



**University of Saskatchewan  
Graduate Students' Association  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Zoom 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 January 18, 2022 Council Meeting took place via Zoom due to the global health pandemic of COVID-19, where the Government of Saskatchewan along with University Administration has put social guidelines in place to curb the spread of the virus.*

**Chair: Hema Sandeep Navara  
Recording Secretary: Nicole Pasloski**

*The Chair indicated his acknowledgement of his place zooming in from Treaty 4 land, home of the Cree, Saulteaux bands of the Ojibwa peoples and the Assiniboine, as he is situated/zooming in from Regina.*

*The Chair also welcomed anyone else joining from other traditional Treaty lands to share their Land Acknowledgement as a commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.*

**1. Call to Order/Opening remarks**

The agenda package was emailed with the Zoom meeting link for online participation. The Chair welcomed members of council and called the meeting to order at 1705 CST. Ms. Nicole Pasloski, the Recording Secretary of Council compiled the meeting minutes.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair asked about any amendments to the agenda as circulated via email.

The President noted four (4) changes within the agenda. The Chair and Recording Secretary noted the changes.

*Motion to approve the amendments. (Dube/Cherneski)*

**Carried**

*Motion to approve the amended agenda. (Gerbrandt/Kamal)*

**Carried**

## **2. 2020-21 Council Funding Cheques**

Reminder for Council representatives to contact GSA office manager to pick up funding cheques.

## **3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2021**

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were called for approval. There were none.

*Motion to approve the December 14, 2021, meeting minutes. (Dube/Zahan)*

**Carried**

## **4. GSA Graduate Student Research Conference**

The Chair handed the floor to the GSA President who spoke about the upcoming conference for graduate students to share their work. Abstracts can now be submitted, and there is information on the GSA website. The President welcomes any questions and to reach out via email.

## **5. Information to be Received**

*Executive Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2021*

*Motion to approve the December 9, 2021, Executive Meeting Minutes. (Ezechukwu/Cherneski)*

**Carried**

## **6. Information to be Received**

*Executive Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2022*

*Motion to approve the January 7, 2022, Executive Meeting Minutes. (Cherneski/Boyes)*

**Carried**

## **7. Update: By-Election VP Indigenous Engagement**

The President provided the update for the By-Election of VP Indigenous Engagement. Until now there was no interest in the position for this term. There now remains only 3 (three) months left in the tenure for the GSA Executives tenure, so an election is not required, rather, if there is interest, someone can be appointed. There was an interested individual,

Susan Shacter, present at the meeting who expressed interest in the position and was invited to speak at this time on what would make her a good fit for the position. Susan spoke of her history and experience on what she would bring the council and position. After she spoke, the Chair invited attendees to ask questions at this time. There was one question for Susan from the President, which Susan responded to.

*Motion to appoint Susan Shacter to the position of VP Indigenous Engagement.  
(Zahan/Kamal)*

**Carried**

## **8. Executive Reports**

### **A. President's Report:**

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were numerous questions to the president about bus pass inclusion in tuition fees. These questions were jointly addressed by the President and the VP Academic & Student Affairs. The Chair indicated that since so many attendees were interested in this agenda item, individuals should email him prior to the next meeting so an item can be added to the next Council meeting, allowing for adequate time to discuss.

### **B. Vice President Finance & Operations Report:**

The VP Finance & Operations was not in attendance at this meeting. The Chair indicated that any questions regarding his report from the prior month should be emailed to him.

### **C. Vice President Academic & Students Affairs Report:**

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. Questions for VP Academic & Student Affairs for this month should be emailed to the VP.

### **D. Vice President External Affairs Report:**

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. Questions for VP External Affairs for this month should be emailed to the VP.

## **8. Other Business/Announcements**

This conversation was preceded by many of the questions that were asked of the President following the report presented by the President. The other item was related to issues of distance and remote learning education. Questions and concerns regarding this should be sent to the President. In the interest of time, this item will be added to the agenda at the next Council meeting.

There was also a brief recap of the tuition meeting that took place earlier during the day of January 18, 2022. As well as the pursuance of a seat with the Board of Governors within the University. This item will also be included in the next Council meeting. Questions and concerns can be sent to the President or appropriate VP

before the next meeting.

## **9. Adjournment**

The Chair moved to adjourn at 1820 CST. (*Gannon/Cherneski*)

**Carried**

***Next Meeting: February 15, 2022.***