

# Graduate Students' Association Course Council Meeting Minutes



**University of Saskatchewan**

**Graduate Students' Association**

**Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, 5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M**

**GSA Commons**

*Present: Amy Noakes, Bonnie Cherewyk, Chad Hammond, Edgar David, Emma Turner, Ian Larsen, Jennifer Campeau, Jimbo Steve, Joannes Manzel, Julie Anderson, Justin Botterill, Loni Williams, Matthew Munson, Nathan Reis, Paula Tribulo, Rita Orji, Sara McPhee-Knowles, Shannon Dyck, Sohail Mall, Spike Posnikoff, T. Nicolas Fraser, Tanya Andrusieczko, Tina Leckie, Travis Lingenfelter, Wendie Marks, Mike Secora, Stephanie Thompson, Terri Thunder.*

## **1.0 Call to Order: 5:05 pm**

## **2.0 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Allison Ward, Seconded by Emma and Eamon

## **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Jania, seconded by Matt

## **4.0 Guest Speakers:**

4.1 Kristin Foster and Helen Surgenor, Student Care Health & Dental Reps. for GSA.

Both presented on the U of S GSA Health and Dental Plan, covering the annual overview and updates. Advised council for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Special General Meeting; it will need to pass a motion on Plan Fees for the 2011-2012 Policy Year.

4.2 Colin Tennent and Bryan Bilokreli- Discussion of capital projects.

Sent his regrets. Presentation tabled until next meeting.

## 5.0 Ratifications

- Lim Huang- Bio Resources and Policy Program
- Jennifer Campeau- Native Studies

## 6.0 President's Report

6.1 Presentation on GSA VISION 2015. More info on <http://gsa.usask.ca/main/wp-content/uploads/1.pdf>

## 7.0 Motions:

7.1 Motion to increase membership fees, Moved by Eamon McDermott:

WHEREAS the GSA Executive have presented their 2015 growth plan, outlining future areas for growth of GSA services,

***BIRT the GSA full-time membership fee for the 2011-2012 academic year be increased to \$60 per term.***

### Discussion:

Shannon: Requested we have an Online Forum where students can add comments on the Vision 2015 and then follow up with a town hall.

Matthew's comment: What amount of fees can be increased without a referendum?

Eamon answered: Based on the constitution, we can collect any amount as long as 2/3 of course council agrees and vote for the amount.

Emma's comment: An increase of \$ 30/term might be a big jump; we need to speak to the graduate students about this.

Nick: Table the motion to March 10<sup>th</sup> and allow for basic information to get to general members and publicize the fee increase notice of intent.

7.2 Motion from the floor:

***BIRT that the Motion 6.1 be tabled to the Special General Meeting so as to publicize the fees increase notice of intent to the broader graduate student community.***

- Moved- Nick, Seconded- Eamon
- Motion carries

7.3 Motion to the next course council meeting/SGM to Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m Moved by Jania:

WHEREAS the delay of the actual claim data of our Health and Dental Plan required for Course Council to set plan fees for 2011-12 Policy year requires us to wait.

***BIRT next course council meeting/SGM to Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m***

- Motion carries unanimously

### **8.0 VP Academic Report**

Presented on her plan to have academic affiliated events. Asked course councilors to pick a choice of the program out of the given selection.

### **9.0 VP Aboriginal Report**

Presented the attached report

### **8.0 VP External Report**

Emphasized on the need for the Vision 2015 - this is what the GSA could look like. He advised of the importance of leadership in the areas mentioned in the newly minted mission statements mention and how the fee increase will meet the services graduate students have been requesting.

Discussion:

Nick: He requested the GSA executives to review the older mission statements versus the newly minted ones and said there was need for specificity.

Eamon: Advised such aspects are attained through the implementation. Broader put focused mission statements that are not very narrow are ideal for an organization such as GSA whose mandate is diverse unlike environmental or business organizations.

### **10.0 VP Student Affairs Report**

Presented his reported and added would like to see more recruitment efforts directed toward African Continent.

### **11.0 VP Finance**

Presented his reported

### **12.0 VP Operations Report**

Presented her reported. She circulated a missing appendix 2 of her report and added an announcement of the upcoming 2011 STLHE Conference. More info at:

<http://www.usask.ca/stlhe2011/>

**13.0 Next CC meeting:** This will also be a Special General Meeting-Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011- 5:00-7:00 pm

#### **14.0 Other Business**

Matt presented on behalf of the Biology student a statement requesting GSA to sponsor the Prairie University Biology Symposium 2011.

Motion: *BIRT \$ 1000 donated to the Biology course council to cover portion of the running the Prairie University Biology Symposium 2011.*

- Motion carries unanimously

**15.0 Adjournment: 7:02 pm.**