



Graduate Students' Association - University of
Saskatchewan
Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday August 24, 2021 - Zoom
17:00 – 19:00

The GSA operates on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

#	Item	Page	Action
1	Call to Order		
2	Approval of the agenda	1	<i>Decision</i>
3	Guest: Huskies women's soccer coach		<i>Information</i>
4	Approval of the minutes from June 22, 2021	2-9	<i>Decision</i>
5	Information to be received	10-22	<i>Decision</i>
	A. June 17 Executive Meeting minutes		
	B. July 15 Executive Meeting minutes		
	C. July 21 Bursary Selection Committee minutes		
	D. July 27 Bursary Selection Committee minutes		
6	Executive reports	23-30	<i>Information</i>
	A. Report of the President		
	B. Report of the VP Finance and Operations		
	C. Report of the VP Academic and Student Affairs		
	D. Report of the VP External Affairs		
	E. Report of the VP Indigenous Engagement		
7	Other Business/Announcements		<i>Information</i>
8	Adjournment		<i>Information</i>

Next Meeting: September 21, 2021.



**University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 22, 2021. 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 June 22, 2021, 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 the Graduate Student Council officially welcomed the 2020/2021 Members of Councilors to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 about any amendments to the agenda as circulated via email. No amendments were put forward.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Proulx-Cullen/Rose)

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from April 6, 2021

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were approved.

Motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2021, minutes. (Rose/Proulx-Cullen).

Carried

4. Information to be received

- a. April 8, 2021, Elections and Referenda Committee
- b. April 28, 2021, Executive Retreat Meeting Minutes
- c. May 20, 2021, Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 4 a,b,c (Rose/Gannon)

Carried

5. GSA Executives Report

a. President's Report

The President presented her report to the council. There were no questions for President Zahan

b. Vice President Finance and Operation Report

The Vice President of Finance and Operations presented her report to council. There were no questions for VP Moradi

c. Vice President Academic and Student Affairs Report

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

d. Vice President External Affairs Report

The Vice President External Affairs sent his regrets. The Chair called upon the President to summarize the VP External Affairs report as circulated.

e. Vice President Indigenous Engagement (Verbal Report)

The Vice President Indigenous Engagement sent her regrets. President Zahan gave a verbal report on her behalf. An email (gsa.indigenous@usask.ca) was provided for any questions or concerns.

Carried

6. Other Business/Announcement

The President shared that the date for orientation has been set and it will be on September 1st.

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:32 pm. (Orji/Lopez)

Carried

Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Sep.22 2020	Oct.20 2020	Nov.10 2020	Dec.8 2020	Jan.26 2021	Feb.23 2021	Mar.16 2021	Apr.6 2021	Jun. 2021	Aug. 2021
Physical and Engineering Physics - PEGASUS	Kimberlee Dube (Nicholas Simonson)	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	A	P	
Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council	Sukanya Pati (Ayat Zagzoog)	N/A	N/A	P	R	P	P	P	A	P	
Plant Science	Dylan Sjolie (Matthew Wengler)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	P	P	P	A	
Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS)	Matthew Reichert Cherise Schlekewy	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	
SENSA	Mostofa Kamal Mariana Campos (Jaclyn Porter) (Rory Wheat)	N/A	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	
SPHSA	Aisha Sajid Maha Khan (Maggie Coupland) (Daniel Medina)	N/A	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	
Sociology GSA	Connor Morrison Maria Cruz (Alana Demkiw)	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	
Soil Science Graduate Student Association	Amy Jimmo (Aimée Schryer)	N/A	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	
Toxicology Graduate Students' Association	Alana Weber (Jensen Cherewyk)	A	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) GSA	Miranda Zwiefelhofer Michelle Tucker Jennifer Abi Younes	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	

Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Sep.22 2020	Oct.20 2020	Nov.10 2020	Dec.8 2020	Jan.26 2021	Feb.23 2021	Mar.16 2021	Apr.6 2021	Jun. 2021	Aug. 2021
Exec. President	Rifat Zahan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Exec. VP Finance and Operations	Ehsan Moradi	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	
Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs	Olusola Akintola	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Exec. VP External Affairs	Leslie Tetteh	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement	Tina Alexis	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	P	R	R	P	R	



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2021

The GSA operates on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Present: Rifat Zahan (President), Ehsan Moradi (Vice-President Finance and Operations), Olusola Akintola (Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs), Leslie Tetteh (Vice-President External Affairs), Tina Alexis (Vice-President Indigenous Engagement)

Regrets/Absent: None

Guests: Sakib Mostafa (President of Bangladesh Students' Association), Himal Thapa (Vice-President of Bangladesh Students' Association), Huzzatul Islam Khan (Vice-President of Bangladesh Students' Association)

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Zahan. President Zahan stated that according to the agenda items we will discuss Bangladesh Students' Association University of Saskatchewan (BSAUS) funding proposal regarding "Scholarship Opportunity for Women in STEM" and we have guests present from the BSAUS today so we can ask our questions regarding their proposal.

A moment of silence was observed by everyone to respect the victims of the recent discovery of a burial site of 215 Indigenous children at a former residential school in British Columbia, and victims of the Islamophobic attack that took place in London, Ontario. President Zahan assured everyone that there is no place for racism and oppression in this country.

2. Approval of the Agenda

President Zahan asked whether there were any amendments to the agenda as circulated. There was an amendment proposed by the VP Academic that the name of the confidential session should be changed to closed session.

Motion: To approve the agenda with the proposed amendments.

Moved: VP Academic and Student Affairs

Seconded: VP Finance and Operations

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

3. Approval of the May 20, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes

The May 20, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes were circulated by emails. President Zahan asked whether there were any amendments to the last meeting minutes. There was none.

Motion: To approve last meeting minutes.

Moved: VP Finance and Operations

Seconded: VP Academic and Student Affairs

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

4. Items for Action

4.1. Motion to approve BSAUS's funding proposal

President Zahan asked the guests to present their funding proposal. Sakib Mostafa briefly explained the funding proposal put forward on behalf of BSAU. President Zahan opened the floor for questions regarding the funding proposal. The VP Finance asked about the scoring system for selecting the winner of the bursary. Sakib explained the initial plan and asked GSA for help to improve their selection process. The VP Finance asked the BSAUS Executive what their expectations were from the GSA. Sakib said that they prefer to involve GSA as the main judge for the winner selections since it can help them to ensure transparency. Sakib continued that due to COVID-19 they didn't have any events, so they had some funding left over, which was provided by the GSA. Sakib asked the Executive if the BSAUS can use this money for their event as well. The Executive agreed to answer this question later after investigating their payments so they can vote on it using the electronic means of voting. The VP External asked if the BSAUS was looking for funding for the fall term or the spring/summer term. Sakib answered that they are mainly looking to fund their event for the spring/summer term, but if it needs more time according to the GSA then the fall term would be acceptable as well. The VP External then asked if then GSA will receive a concrete plan from BSAUS and Sakib answered that since it is a new experience for them, they would ask that the GSA guide them through the whole plan.

President Zahan then asked about the details mentioned in their funding proposal that are ambiguous which Sakib explained. The VP Indigenous Engagement asked if they have resources for their event which Sakib explained that they have sponsors, and they are looking for more support and funds as well.

President Zahan asked if there were any more questions and all Executives stated that they had their answers. The President then thanked the BSAUS Executives and mentioned that the GSA will communicate their decision via email. Sakib thanked the GSA and stated that they will wait for the GSA's decision.

President Zahan asked the VP Finance about the budget to support ratified social groups. The VP Finance said that GSA can support the social group given that the GSA policy is followed by BSAUS. Since BSAUS wanted to get this funding recurring every year, President Zahan added that the current Executive team can only provide funding for the current tenure, and if BSAUS wants this financial support in the future, a new application will be required for the new Executive of GSA in the coming years. Therefore, the current GSA Executives cannot approve funding for recurring years. The VP Academic stated that BSAUS can have GSA's help and guidance, but GSA cannot provide logistics or other support required by the social group to organize such an event.

Motion: To approve the fund to support the event organized by BSAUS to recognize female students in STEM research, with further amendments provided by the GSA in email.

Moved: VP Academic and Student Affairs

Seconded: VP Finance and Operations

Vote: All in Favour,

Motion Carried.

4.2 Motion to approve dates for the GSA Fall Orientation 2021

The President asked the Executives by electronic communication and in the meeting to share their plans for the GSA fall 2021 orientation. She also requested that the Executives need to approve the orientation dates. The President suggested September 1, 2021, for the virtual orientation and September 7 for the swag bag curbside pickup. The President explained that we need all the Executives to help since the VP Academic and VP Indigenous Engagement are not in Saskatchewan. Therefore, we need to have a call for volunteers to help pack the swag bags. The President said that due to the mice issue in the GSA Commons building, we will need to buy some

bins to protect the swag bag items, and the VP Finance will need to find out the prices of the bins and check the budget.

Motion: To approve September 1, 2021, for the GSA virtual orientation and September 7, 2021 for the curbside pickup of swag bags.

Moved: VP Academic and Student Affairs

Seconded: VP Finance and Operations

***Vote: All in favour,
Motion Carried.***

4.3 Cheque Remittance

The VP Finance explained that we have two cheques that need Executive approval. The first cheque is for USSU for the GSA UPASS and the second is for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Motion: To approve the cheques for the amount of \$767.03 to USSU and \$1883.5 for CFS.

Moved: VP Academic and Student Affairs

Seconded: VP Finance and Operations

***Vote: All in favour,
Motion Carried.***

4. Items for Discussion/Information

4.1 Spring/Summer 2021 Bursary

The VP Finance updated the Executives on the Spring/Summer bursary and explained that graduate students were completing the application form and we already have many students that have already submitted. The VP Finance stated that the GSA Bursary Committee will have their first meeting one week from the deadline, and then a second meeting after the deadline during which time they will process the bursary applications.

4.2 Vaccine Update

The President explained that she and the VP External are promoting the university's vaccine contest by email and social media. The President encouraged the executives to take part in the vaccine initiative by posting their vaccine pictures on social media.

4.3 GSA Newsletter

The President asked Executives to send their updates for the upcoming GSA newsletter.

4.4 GSA Council Meeting

The President invited all the Executives to ask questions regarding the upcoming GSA Council meeting that will be held on June 22, 2021. There were some general questions asked by the Executives and the President responded to those questions.

5. Other Business

7. Closed Session

8. In-Camera Session

9 Adjournment of Meeting

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM

Moved: VP External Affairs

Seconded: VP Indigenous Engagement

Vote: All in favour,

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

The GSA operates on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Present: Rifat Zahan (President), Ehsan Moradi (Vice-President Finance and Operations), Olusola Akintola (Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs), Leslie Tetteh (Vice-President External Affairs).

Absent: Tina Alexis (Vice-President Indigenous Engagement)

1. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 PM by President Zahan.

2. Approval of the Agenda

President Zahan asked whether there were any more amendments to the agenda as circulated. President Zahan stated that we need some amendment to the agenda to move everything related to the orientation to discussion.

Motion: To approve the agenda with the proposed amendments.

Moved: VP Finance and Operations

Seconded: VP Academic and Student Affairs

***Vote: All in Favour,
Motion Carried.***

3. Approval of the June 17, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes

The June 17, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes were circulated by emails. President Zahan asked whether there were any amendments to the last meeting minutes. There was none.

Motion: To approve last meeting minutes.

Moved: VP Finance and Operations

Seconded: VP Academic and Student Affairs

***Vote: All in Favour,
Motion Carried.***

4. Items for Action

4.1. Cheque Remittance

The VP Finance explained that we have no cheques that need Executive approval.

5. Items for Discussion/Information

5.1. GSA Fall orientation

The President mentioned that she ordered the swag bags and some items and also that GSA has some money left from fall orientation that can be used to provide some snacks. VP Finance mentioned that we need some bins for storing the snacks and other items due to the mice problem in the GSA commons. The President mentioned that we may need to store the food items at executives' homes. Executives agreed on that. Therefore, the President thanked executives for storing items in their homes. The President asked all executives to be present in the virtual orientation. The VP academic continued that it is critical that all of us be present that day so we can answer all questions. He also mentioned that it would be great if we have social clubs and councils in the virtual orientation so they could meet new students. The President stated that she will ask all councils in the council meeting to join us in the fall orientation.

5.2 GSA Fall orientation Curbside pickup

The President stated that we received approval from the Pandemic Response Team which allows us to provide curbside pickup for the fall orientation. VP Finance mentioned that everyone who says he/she will be there for curbside pickup should make sure of their presence on that day. The President mentioned that we invited senior leaders from CPGS to join us so they can meet new students.

5.3 Empower Me

The President stated that EmpowerMe is a service provided by Student Care since last year for students that need phone consultations. But we understand this service is used by only 1% of the students. So we start a discussion with student care if we can discontinue this service since we are paying for this for 1% of the total number of students at GSA. President Zahan said that she and VP Finance and Operations have been exploring options with Studentcare and if we can replace it with services that are more useful to students. The President asked other executives if they have any questions about EmpowerMe. VP Finance asked for a clarification on StudentCare explanations if they agreed for a promotion? The President explained that it is completely up to

executives what they want from Studentcare. Executives must study the Studentcare services and decide what they want to do with it.

5.4 GSA Newsletter

The President asked Executives to send their updates for the upcoming GSA newsletter. The President asked executives to read the last GSA newsletter so they can contribute to it.

5.5 Summer/Spring bursary

The VP Finance and Operations reported that 83 applications from 150 are completed and the Bursary Selection Committee is going to select 12 applicants for this bursary. He explained that the bursary committee will have two meetings: one to distribute the applicants and another one to conclude the results. VP Moradi mentioned that he is hoping to announce the names of the bursary recipients by the end of next week. The value of each bursary is 750 which is 250 less than the other semesters. He said that executives decide to reduce the amount so that they can distribute the funding among more students.

5.6 Vaccine Contest

The President explained that she and VP External affairs have been working on promoting the vaccine contest and University vaccine clinic on social media. The President suggested that all executives participate in this contest. VP External asked the process of getting vaccines in the University vaccine clinic if anyone can get the vaccine from the walk-in or if the students need an appointment. VP Tetteh also asked if students need to provide proof of studentship before getting a vaccine on campus. The President requested VP Tetteh to contact the Student Wellness Center about such information.

5.7 2022 Executive meetings

The President asked executives if they have a suggestion for possible dates and times for the 2022 executive meetings. VP Finance and Operations asked the executives if they agreed they could wait until the next couple of weeks for determining the 2022 meeting dates, which all

agreed. The President asked executives to address this matter soon since it is very important for all executives to be involved with this decision.

5.6 Career Services

The President asked VP External Affairs to explain the Career Services request. VP Tetteh stated that Career Services asked us for a meeting with the executives at GSA. Therefore, VP Tetteh requested the executives to provide their availability for the meeting.

5.7 CGPS Discussion

The President stated that she and other executives have been trying to create a better experience for the graduate students. For instance, the GSA encourages the students and the faculty members to have the student-supervisor agreement in place. Therefore, the President and VP Academic and Student Affairs communicated with CGPS to have some events related to student-supervisor relations throughout the academic year. CGPS assured GSA to look into that.

5.8 Future events with student wellness

The President asked executives to send her any suggestion about having events with the Student Wellness Center, or the Director of Student Affairs. The VP External mentioned that he has a day-long programme for mental health, which he will propose to the President.

6. Other Business

None

7. Closed Session

8. In-Camera Session

9 Adjournment of Meeting

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM

Moved: VP External Affairs

Seconded: VP Indigenous Engagement

Vote: All in favour.

Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association
 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes
 July 21th, 2021 – WebEx
 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 2021 – Spring/Summer Term

Members Present: Ehsan Moradi (VP Finance and Operations), Olusola Akintola (VP Academic and Student Affairs), Mostofa Kamal (Council Member), Iyanu Kumayon (Council Member), Khaled Zoroufchi Benis (Council Member).

Regrets: None

The VP Finance and Operations called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and thanked all the committee members for being present on this selection process meeting despite their busy schedule. It was mentioned that a gift card will be provided for the committee members. All members present have signed confidentiality documents to ensure all bursary applicants' privacy rights are protected. We have received 150 respondents to the Bursary application on Survey Monkey however only 83 were completed. The committee has decided to eliminate candidates who have already received a GSA bursary in any of the previous three terms (**as per our bylaws students who have been awarded with GSA bursary in any of the previous three terms –from the date of the application, are automatically disqualified**). The committee found four (5) candidates who fit such criteria and one (1) candidate who has applied twice, therefore 5 names were removed from the pull of applicants (83-6 = 77 candidates to be evaluated). The 77 students with successful applications were equally divided between the members of the committee. Members of this committee confirmed their understanding of the bursary evaluation form that was used to evaluate all candidates. It was restated by all present that if anybody knows or has any type of relationship with an applicant, another committee member has to evaluate that application. The applicants were carefully distributed so that conflict of interest was avoided/minimized.

Each committee member had access to Survey Monkey extracted data on July 21st, 2021. Next committee meeting was scheduled **for Monday, July 27th at 6:30 PM** where recipients of the bursary will be selected during that meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.



University of Saskatchewan - Graduate Students' Association
Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes
July 27th, 2021 – WebEx
6:30 PM – 7:50 PM
2021 – Spring/Summer Term

Members Present: Ehsan Moradi (VP Finance and Operations), Olusola Akintola (VP Academic and Student Affairs), Mostofa Kamal (Council Member), Iyanu Kumayon (Council Member), Khaled Zoroufchi Benis (Council Member).

Regrets: None

The VP Finance and Operations called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Each member reviewed and ranked the package of applications according to the accepted criteria, then a second revision for high ranked applications was made by another member prior to this meeting. Following the review and cross-checking of all applications, they were sorted according to score. 12 bursaries were available and 2 additional students are in the waiting list in case something unexpected happens.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.



University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association

President's Report - GSA Council Meeting, August 2021

Dear Councilors,

On behalf of the GSA Executive team, we are honoured to be provided this opportunity to represent graduate students for the 2021-2022 academic year, and we look forward to working together with our graduate students on new initiatives that will improve student experience within our university community. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to our graduate student community for their continued participation and dedication to the Graduate Students' Association.

In this report, I have provided a brief explanation of my focus during my tenure, which includes:

1. GSA-USSU Collaboration

The USSU and GSA will be working together on items that interest the entire university community. Areas of partnership include, but not limited to, students' housing experience, on and off-campus parking, anti-racism and anti-oppression, diversity and inclusion, etc. The GSA is hopeful that such collaboration with the USSU will help us support our student community at-large.

2. GSA Fall Orientation and Curbside Pick-up of Swag Bags

The GSA Executive team will be hosting a virtual orientation event on September 1, 2021, via *Zoom*, where we have invited Studentcare to welcome our new incoming graduate students and provide information on the Health & Dental Plan. The GSA Executive will also be organizing a curbside pick-up of swag bags for all graduate students on September 7, 2021, in front of the GSA Commons Building. All graduate students are welcome to join these two events. Further details about these two events can be found [HERE](#).

3. Work towards enhancing resources to support health and well-being

This past year has been very hard on students, staff, and faculty due to the pandemic. We have seen many students struggle financially, mentally, physically, and spiritually.

Therefore, we are partnering with the Student Wellness Centre, Student Outreach team, Huskies Athletics, and Campus Recreation to discuss future activities and events catered towards graduate students.

4. Promotion of Student-Supervisor Agreement

We are continuing our effort to promote the student-supervisor agreement among graduate students, faculty members, and other senior leaders. We again strongly encourage the council members to reach out to their academic council units to encourage graduate students and faculty members to have student-supervisor agreement in place.

5. Enhancing support for academic, professional, and leadership success

We will be working towards enhancing support for graduate students to improve their academic, professional, and leadership skills through organized events for the upcoming academic year, in partnership with the Career Center, Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), and other community partners.

The GSA Executives look forward to working with members of the university community to contribute to future initiatives and support graduate students throughout the upcoming academic year.

Rifat Zahan

President, Graduate Students' Association



University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association

VP Finance and Operations report - GSA Council Meeting, August 2021

Dear GSA Councilors,

Please, find below the main area I together with the other GSA executives worked and working on during the Spring/Summer terms:

- **Need-based bursary, Spring/Summer 2021**
- **Fall Orientation, 2021**

1. Need-based Bursary

The Association recognizes the importance of these bursaries to our members. The call for bursary applications is closed in an extended deadline on July 9 and the bursary committee reviewed all applicants. The final decision has made by the committee on July 27 and 14 recipients selected by the committee (12 recipients and 2 on the waiting list). The main 12 applicants informed on July 28 to send their information to GSA office manager for cutting the cheques.

Because of uncertainty about the support from the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, it was decided to distribute \$750 (a total of \$9000) dollars among the recipient of spring/summer term. My experiences reviewing the applications (along with my committee members) showed me just how many worthy applicants in need of these funds there are. Many applicants were qualified and deserving of this bursary, but the funding was simply too constrained.

2. GSA Fall Orientation

The Graduate Student's Association (GSA) University of Saskatchewan is preparing for the fall orientation and during July and August the President of GSA and other executives were trying to plan the orientation and prepare the swag bag items and handbooks for the new graduate students.

I look forward to working with each one of you and making your voices heard as far as my role allows me to. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at gsa.fin@usask.ca

Thank you,

Ehsan Moradi

VP Finance and Operations

Graduate Students' Association



University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association

MONTHLY REPORT VP ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS
AUG 2021

Dear Council Members,

Please find below my report for the month of August 2021 to the council.

Thank you.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AT A GO.

		Jun-21
1	04-Jun	Emergency GSA Meeting
2	08-Jun	Teaching, Learning and Academic Resources Committee
3	09-Jun	Academic Misconduct Appeal Board Meeting
4	09-Jun	Graduate Academic Affairs Meeting
5	15-Jun	Academic Misconduct Appeal Board Meeting
6	17-Jun	Parking and Transportation Committee Meeting
7	17-Jun	University Council Meeting
8	17-Jun	GSA Executive Meeting
9	18-Jun	Check in with GSA Executive/Patti McDougall
10	22-Jun	GSA Council Meeting
11	23-Jun	PRT/USSU/GSA/President Stoicheff meeting
12	25-Jun	Emergency GSA Meeting
13	13-Jul	Meeting with Students on Funding
14	15-Jul	GSA Executive Meeting
15	16-Jul	Bursary Committee Meeting
16	19-Jul	GSTIP Meeting
17	22-Jul	Residence Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Fall Orientation

The Fall Orientation will be held on September 1st, 2021, between 10am – 12pm (Saskatchewan Time). It will be done virtually. All graduate students are encouraged to attend the orientation. The link for the virtual orientation meeting has been displayed on our various social media and GSA Newsletter. We have separately scheduled the curbside pick-up for the orientation swag bags on September 7th, 2021, between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Saskatchewan Time) where we will hand out the swag bags to the students in front of the Emmanuel and St. Chad College (GSA Building). Adequate publicity has been made on all our social media platforms.

2. 3MT Competition Event

The 3MT competition will be held on March 25, 2022. We are still having discussion about 3MT event and further information will be provided as we make progress in our discussion

Olusola Akintola,

Vice President Academic and Student Affairs

August 2021

RE: VP External's Report to Council

Dear Council Members,

Please find below my first report to council:

1) GSA Executive Meeting

On July 15, 2021, I attended a GSA executive meeting where we discussed future activities and goals, as well as how COVID-19 would affect them. We actively discussed and determined possible dates for fall term events, coordinated arrangements for fall orientation, and explored various ideas for making orientation more engaging.

2) Canadian Federation of Students

On July 15th and 16th, 2020, I attended the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) standalone meeting via Zoom. The meeting lasted two days and ran from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. The meeting began with each local being introduced. The meeting's focus was on Graduate Students and a historical review. We also talked about the "Mental Health Toolkit," which is designed to help graduate student organisations establish, evaluate, and enhance the mental health of their members, as well as deliver mental health programmes and services on-campus and assess the effectiveness of their efforts. Individual graduate students will find helpful and accessible tools in this toolkit, which is available both online and in print.

Another item on the agenda was the "Education for All" initiative. This campaign aims to promote free education for students in Canada, like what is seen in other nations such as Germany. As a representative of Local 101, I offered general comments and addressed questions regarding CFS's activities and initiatives for graduate students, particularly foreign students, and their worries about the campaign, as well as whether international students were considered part of the campaign. At the conclusion of the meeting, I was linked with the CFS graduate Chairperson who is spearheading this student campaign, and we will be discussing ways to improve and collaborate on initiatives for the coming fiscal year.

3) Health Chat Events

As Vice President External, I am putting together a schedule of health chat events for the fall and winter semesters. Unfortunately, according to COVID-19, most of the event will have to be held online to protect our students' health and safety. These health talk activities and ideas will be reviewed in greater depth at our next executive meeting.

4) Social media and Interaction with Executives

We continue to keep graduate students informed on GSA projects via social media, and I have actively participated in virtual interactions with executives.

5) Meetings

Since submitting my first report to council, I have attended the following meetings.

Date	Meetings
June 30, 2021	CGPS Interdisciplinary Studies Committee meeting
July 7, 2021	AVPR Search Committee Meeting
July 15, 2021	GSA Executive Meeting
July 15, 2021	NGC Meeting – Day 1
July 16, 2021	NGC Meeting – Day 2
July 28, 2021	Career Centre Meeting
August 18, 2021	AVPR Search Committee Meeting

Leslie Tetteh
 Vice-President External Affairs
 Graduate Students' Association (GSA)