application encouraging ratified groups to use one funding allocation per academic term rather than exhausting funding early in the year.
 - Moved by: VP External, Seconded by: VP Academic

- Vote: 3 in favour, 1 opposed. Status: PASSED.

4. Other Finance Portfolio Business

- The Executive discussed the need to monitor future funding applications to ensure consistency with GSA policy. The Executive also noted the importance of improved communication with ratified groups regarding event funding expectations and agreed that event funding procedures should continue to be reviewed as needed.

New Action Items

- Vice-President Finance & Operations to process the approved \$250 funding for both the Chemistry Course Council and Women in Chemistry applications.
- Vice-President Finance & Operations to issue written feedback to the Black Graduate Student Association regarding the funding conditions and future application expectations.
- Vice-President Finance & Operations to calculate and process proportional funding for the Black Graduate Student Association based on graduate student attendance, including the additional 5% allowance for accompanying spouses, partners, or dependents.
- Vice-President Finance & Operations to ensure the Event Funding Application wording reflects the GSA fiscal year.
- Vice-President Finance & Operations to add a recommendation encouraging ratified groups to use one funding request per academic term.
- Executive to continue monitoring event funding policy and procedures for future governance review.

Items for Next Meeting

- Continued review of event funding procedures.

Adjournment / Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn: That the meeting be adjourned.

- Moved by: President, Seconded by: Vice-President Academic & Student Affairs
Vote: All in favour. Status: PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 PM.

Next Meeting: July 21 at 11:00 AM

Approved by: President, VP Finance & Operations, VP Academic & Student Affairs, VP Indigenous Engagement & VP External Affairs