



**University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 15, 2022, GSA Commons**

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

Chair: Sadia Afrim Lema

Recording Secretary: Nicole Pasloski

1. Call to Order/Opening remarks

The agenda package was emailed to Council members. The Chair welcomed members of council and called the meeting to order at 1721 CST. Ms. Nicole Pasloski, the Recording Secretary of Council compiled the meeting minutes.

The Chair reminded Council members of the protocol and Robert's Rules of Order. The Recording Secretary asked individuals to be sure to identify themselves when addressing the council so as to be recorded properly.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The Chair asked about any amendments to the agenda as circulated via email. There were no amendments brought forward.

Motion to approve the amendments and agenda. (Moradi/Mohammadi)

Carried

3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2022

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were called for approval.

Motion to approve the August 11, 2022 meeting minutes. (Moradi/Sumana Nath)

Carried

4. Executive Reports

4.1 GSA President:

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 for the President may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.pres@usask.ca

4.2 Vice President Finance & Operations Report:

The report was presented to council members.

Question: Challan Gladman (ECC) asked if there had been a vote to move to fully in-person meetings and voiced the opinion that a hybrid meeting model would be preferable in regard to COVID-19 numbers.

Answer: In keeping with university protocols, we have decided to move to an in-person meeting model.

Comment: Elyse Proulx-Cullen added to Challan's question saying a hybrid model makes sense and in a previous meeting there was discussion of keeping meetings hybrid from now on.

Answer: We hear what you are saying and we can make a hybrid model happen.

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

4.3 Vice President Academic and Student 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.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 Questions and answers

There were no additional questions at this time.

5. Election of GSA Council Chair & Chief Electoral Officer

Control of the meeting was handed over to former Chair Devin Cherneski since the current Chair was up for re-election.

Since the term is up for the existing GSA Council Chair and Chief Electoral Officer there was a call sent out for candidates for the new term. In accordance with the bylaws, the Chair is required to ask 3 times if there were any nominations from the floor, nominations were open to all present. There were no candidates from the floor. There was one candidate present who expressed interest in the position: Sadia Afrin Lema. They spoke of their studies and experience, as well as why they are interested in the position, after which they were asked to exit the meeting for a vote to appoint them to the position.

Votes:

Yes: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to appoint Sadia Afrin Lema to position of GSA Council Chair & Chief Electoral Officer. (Chavez/Mahoney).

Carried

6. Election of GSA Council Vice Chair

The Chair addressed the requirements and responsibilities for holding the position of Council Vice Chair. In accordance with the bylaws, the Chair is required to ask 3 times if there were any nominations from the floor, nominations were open to all present. There was one interested candidate who expressed interest via email.

Tasbeen Sheeka – expressed a passion for the well-being of all people. Works in health education. Identified herself as responsible and knows that she can engage further with the GSA and for graduate students here at Usask. Sees the holding of this position as an opportunity.

Votes:

Yes: 9

No: 0

Abstain: 0

As there was a majority vote, Tasbeen Sheeka was appointed to the position of GSA Council Vice Chair.

7. Election of GSA Council Recording Secretary

The Chair addressed the requirements and responsibilities for holding the position of Council Recording Secretary. In accordance with the bylaws, the Chair is required to ask 3

times if there were any nominations from the floor, nominations were open to all present. There was no interest from the floor at this time.

The president encouraged council members to pass along information about the need for a Recording Secretary to other graduate students who may be interested.

8. Ratification of Student Groups and Clubs

The Chair asked for representatives of those student clubs seeking ratification to come forward to speak about their groups' mandates to the council members.

Mahesh Rachamalla – Let's Talk Science

Hannah Mahoney – Tox on Tap

Aishwarya Gurung – Nepalese Students' Association

Sahrima Jannat Oishwee – Bangladesh Students' Association

The president asked that anyone interested in ratifying a social group email him and encouraged members to get involved in social clubs on campus.

9. Other Business/ Announcements

The president encouraged council members to get involved in student groups and encouraged them to invite others as well.

10. Adjournment

The Chair moved to adjourn at 1847 CST. (*Moradi/Kamal*)

Carried

