

The University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association



Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 29, 2015. 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

GSA Commons

Attendees:

Cody Manchester, Danielle Robertson-Boersma, Chinyere Dara, Garrett Morandi, Jason Ho, Naheda Sahtout, Mustafa Aghbolag, Rae- Leigh Pederzoli, Stacy Domolewski, Milad Taghavivand.

Executive:

Rajat Chakravarty, Ziad Ghaith, David Bennett, Jebunnessa Chapola, Hardi Shahadu, Natalia Terekhova, Dana Carriere.

Academic Unit	1	2
Psychology (1)		
History (1)		
Physics (1)	X	
Toxicology (1)	X	
Bioresource Policy & Economics (1)		
Archaeology & Anthropology (1)		
Philosophy (1)		
Kinesiology (1)		
Education Administration (2)		
Geology (1)		
Soil Science (1)		
Western College of Veterinary Medicine (2)		
School of Environment & Sustainability (1)		
Medicine (2)	X	X
Engineering (2)		
Plant Science (1)		
English (1)		
Geography (1)	X	
Public Policy (2)		
Biology (1)	X	

Public Health (2)							
Sociology (1)	X						
Chemistry (1)	X						
Animal and Poultry Science (1)	X						
Ex-officio – GSA Executive (7)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total (36) (Quorum – 19)							

1 Call to Order – 17:10

2 Announcements

2.1 Quorum – quorum was not present (16)

3 Approval of Chair - Mitchel Anderson (Rajat Chakravarty/Ziad Ghaith)

It is moved that Mitchell Anderson be appointed chair pro tempore for the duration of the July 29, 2015 Council meeting, only for said meeting and only until such time as the meeting shall obtain quorum at which point the President or his designate shall take the chair and proceed with the election of the Council Chair of the Graduate Students' Association.

Motion passed unanimously

4 Approval of Agenda Moved by (Rajat Chakravarty/Hardi Shahadu).

Passed unanimously

5 Approval of June 30, 2015 Council Meeting (Minutes Attached). No quorum.

6 Executives Reports

6.1.1 President Report (Oral Report)

6.1.2 VP External Report (Oral Report)

6.1.3 VP Finance Report (Oral Report)

6.1.4 VP Operations Report (Oral Report)

6.1.5 VP Academic Report (Oral Report)

6.1.6 VP Student Affairs Report (Oral Report)

6.1.7 Aboriginal Liaison Report (Oral Report)

6.1.8 Q&A

No questions have been addressed to the executives.

7 Committee Minutes

7.1 GSA Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes (07/06/2015)

GSA President gave a brief report about the bursary selection process. He invited the council to read the meeting minutes which are attached to the meeting agenda.

7.2 Executives Meeting Minutes (22/7/2015)

Executive meeting minutes attached to the council meeting agenda and are available on GSA website, all councillors were invited to review it.

8 Old Business

8.1 Motion: GSA legal invoice (Rajat Chakravary/Ziad Ghaith) – No quorum

Meeting chair: as quorum is not present council cannot take any action. The chair opened the discussion.

Council member asked for some clarification about this legal invoice.

GSA president: clarified that he had a conversation with several members of university Administration and they have indicated that they are willing to provide some help to the GSA in this matter. There are still several scenarios in how this event may play out.

VP Student Affairs thinks that the nature of this issue is important, and he thinks we will have quorum in the September meeting at which time we can take action, further he suggests that we don't rush to pay the money.

Further question by councillor - Is there any interest that we have to pay?

VP Finance: the interest is 18%

Councillor: Any written documentation about the interest? VP finance replied that there isn't any written documentation. GSA President added that the lawyer informed us verbally.

9 Q&A.

No questions have been raised.

10 Next GSA Council Meeting 16th of September 2015

VP Student Affairs proposed to postpone the next council meeting until the end of September 2015, GSA Chair replied that the council does not have authority to do so as the quorum is not present.

11 Adjournment meeting – 17:53