



**University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 24, 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

**Zoom Meeting: The August 24, 2021, Council Meeting took place via Zoom due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, where the Government of Saskatchewan made directives to practice physical 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 Zoom 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 5:01 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/Moradi)

Carried

3. Guest: Huskie's Women's Soccer Coach

The Chair welcomed Coach Hamilton. He spoke about Women's Soccer as a sport. He also

introduced himself and explored engagement via soccer. He then tried to gauge the level of GSA engagement in sports and soccer. He did bring up looking at potential engagement and intermingling of Graduate Students and Sports. Ms. Alexis, VP indigenous Engagement suggested a moment of silence as a sign of respect for all the children remaining discovered at the residential schools across Canada. Ms. Proulx-Cullen suggested engagement for families as many graduate students do have families. President Zahan suggested that increased engagement with graduate students, in general, and specifically international students would increase engagement from the grad student community. There was a bit of discussion surrounding methods of increasing graduate students' participation. The coach mentioned to organize events engaging graduate students in women's soccer team. The Chair asked if it was also free for public as it is free for students and it is not but the price for the public is reasonable, and he gave some approximate prices.

Coach Hamilton provided his email and the Chair thanked Coach Hamilton for his time. The Coach Hamilton provided his email address to the council members, in case people have more questions: jeb847@mail.usask.ca

4. Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2021

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were approved. There were none.

Motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2021, minutes. (Proulx-Cullen/Moradi).

Carried

5. Information to be received

- a. June 17, 2021, Executive Meeting Minutes
- b. July 15, 2021, Executive Meeting Minutes
- c. July 21, 2021, Bursary Selection Committee Minutes
- d. July 27, 2021, Bursary Selection Committee Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 5 a,b,c,d (Moradi/Mondal)

Carried

6. GSA Executives Report

a. President's Report

The President presented her report to the council. There was a question for President Zahan. Claudia asked "Does the health and dental plan is approved by Canada's Immigration (IRCC) when travelling by air to Canada? Will other activities for grad students be made if we miss swag bag events due to late study permit responses?" President Zahan responded "The student needs to be in Canada for access to the Health and Dental Plans and apologized if she misunderstood the question." Claudia reiterated and President Zahan let her know it would be best to contact studentcare for health and dental plan-related questions and provided the email address of studentcare. President Zahan also responded that the swag bags are first come first serve. Therefore, if there are leftovers, then students can book an appointment by contacting GSA to pick up the swag bags. The Chair thanked both.

b. Vice President Finance and Operation Report

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

c. Vice President Academic and Student Affairs Report

The Vice President Academic and Student Affairs presented his report to the Council. There was a question for VP Akintola from Natasha "Our College (Kin) is creating a monthly newsletter and we will include GSA events in it. Are there any other events besides the orientation (Sept 1), swag bags (Sept 7), and 3MT thesis-competition? VP Akintola responded saying so far, it's those three, the other ones are not quite fully planned yet. President Zahan responded as well letting Natasha know about two possible events: Graduate Student Research Conference and the GSA Annual Awards Gala. The details will be released in the monthly newsletter as they are dependent on re-opening plans.

d. Vice President External Affairs Report

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

e. Vice President Indigenous Engagement (Verbal Report)

The Vice President Indigenous Engagement VP Alexis presented her report to Council. There were no questions for VP Alexis.

Carried

7. Other Business/Announcement

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 6:03 pm (Proulx-Cullen/Moradi).

Carried

Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Sep.2 2020	Oct.2 2020	Nov. 10 2020	Dec.8 2020	Jan.2 6 2021	Feb.2 3 2021	Mar.1 6 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	A
Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council	Sukanya Pati (Ayat Zagzoog)	N/A	N/A	P	R	P	P	P	A	P	P
Plant Science	Dylan Sjolie (Matthew Wengler)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	P	P	P	A	A
Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS)	Matthew Reichert Cherise Schlekewy	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	A
SENSA	Mostofa Kamal Mariana Campos (Jaclyn Porter) (Rory Wheat)	N/A	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	A
SPHSA	Aisha Sajid Maha Khan (Maggie Coupland) (Daniel Medina)	N/A	P	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A
Sociology GSA	Connor Morrison Maria Cruz (Alana Demkiw)	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	A	A
Soil Science Graduate Student Association	Amy Jimmo (Aimée Schryer)	N/A	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A	A
Toxicology Graduate Students' Association	Alana Weber (Jensen Cherewyk)	A	R	P	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	P

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Exec. President	Rifat Zahan	P	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	P
Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs	Olusola Akintola	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P
Exec. VP External Affairs	Leslie Tetteh	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P
Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement	Tina Alexis	N/ A	N/ A	N/A	P	P	R	R	P	R	P