

Notice of Meeting
Tuesday, 25 April, 2017 5pm – 7pm
GSA Commons

Regrets: Ifeoma Adaji, Sylvana Tu, Banjo Olaleye, Naheda Sahtout

1. Call to Order
 - a. 5:07pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion: Ziad Ghaith
 - b. Seconded: Vita Andersone
 - c. Carried
3. Remarks from the Chair and Elections Report
 - a. Introduction of members
4. Approval of the Minutes from the 2016 AGM
 - a. Motion: Derek
 - b. Seconded: Jaylene
 - i. 1 Abstention
 - ii. Carried
 - c. Discussion: David Bennett wanted to know whether Hardi Shahadi re-submitted his report as VP Student Affairs
 - i. Ziad Ghaith said Hardi did not re-submit
 - ii. No other discussion on the topic
5. Presentation: University Library Master Plan by Rachel and Charlene, Associate deans
 - a. Talked about space re-allocation in each of the 7 libraries.
 - b. Suggestions to Plan: add more computers and add a childcare centre to Murray library because it's a main hub
6. Audit Update and Reappointment of Auditors
 - a. Audit is expected to finish this summer
 - i. No questions
 - b. Motion: Kusum
 - c. Seconded: Jaylene
 - i. No discussion
 - ii. Derek Sutherland opposed, 1 abstention
 - iii. Carried
7. Appointment of External Director
 - a. In the interim, Council can appoint someone to take over this role until the next AGM in the fall

- b. Motion: (Ziad) to dedicate the authority to the Council to appoint an External Director of the Board until the next AGM
 - c. Seconded:
 - i. Opposed: Derek Sutherland
 - ii. Abstentions: 3
 - d. Carried
8. Annual Reports from the GSA Executive
- a. The GSA Board and Executive should keep the Student-Supervisor Agreement and graduate student seats on the University Senate and board as priorities
 - b. External initiatives: Day of Action, 2 media press releases regarding the travel plan and provincial budget cuts
 - c. Internal developments: combined 4 executive positions into 2, created a board of directors
 - d. GSA members have been well informed about the importance of seats on the University Senate and Board. Refer to previous council minutes.
 - e. The challenge with adopting a student-supervisor contract is identifying and clarifying any legal issues that may arise.
 - f. There was a suggestion that the GSA continue to promote the positive space initiative
 - g. Bargaining for TA/RA union is ongoing and it has been going on for a long time – is there a deadline?
 - i. Because it's a first collective agreement, it will take longer since there is a lot to establish, not just wages. There are only 2 main issues left, wages and the hiring process. Hopeful resolution at the end of the calendar year.
9. Q & A Period with the Executive
- a. UPASS Renegotiation / Summer pass
 - i. Why is the agreement about opting out and not opting in?
 - ii. Maybe there can be more emphasis on active transportation in case negotiations with Transit don't turn out as planned
 - b. Activity in CFS
 - i. What is the GSA using CFS funds for?
 - 1. They sponsored the Gala, for one.
 - ii. Discussion on whether GSA should continue to be a member of CFS.
10. Other Business / Announcements
- a. PLEASE ENGAGE IN GSA STUFF!
11. Adjournment
- a. 7:02pm