



University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2020. WebEx Meeting*

(Minute Amended)

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

**WebEx Meeting: The October 20th, 2020 Council Meeting took place via WebEx 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 the Agenda package, as well as the WebEx meeting link with the meeting number and password to participate online. The Chair of Council officially welcomed the 2020/2021 Members of Councilors to the first meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM after the quorum for the meeting had been met. Ms. Asiyah Suchak, the Secretary of Council compiled the meeting minutes.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to the Agenda as circulated.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Inam/Gill).

Carried

3. Council Orientation

The Chair and Chief electoral officer, Paula Vargas, presented a power point about the GSA, what it stands for and how it runs.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2020

Motion to approve the September 22, 2020 minutes. (Ramin/Inam).

Carried

5. Information to be received

- a. Executive meeting minutes from September 10, 2020
- b. Executive meeting minutes from September 24, 2020

Motion to receive agenda item 5a and b. (Gill/Ramin).

Carried

6. GSA Executives Report

a. President's Report

The President presented her report to Council. There was a question for President Inam regarding the Student-Supervisor Agreement from a representative (Elyse) of the College of Medicine. President Inam responded stating that the student-supervisor agreement is not legally binding, but if students want to seek legal advice they can at the college of Law. They decided to further discuss over email.

b. Vice President Finance and Operations Report

The Vice President Finance and Operations presented his report to Council. There was a question for VP Ramin regarding the GSA Bursary from a member of the SENSA Academic Council.

Mostafa Kamal asked if the GSA was going to give \$500 this term for the bursary or will the recipients receive a full \$1000. VP Ramin responded saying it would be the full \$1000, but they as a committee and executive team would decide the number of students that would receive the bursary, it would be somewhere between 20 to 25. Mr. Kamal also asked if the GSA would be sticking to the policy of one bursary per academic year. Ramin responded saying they cannot receive the bursary in the last three or the coming three semesters. They thanked each other for their discourse.

c. Vice President Academic and Student Affairs Report

The Vice President Academic and Student Affairs presented her report to Council. There were no questions for VP Mellidez.

d. Vice President External Affairs Report

The Vice President External Affairs presented his report to Council. There were no questions for VP Gill.

7. Committee of Council

a. Motion to approve nomination for Budget and Finance Committee

The chair asked if there were any members interested in the committee and Aisha Sajid put her name forward as an alternate councilor. Tongjia Yang also nominated herself as an alternate. However, she is a general member and the general member spots were filled as the chair pointed out. She asked if any council members were interested in the position. Only one position was needed now. Mostafa Kamal put his name forward.

Motion to approve nomination for Budget and Finance Committee (Inam/Orji)

Carried

b. Motion to approve nomination for Bursary Selection Committee

The chair asked for nominations for the Bursary selection Committee after stating who was already on it. Khaled Zoroufchi Benis and Iyanu Kumayon put their names forward. The chair thanked them for their commitment.

Motion to approve nomination for Bursary Selection Committee (Mellidez/Sajid)

Carried

c. Motion to approve nomination for Governance Committee

The Chair asked if two councilors or alternate councilors were interested in the committee after stating which members were a part of the committee. Elyse Proulx-Cullen put her name forward the chair made sure she was a council member. The chair then asked again if there were any members of council interested in the Governance Committee. Amanda Gannon put her name forward and the chair asked for a mover and seconder. The chair thanked them for their commitment.

Motion to approve nomination for Governance Committee (Kamal/Sajid)

Carried

d. Motion to approve nomination for Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee

The chair stated who is on the council and asked for one councilor or alternate councilor. Mostafa Kamal put his name forward.

Motion to approve nomination for Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee (Sajid/Inam)

Carried

e. Motion to approve nomination for Elections and Referenda Committee

The chair stated who is on the council and asked for one general member and one council member or alternative council member. Rosmary put her name forward as a general member. The chair asked for a council member or alternate council member to fill the remaining position. Khaled Zoroufchi Benis put his name forward. The Chair thanked them for their commitment and asked for a mover and seconder.

Motion to approve nominations for Elections and Referenda Committee (Kamal/Inam)

Carried

f. Motion to approve nomination for Awards Selection Committee

The chair stated all the current members of the committee and called for a member. Tonye Jack's name was put forward. The chair confirmed Tonye was part of the council.

Motion to approve nomination for Awards Selection Committee (Kamal/Gill)

Carried

g. Motion to approve nomination for Sustainability Committee

The chair stated who is on the council and asked for one council member or alternative council member. Khaled Z. Benis put his name forward. The chair thanked him for his commitment. She asked for a mover and seconder.

Motion to approve nomination for Sustainability Committee (Simonot/Sajid)

Carried

h. Motion to approve nomination for Diversity Committee

The chair stated that this committee has been filled and names all the committee members. She then asked for a mover and seconder as all are approved.

Motion to approve nomination for Diversity Committee (Inam/Sajid)

Carried

8. Ratification of Social clubs for 2020/2021

a. India Students' Association

Representative: no representative

Carmen VP Academic Affairs came forward: all required documents have been acquired and we

have a valid void cheque. She read the mission statement of the U of S India Student Association

Motion to Ratify India Students' Association. (Kamal/Sajid).

Carried

9. Other Business/Announcement

The Chair opened the floor for other business or announcements. The Chair recognized president Inam. She reminded all graduated students that we can book study space in the education building and that the request has to be submitted by the supervisor.

There was no other business and the Chair thanked President Inam for her remarks.

The Chair recognized Mostafa Kamal and he was wondering if there was an update on the app for the health benefits of the students. The President asked for clarification on the question, and Mostafa Kamal clarified. The president responded that there is an app for private health insurance with student care the app is live. They thanked each other.

The Chair recognized Elyse, she states that a student expressed great dismay about the tragedy in Quebec and was wondering about the committee on indigenous affairs, and she wanted to pass that on to them. She thanked the chair.

The chair asked if there was any other business or announcements.

There was none.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:51 pm. (Marquez/Ramin).

Carried

	Rory Wheat										
School of Public Health Student Association	Aisha Sajid Maha Khan Maggie Coupland Daniel Medina	N/A	P								
Western College of Veterinary Medicine	Miranda Zwiefelhofer Michelle Tucker Jennifer Abi Younes	P	P								
English Course Council	Tricia Monsour Darius Simonot Amanda Burrows	N/A	P								
Chemistry	Iyanu Kumayon Doug Fansher	N/A	P								
Engineering Graduate Community Council	Jack, Tonye-Mechanical Engineering Razmavar, Alireza - Mechanical Engineering Shahbazi, Karim-Electrical and Computer Engineering Molahasani, Mahdiyar- Electrical and Computer Engineering	N/A	P								

	<p>Esmi, Fahimeh-Chemical Engineering</p> <p>Zoroufchi Benis, Khaled-Chemical Engineering</p> <p>Kallingal Mohandas, Ninu - Biological Engineering</p> <p>Haghanifar, Arman - Biomedical Engineering</p> <p>Alizadeh Sardroud - Biomedical Engineering</p> <p>Muthukumar, Ajay Shrinivas - Civil, geological and Environmental Engineering</p> <p>Hamed Beiranvand, Mohammad -Civil, geological and Environmental Engineering</p>										
Exec. President	Humaira Inam	P	P								
Exec. VP Finance and Operations	Hadi Ramin	P	P								
Exec. VP Student Affairs	Carmen Marquez Mellidez	R	P								
Exec. VP External	Qasim Shahzad Gill	P	P								