

**Graduate Students' Association
GSA Council Meeting Minutes**



University of Saskatchewan
Tuesday, June 21st, 2016
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
GSA Commons

Attendees: William Judge (Chemical Engineering), Colin McLaren (Kinesiology), Isaac Pratt (Medicine).

Executives: Ziad Ghaith (President), Kusum Sharma (VP Finance), Carolyn Gasper (VP External), Shailza Sapal (VP Student Affairs), Ali Kiani (VP Academic)

Academic Unit	1	2
Psychology (1)		
History (1)		
Physics (1)		
Toxicology (1)		
Bioresource Policy & Economics (1)		
Archeology & Anthropology (1)		
Philosophy (1)		
Kinesiology (1)	x	
Education Administration (2)		
Geology (1)		
Soil Science (1)		
Western College of Veterinary Medicine (2)		
School of Environment & Sustainability (1)		

Medicine (2)							
Engineering (2)	x						
Plant Science (1)							
English (1)							
Geography (1)							
Public Policy (2)							
Biology (1)							
Public Health (2)							
Sociology (1)							
Chemistry (1)							
Animal & Poultry Science (1)							
Ex-officio – GSA Executive (7)							
Total (36) (Quorum – 19)	X	X	X	X	X	X	

1 Call to Order, GSA President call the meeting to order at 5:15

2 Announcements

2.1 Quorum – quorum was not present.

3 Approval of Chair. GSA President informed the Council that the GSA Chair will not be able to chair this meeting; he further informed the Council that the position is vacant. Rajat Chakravarty was nominated by VP Student Affairs to chair June 21st, 2016 meeting only for said meeting and only until such time as the meeting shall obtain quorum at which point the present or his designate shall take the chair and proceed with the election of the Council Chair of the Graduate Student’s Association. All in favour, motion carries

4 Approval of Agenda

4.1 the following items be amendment to the agenda:

Ghaith: item 5.1 of April 27th, 2016 AGM meeting minutes be modified into March 16th, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes. All in favour of this motion. Motion carries. Agenda is amended, and 5.1 is modified into approval of March 16th, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.

4.2 All in favour of the approval of the agenda as amended. Motion carries.

5 Approval of Council Minutes

5.1 March 16th, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes (attached)

5.1.1 Councillor inquires whether the minutes can be approved. The chair explains that we're only accepting them, the minutes are pending approval, and we will vote on this when quorum is reached.

6 Executives Reports

6.1.1 VP Finance Report (Report Attached)

6.1.2 Aboriginal Liaison Report (Oral Report)

6.1.3 VP Academic Report (Oral Attached)

6.1.4 VP Operations Report (Report Attached)

6.1.5 VP Student Affairs Report (Oral Attached)

6.1.6 VP External Report (Report Attached)

6.1.7 President Report (Report Attached)

6.1.8 Q&A

No questions have been addressed to the executives.

7 Committee Minutes

7.1 Website Committee Minutes (8/6/2016) ([Minutes Attached](#))

7.2 Executive Meeting Minutes (14/5/2016) ([Minutes Attached](#))

7.3 Executive Retreat Meeting Minutes (15/5/2016) ([Minutes Attached](#))

7.4 Executive Meeting Minutes (10/5/2016) ([Minutes Attached](#))

7.4.1 The approval of these meeting minutes is to be postponed until quorum is reached.

8 New Business

8.1 Motion:

Ghaith spoke to this motion, even though motion cannot be proposed at this meeting due to the lack of quorum.

Sharma explained that GSA would like to introduce two revenue lines in 2016-17 budget for (a) ISIC cards and (b) Vending machine sale. GSA provides GSA members with free ISIC cards but undergraduate pay \$10 per card. Also last year unused vending machine was sold and the money that was made by this sale has not been put into any revenue line. Sharma explained that the revenue would not be used, as it doesn't fall under any expense line.

Ghaith suggests that a motion for the next council meeting. And he further suggests amending the motion as follows:

WHEREAS the GSA receives revenue from its ISIC card service

WHEREAS the aforementioned revenue must be included in the financial statements of the GSA for financial transparency

WHEREAS the GSA recently sold its non-functional vending machine and has generated revenue as a consequence

WHEREAS the vending machine revenue must be included in the financial statements of the GSA for financial transparency substantive

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA introduce two additional budget revenue lines called 'ISIC card' and 'vending machine'

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a budget expense line called 'ISIC Card' be introduced for expenses related to improving the service

Sharma also added that be it resolved that the GSA introduces two new revenue lines for the ISIC cards and Vending machine sale. It should be in the budget as a revenue line named “sales” to accommodate any sale that GSA might do in future. The chair states that the executive committee should decide on this at their next executive meeting.

8.2 Summer Bursary Selection Committee

Ghaith explains that the GSA Summer Bursary is open for submission. He states that we need two or three councillors to sit on the Summer Bursary Selection Committee along with the VP Finance and VP Academic. Any interested councillors should contact VP Operations at gsa.ops@usask.ca two councillors were interested in this committee: Colin McLaren & Will Judge.

9 Q&A.

No questions have been raised.

10 Next GSA Council Meeting 23rd of August 2016.

11 Adjournment at 5:56 PM.