

**University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association**

COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes from Tuesday, 28 February, 2017 meeting

Present: Arinjay Banerjee, Aurora Bowery, Banjo Olaleye, Brenda Byers, Colin McLaren, Daniel Karran, David Hilger, Dimitry Zakharov, Evan Poncelet, Haley Scott, Isaac Pratt, Jaylene Murray, Kanssa Patton, Lindsay Goodwin, Logan Pizzy, Luc Chabauole, Mila Markevych, Morgan Kirzinger, Naheda Sahtout, Prajjwal Gautam, Stephanie Streich, Steve Fraser, Sylvana Tu, Viktoria Hinz, Vita Andersone, Katherine Raes, Kendall Krepps, Tolulope Emiola-Sadiq, Raed Maraben, Anaasha Attaran, Ziad Ghaith, Kusum Sharma, Robert Henderson (7:10)

Regrets: Carolyn Gaspar

Absent: Breanna Anderson, Chris Maierhoffer, Devin Louson, Roland Macana, Seth Dueck, Timothy Tong, Ethan Runge,

Guests: None.

Resource Persons: Mylyne Tham (Secretary)

Organization of Meeting: Isaac Pratt, Councillor for Medicine, took the chair, and Mylyne Tham, acted as secretary. The Chair advised that due notice of the meeting had been given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly constituted. Robert Henderson, Chair of Council, took the chair at 7:10pm.

OPEN SESSION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:01 PM.**
- 2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:** The chair described the rationale and differences among the open, confidential and *in camera* sessions of Council.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Council heard a motion to approve the agenda as distributed, subject to the addition of one item:
Ziad Ghaith requested to add an informational item to the agenda about UPASS from the VP Finance.
Carried.

Consent Agenda

Council heard a motion to approve or receive for information the items on the consent agenda.

- 4. MINUTES FROM JAN. 31ST, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING** Council approved the minutes as distributed.
- 5. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
Council received these reports for information.

Carried.

Regular Agenda

6. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- a. **President's Update**
- b. **Q&A Period with the Executive**
- c. **Discussion on Summer UPASS**
 - i. An agreement was made with Transit 4 years ago to not have an opt-out option.
 - ii. There was a request that the Executive approach Saskatoon Transit and re-open the discussions for a summer UPASS.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- a. **Governance Committee**
 - i. Presentation by Isaac Pratt, co-chair of Governance Committee
 - ii. Mar. 13th at 5pm is a general meeting to discuss and approve changes to the Constitution and Bylaws (agenda package has been sent out)

8. Information on GSA UPASS from VP Finance

- a. 2848 grad students have been charged for the UPASS at a rate of \$107.57, but grad students have been paying \$0.43 more each term.
 - b. Previous VP Finance calculated a 1.4% CPI increase, however, the actual CPI increase was 1.2% for 2016-2017
 - c. There is excess money now, about \$2000.00.
 - d. Motion: to amend the agenda to add a motion to the agenda
- Carried**
- e. Motion made by Ziad Ghaith: to create a new revenue line called "GPASS surplus" to add to accommodate the surplus/deficit collected by the GSA.
 - i. Motion made by Derek Green to table the motion to the next meeting to give the executive a chance to clarify details of the revenue line

Carried

9. Other Business/Announcements

- a. Women in Power
- b. Sustainability Poetry Slam

Council convened in confidential and in camera sessions.

10. Adjournment at 7:45pm.
