



University of Saskatchewan  
Graduate Students' Association  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020. WebEx 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*

*\*WebEx Meeting: The September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 5:13 pm after the quorum for the meeting had been met. Ms. Asiyah Suchak, the new Secretary of Council compiled the meeting minutes.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

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

President Inam put forward an amendment namely:

- Add motion to ratify Multicultural Student Association as item 7B.

*Motion to amend the agenda. (Inam/Ramin).*

Carried

*Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Inam/Ramin).*

Carried

### 3. Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2020

*Motion to approve the August 18, 2020 minutes. (Inam/Ramin).*

Carried

#### 4. Information to be received

- a. August 13, 2020 Executive Meeting minutes

*Motion to receive agenda item 4A. (Ramin/Gill).*

**Carried**

#### 5. GSA Executives Report

##### a. President's Report

The President presented her report to Council. There were no questions for President Inam.

##### b. Vice President Finance and Operations Report

The Vice President Finance and Operations presented his report to Council. There were no questions for VP Ramin.

##### c. Vice President Academic and Affairs Report

The President presented the VP Academic and Student Affairs report to Council and there was a question with regards to the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition that falls under VP Mellidez's portfolio.

**Comment from General Member:** As the 3MT competition was held on a video platform, the quality of the video could be higher, and the GSA can perhaps consider using Panopto.

**President Inam:** Thank you for your input. Please email me or the GSA VP Academic and Student Affairs for further discussion.

##### d. Vice President External Affairs Report

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

#### 6. Committee of Council

The Chair shared that three (3) nominations from General Members for the Elections and Referenda Committee had been received and per the Terms of Reference of this Committee, two (2) Academic Councillors or Alternates were needed. The Chair opened the floor for nominations. However there were no nominations from councillors present. Hence there a motion to table this item.

*Motion to table. (Gill/Inam).*

**Carried**

## 7. Ratification of Social clubs for 2020/2021

### A. Bangladeshi Students' Association

President Inam mentioned that this was a previously ratified Social club of the GSA and they had submitted all required documents.

*Motion to Ratify Bangladeshi Students' Association. (Ramin/Gill).*

Carried

### B. Multicultural Student Association

Representative: Dain Raina Kim

*Motion to rarify Multicultural Students' Association. (Inam/Gill).*

Carried

## 8. Election of GSA Chair and Chief Electoral Officer

The Chair mentioned that a call out for the Chair position had gone out to all graduate students and 1 nomination had been received from Paula Vargas Lopez. The Chair briefed Councillors of the position of the Chair and Chief Electoral Officer and opened the floor up for nominations. Three attempts were made, but there were no further nominations so Paula was invited to address Council on why she would make a good Chair for Council. Paula spoke briefly and was asked to exit the meeting so votes could be cast. 5 Councillors voted, all supporting Paula's nomination, there were no votes in opposition to Paula's nomination. Paula was invited back into the meeting where she was informed of the results and congratulated on becoming the new Chair and Chief Electoral Officer.

*Motion to elect GSA Chair and Chief Electoral Officer. (Inam/Ramin).*

## Q: Other Business/Announcement

The outgoing Chair, Reggie thanked Councillors for the opportunity to have been Chair. As well Reggie thanked Councillors for their participation in the meeting and for their commitment to being involved in the GSA and asked that they continue to support the work of the GSA.

Members of Council also thanked Reggie for her excellent work, service and dedication to the GSA.

## 7. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn at 6:02 pm. (Gill/Inam).*

Carried

