



University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Email Meeting*

As Council gathers, we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Attendance: See appendix A

**Email Meeting: The August 18th, 2020 Council Meeting took place over email due to the global health pandemic of COVID-19, where the Government of Saskatchewan made directives to practice social distancing in order to curb the spread of the virus.*

1. Call to Order

All Council Members were emailed a link to the Agenda, as well as a link for voting on agenda items in order to participate over email. Councilors had 24 hours to participate from 5 PM (Tuesday, August 18th, 2020) to 5 PM (Wednesday, August 19th, 2020). The Call to Order commenced as soon as Councilors received the link. The quorum for the meeting was reached. There was no issue in maintaining quorum as all members could go through the entire agenda over the course of 24 hours at their convenience. Mr. Osei Clarke compiled the meeting minutes.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair, prior to the meeting, sent Councilors a request for any amendments to the agenda as circulated and provided a deadline to respond with any amendments. There were no amendments submitted.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Sun/Smith)

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 16th, 2020 minutes. (Sun/Smith)

Carried

4. Information to be received

- a. June 11, 2020 Executive Meeting minutes
- b. June 25, 2020 Bursary Selection Committee minutes
- c. July 9, 2020 Executive Meeting minutes

Motion to receive agenda items 4A-C. (Sun/Smith)

Carried

5. GSA Executives Report

a. President's Report

The report was presented to Councilors and is available in the agenda package. There were no questions for President Inam.

b. Vice President Finance & Operations Report

The report was presented to Councilors and is available in the agenda package. There were no questions for VP Ramin.

c. Vice President Student Affairs Report

The report was presented to Councilors and is available in the agenda package. There were no questions for VP Mellidez.

d. Vice President External Report

The report was presented to Councilors and is available in the agenda package. There were no questions for VP Gill.

6. Other Business/Announcements

There was a comment from a Councilor requesting further information about the following:

Q: Regarding the mental health proposal put forward by the CFS is there any significant overlap with the Post-Secondary Mental Health Standard put forward by the CSA and Mental Health Commission of Canada as this may cause dilution of both initiatives?

A: President-Thank you for your valuable input. The following answer is based on the discussion with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) during their last meeting that the GSA VP External attended.

As mentioned in the VP External's report, the CFS's mental health objective was to improve the state of graduate students' mental health and highlight the experience of graduate students. This project tried to fill the gap that other student organizations may not have been focusing on during this time.

The mental health toolkit is not a comprehensive tool, it's intended purpose is to initiate debate around mental health. Dr. Brooke Linder was the lead researcher of this mental health proposal for the CFS and she worked on this with the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC). Dr. Linder emphasized that despite the fact that they worked with MHCC, this proposal was conducted independently and solely focused on graduate students. The team related to this proposal has been in contact with MHCC and will have the opportunity to partner with them in the future as well. This project is only focused on graduate students and student associations, not meant to cause dilution, rather it is an initiative to complement the work of other organizations such as the MHCC.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. (Sun/Smith)

Carried

Appendix A

Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Sep.24 2019	Oct.15 2019	Nov.5 2019	Dec.3 2019	Jan.28 2020	Feb.25 2020	Mar.17 2020	Apr.7 2020	Jun.16 2020	Aug.18 2020
Agricultural and Resources Economics (ARE) Graduate Student Association	Ran San (Valentina Ofori)	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Animal & Poultry Science Grad Students' Assoc.	Muhammad Imran (Kiana Rieger)	P	A	P	A	A	A	A	P	A	A
ARCHAIA	Adrienne Ratushniak (Michelle Gowan)	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	A	A	A
Biology Graduate Student Association	Rebecca Smith (Ruth Greuel) (Andrea Wishart)	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chemistry Course Council	Naheda Sahtout (Doug Fansher)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology	Kushagra Parolia (Andrew Roebuc)	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	R	P	P	P	A
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology	Sampurna Ghosh (Megha Rohamar)	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Community Health & Epidemiology	Harini Aiyer (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Health Sciences	Michael Zaki (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Computer Science Graduate Council (CSGC)	Rifat Zahan Muhammad Aminul Islam (Md. Nadim)	N/A	p	p	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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MBARC	Alexander Mueller (Megan MacDonald)	N/A	N/A	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	A
PEGASUS	Kimberlee Dube (Ethan Runge)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council	Janine Rover (Mujtaba Badr)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS)	Julia Koop (Brandey Blahut)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Plant Sciences GSA	Asanka Godakanda (Berenice Romero)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Psychology Graduate Students' Association	Farron Wielinga (Josh Katz) (Brandon Sparks)	P	P	R	P	A	A	A	A	A	A
SENSA	Mostofa Kamal Purbasha Mistry (Layane Moura) (Anita Bhatt)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
SPHSA	Aisha Sajid (Janessa Tom) (Chunbei Liu)	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A
Sociology GSA	Connor Morrison (Cerah Dube) (Alana Demkiw)	N/A	P	P	A	P	A	A	A	P	A
Soil Science Graduate Student Association	Rachel Brockamp (Aimee Schryer)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P

