



**University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 14, 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 Thursday July 14, 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: Sadia Afrin Lema
Recording Secretary: Nicole Pasloski**

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 1703 CST. Ms. Nicole Pasloski, the Recording Secretary of Council compiled the meeting minutes.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Quorum was not reached and there was a brief discussion of items that would need to be left until approval could be achieved with a majority vote.

3. Approval of meeting minutes

3.1 GSA Annual General Meeting Minutes 2022 – April 19th, 2022

3.2 GSA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2022

3.3 GSA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - June 2, 2022

Item 3 could not be completed since it requires a decision and quorum was not reached.

4. Executive Reports

4.1 President's Report:

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were no questions for the President at this time. Any questions may be directed to the President's email address at any time at gsa.pres@usask.ca

4.2 Vice President Finance & Operations Report:

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were no questions for the VP at this time. Any questions for the VP may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.fin@usask.ca

4.3 Vice President Academic & Students Affairs Report:

The report was presented to council members and will be circulated via email.

Question: Have students volunteered to stand up and be advocates for other students when they must attend an academic misconduct hearing?

Answer: So far it has just been the President and the VP Academic and Student Affairs. The GSA representative advocating for the student at such hearings is required to do prep work and needs to be a strong voice for the student.

Follow-up question: Do we want to put out a call for students to sit on a Hearing Committee? It would be helpful to have more volunteers and also if that was done: the amount of work included in standing up for a student at a hearing should be included so individuals know what they are signing up for.

Answer: We could put out an email and see if there are individuals interested, yes.

Any questions for the VP may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.sa@usask.ca

4.4 Vice President External Affairs Report:

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were no questions for the VP at this time. Any questions for the VP may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.external@usask.ca

4.5 Additional Q&A

There were no additional questions at this time.

5. Election of GSA Council Vice Chair

This item could not be completed since it requires a decision and quorum was not reached.

This item has been sent out in the GSA newsletter and there have not yet been any nominations. The Chair asked for nominations to be put forward from the floor.

Tasbeen Akhtar Sheekha said they would like to put their name forward.

The Chair went through the bylaws governing the position of the Vice-Chair of the GSA and asked for the nominee to speak briefly on why they would like to be elected to this position. Sheekha spoke about their experience and why they would like to be involved. Sheekha was asked a couple of questions that were answered in turn.

Since quorum was not reached, there was discussion of a vote for the position of Vice Chair and whether it could be completed via email.

6. Election of GSA Code of Ethics and Discipline Committee

This item could not be completed since it requires a decision and quorum was not reached.

7. Other Business

Question: Is it possible to send out items for approval so they may be approved via email instead of carried over to the next meeting?

Answer: Yes, it is allowed to do that for approval of minutes but not for the election/appointment of the Vice Chair.

Follow-up comment from the floor: information on nominations for the Vice Chair position should be emailed out to all graduate students, not just to the council members.

8. Adjournment

The Chair moved to adjourn at 1751 CST. *(Proulx-Cullen/Gannon)*

Carried

Next Meeting: August 11, 2022.

Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Sep. 2021	Oct.26 2021	Nov.23 2021	Dec.14 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	Mar. 2022	Apr. 2022	Jun. 2022	Jul. 2022
Physical and Engineering Physics - PEGASUS	Kimberlee Dube – Councillor Nicholas Simonson - Alternate	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A
Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council	Jennifer Chami - Councillor Asiyah Suchak - Alternate	N/A	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	N/A	A
Plant Science	Sandesh Neupane – Councillor Adam Carter - Alternate	N/A		P	P	P	A	A	A	N/A	A
Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS)	Michael Tweten - Councillor Devin Wittow – Alternate	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A
SENSA	Tatiana Corello - Councillor Jaclyn Porter - Councillor Rory Wheat - Alternate	N/A	P	A	A	A	P	P	A	N/A	A
SPHSA	Richa Tikoo - Cousellor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	P
Sociology GSA	Kayla Arisman – Councillor Ayla Zehtab-Jadid – Councillor Shayla Batty – Councillor Iyesogie Iyiewuare – Alternate Grace Rath -Alternate Kamal Abu-Hena – Alternate	N/A	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	N/A	A
Soil Science Graduate Student Association	Amy Jimmo Councillor Eric Neil – Alternate	N/A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A
Toxicology Graduate Students' Association	Jensen Cherewyk – Councillor Hannah Mahoney - Alternate	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	A
Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) GSA	Jennifer Abi Younes - Councillor Jade Sands – Alternate Christopher Zinck - Alternate	N/A	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	N/A	A

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Exec. President	Rifat Zahan	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P
Exec. VP Finance and Operations	Ehsan Moradi	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	N/A	P
Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs	Mostafa Kamal	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N/A	P
Exec. VP External Affairs	Devin Cherneski	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	N/A	P
Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement	Tina Alexis	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P