



University of Saskatchewan- Graduate Students' Association

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 12, 2023; 17:00-19:00

Meeting Location: GSA Commons and Online

AGENDA

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GSA Bi-weekly Meeting Nov 2, 2022

Attendance: Mostafa Kamal, Ozra Mohammadi, Sristy Sumana Nath, Ehsan Moradi,

The meeting started at 10:06 am

Land Acknowledgement: The GSA president started the meeting with land acknowledgement. The agenda of the meeting is approved.

Moved: Sristy

Secunder: Ehsan

Items for Action/Discussion:

- **Eligibility as a full-time time work (Graduate Programs and Internationalization Specialist) for grad students**

Sristy: A Ph.D. student would like to apply for a full-time position job in the university, is it possible based on the new law?

Mostafa: If the student is a full-time student, they cannot get the position. But part-time students have the opportunity.

- **Leftover swag bags**

The leftover bags, about 100 bags, are enough to circulate for winter new students, no need to prepare new ones.

- **Meeting update with student wellness center manager (October 31, 2022)**

Mostafa: The meeting was requested in July but because of her busy schedule we met this week. By comparing the number of doctors, nurses, and other staff before and after covid 19 with the manager. We tried to find out what is the problem with the long waiting time in the wellness center. The current waiting time to visit a doctor is 3 weeks.

The number of staff since 2015 has been constant, but the number of students increased by about 3000.

- **Graduate Research Conference (determining schedule)**

Funding of 3000\$ is requested from CGPS to hold the graduate research conference. There is enough budget to include prizes for the winners and announce them to encourage students to participate.

- **Holiday Hangout (date and type)**

Mostafa: As the university is back to in-person, we need to have an in-person event for the holiday for students on campus.

The suggested date is Dec 28, 2022.

- **Scheduling a meeting with the provincial educational minister**

VP external responsible to set a meeting with the education minister with GSA executives.

- **Mode of next council meeting (logistics)**

Hopefully, by the end of this weekend, the camera will be installed to hold the coming council meeting in a hybrid mode.

- **President's convocation dinner party attendance**

As Mostafa will be in Ottawa, the VP of finance will join the dinner party.

Motion: **Approval of the meeting minutes GSA Bi-weekly Meeting November 27, 2022**

Move: Ehsan

Secunder: Sristy

Motion Approved

Adjournment of Meeting: Sristy moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.



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GSA Bi-weekly Meeting Nov 27, 2022

Attendance: Mostofa Kamal, Ozra Mohammadi, Sristy Sumana Nath, Ehsan Moradi,

The meeting started at 9:07 am

Mr. president started the meeting with land acknowledgment and continued: you have received the event agenda item for today's meeting by the VP of Finance on Sunday, November 20. apart from that if you want to add any other you can do it now.

Sristy Sumana: I would like to add one, the residents' Internet issue.

The agenda of the meeting is approved.

Moved: Sristy

Secunder: Ehsan

Items for Action/Discussion:

1. Research conference update

Ehsan: So, with the research conference. Everything is ready to lunch. I just need you to tell me the exact date of the Research Conference.

Mostofa: We need to give at least 3 weeks to the advertisement, and the application.

January 12 is the Orientation day, after that is good.

The conference date is approved to be on January 17 from 12 to 3. Pm.

Mover: Ehsan

Secunder: Ozra

Expenses: 3000\$ is approved by CGPS that 1000\$ will be spent for holding the event and 2000\$ will go as 4 prizes for winners, 500 for each.

Mostofa: since we are at for the like, we are giving a really good price for this year. And this is the competition. So, we need to make sure that we have enough participants.

2. Fall Bursary updated

Ehsan: right now, I am writing the email. for next week's meeting. So, I'm hoping that we can wrap up in one week the whole applications. because the numbers are not too high.

It would be only 15 people per person.

Mostofa: So, you understand the whole process, the confidential agreement, and then call a meeting by this week. as you already know, people have been waiting for a long time. It is already December. So, we cannot make any other delays. please make sure that you train all of the committee members. make sure that we can probably have the result by December before December 9, when December 9 is the Friday next Friday.

Mostofa: I actually know that. this is also related that we'll be receiving 32,000 from CGPS. we have a total of 70,000. So, in that case, I wanted to give 35 this time and over 35 year winter term, 70.

Ehsan: for spring and summer it was distributed already. Now we are doing Fall. Just winter will be left.

Mostofa: During the fall bursary, we will be providing 35 bursaries in total, approved.

Mover: Ehsan

Secunder: Sristy

3. Holiday hangout

Ehsan: for holiday hang out. So the main reason for the holiday hang-out is to ask people to get their own at the GSA Common. That was before Covid, so Covid did it. We just minimize it to distribute. But this year again. You want to have them in person at the GSA. So, there is no specific agenda for the holiday to hang out. It's just a Mini party. This is not the registered people only, everyone, what, for instance, what, or the registered people. If you're thinking of registration which makes sense because our space is limited, I guess having a registration system, for it would be a good idea. Please ask them what kind of food they prefer to have that night.

Sristy: I feel like in holiday, hang out. We provide food and some little gain, and that's our plan. Okay, then, so I can discuss the game. If we have executive any plan.

Sristy: We need to decorate our GSA community. Not for Christmas, it's a new year party. a

lighting band or something to stick. Dollarma store has some 1 one or \$2, I can provide.

Mostofa: Can you (Sristy) open a Google document today and share with us where we can bring it from our party? So, everybody can share their ideas.

The holiday hangout will be on December 28, 2022. Volunteers and executives will organize the event.

Ozra: please accept my regret for the event, I will go back home at that time.

As the time passed by 1 hour, Mr. president decided to discuss the other items in another meeting.

Motion: Approval of the meeting minutes GSA Bi-weekly Meeting October 19, 2022

Move: Ehsan

Secunder: Ozra

Motion Approved.

Adjournment of Meeting: Sristy moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.



University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 10, 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

Vice-Chair: Tasbeen Akhter Sheekha
Recording Secretary: MD. Abrar Jahin

1. Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

All Council Members were emailed the agenda package and posted on GSA website as well. The Vice-Chair of Council, Tasbeen Akhter Sheekha officially welcomed Members of Council to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM after quorum for the meeting had been met. MD. Abrar Jahin, the Recording Secretary, compiled the meeting minutes.

Motion to approve agenda without any amendment(s)
(Gwen Rose /Mostafa Kamal)

2. Approval of Agenda

Total in-person voted in favour: 10

Total online voted in favour: 14

Hence total voted in favour: 24

Since the majority of the votes were in favour, this has been passed as our agenda in that day's meeting as circulated.

Carried

3. Guest Speaker: Presentation by the Science Librarian

Topic: Consultation for institutional research data management strategy

This presentation was conducted by Lee (Science Librarian) & Jason (Director of the research library). They had a brief overview of the process in developing the institutional research data management strategy and the process they use. They introduced the concept of research data with examples, explained how the tri-agency research data management policy works and discussed three different strategy pillars.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve agenda without any amendment(s)

(Amanda Gannon / Challen Gladman)

All in support – 10 in person, 14 online

Carried

5. GSA Executives Report

5.1 GSA President's Report

The President starts his report hoping that all council members got the chance to read the reports. There were some disruptions in the residence facilities which were taken care of. The committee members who were selected respectively in the previous GSA meetings started working their part. GSA also going to organise a World Cup Football final on December 18 in the GSA commons where breakfast will be provided to the guests. The GSA is also organizing holiday treats for those graduate students who will be staying in Saskatoon on December 28 where some games, like darts, UNO and cards games will be played, and karaoke music for entertainment and foods throughout the day. GSA is also planning to organise the winter orientation on January. 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

5.2 Vice President Finance & Operations Report

The VP Finance & Operation couldn't deliver his report because unfortunately he met with a small accident, so GSA president reported on his behalf. He stated that the bursary decision had been made and they were being in the process of given out. 35 candidates were chosen and each of them were given \$1000. Last year only 25 students received this bursary per semester, so GSA discussed with council and increased the number to 35 this year. The report is for the bursary for Fall term and the next bursary for the winter term's application will be accepted from January. There were no questions for the VP at this time. Any additional questions for the VP Finance may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.fin@usask.ca

5.3 Vice President Academic and Student Affairs Report

The VP Academic and Student Affairs started her report that as her portfolio, she had gone to several meetings with students; however, those wouldn't be disclosed for confidentiality. They have discussed to open lounge and other facilities. They discussed about residency, maternity leave, etc. In January, they will organize a winter orientation program for the students.

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were two questions for the VP from an online participant. She asked - In which step is the maternity leave? Are the six months for sure, or it might not become approved at the end? The VP answered that this is still being processed, and soon we

can see a result. Any questions for the VP Academic and Student Affairs may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.sa@usask.ca

5.4 Vice President External Affairs Report

The VP External Affairs started her report by stating that she is preparing for Annual event ceremony of GSA on April 29th. Apart from that, for two outstanding committee, they had meeting that day for code of ethics committee and diversity committee, so hopefully they can provide helpful activities for all graduate students. There was a single question for the VP regarding the diversity committee – which she requested to forward to her email and also invited the person who asked the question to join the diversity committee if she was looking forward to it. Any questions for the VP External Affairs may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.external@usask.ca

5.5 Questions & Answers

There was a concern raised by a member – as of this month, prove of enrolment request needed paying a \$10 fee per request. People are pretty concerned for this because it is usually required for many reasons and it is especially costly for international students. She was wondering if GSA could look into this decision and hopefully could get this additional \$10 fee dropped. GSA President responded to this concern that he (and GSA) had no idea at all regarding this matter and he totally supports her. He promised that GSA will communicate with University and let them know that the students are not happy regarding this decision and will try to eliminate this additional charge.

6. Ratification of Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Students' Association

A member Carlene represented this academic council – she mentioned that this is a combination of two clubs, one in Regina and one in Saskatoon, and they have one president but two vice-presidents, one for each campus.

Total in-person voted in favour: 8

Total online voted in favour: 10

Since the majority of the votes were in favour, the motion was carried.

Carried

7. Other Business

There was an announcement – GSA still needed one council member for the governance committee and one council member for the sustainable committee. Akinola Ogbeyemi from Biomedical Engineering has expressed his interest in joining the sustainability committee. However, no one showed interest for the governance committee.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:09 pm.

(Challen Gladman, Amanda Gannon)

Appendix A

| Academic Council | Name of Councillors and (alternates) | Aug. 2022 | Sept 2022 | Oct 2022 | Nov 2022 | Dec 2022 | Jan 2023 | Feb 2023 | Mar 2023 | Apr 2023 | Jun 2023 |
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| Agricultural and Resources Economics (ARE) Graduate Student Association | | P | N/A | N/A | A | P | | | | | |
| Animal and Poultry Science | | P | N/A | P | P | A | | | | | |
| ARCHAIA | | A | N/A | P | P | A | | | | | |
| Biology Graduate Student Association | Shuqi Ren – Councillor Kayla Caruso – Alternate | A | P | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Chemistry Course Council | | P | N/A | N/A | P | P | | | | | |
| College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology | Arshdeep Jagait – Councillor Kundanika Mukherjee (Alternate) | A | R | P | A | P | | | | | |
| College of Medicine Graduate Students Society –Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology | Maddie Stewart – Councillor Rachel Harris- Alternate | A | R | P | Reg | P | | | | | |
| College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Community Health & Epidemiology | Amanda Gannon – Councillor Emilia Gillies - Alternate | P | N/A | P | P | P | | | | | |
| College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Health Sciences | Elyse Proulx-Cullen – Councillor Fabrice N. Njotu – Alternate | P | N/A | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Computer Science Graduate Council (CSGC) | Fidelia Orji – Councillor Naz Zarreen Oishie – Councillor Pujitha Macha – Alternate | A | N/A | N/A | P | A | | | | | |

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| Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Biological | | A | N/A | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Biomedical | | A | N/A | P | A | P | | | | | |
| Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Chemical | | A | N/A | A | P | A | | | | | |
| Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Civil, Geological & Environmental | | P | N/A | N/A | A | A | | | | | |
| Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Electrical & Computer | | P | N/A | P | A | P | | | | | |
| Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Mechanical | | A | N/A | P | A | A | | | | | |
| English Course Council | Dara Gerbrandt – Councillor Challen Gladman - Councillor Amanda Burrows - Alternate | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Geography & Planning Graduate Council | | A | N/A | N/A | A | A | | | | | |
| Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Students' Association | | A | N/A | N/A | A | P | | | | | |
| Kinesiology Graduate Student Council | Danielle Cormier Kevin Mageto (Alternate) | A | N/A | P | P | P | | | | | |

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| Physical and Engineering Physics - PEGASUS | Nicholas Simonson – Councillor Yasaman Yousefi - Alternate | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council | | P | N/A | P | P | A | | | | | |
| Plant Science | Brianna Senetza – Councillor Kaylie Krys - Alternate | A | P | P | Reg | P | | | | | |
| Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS) | Joanna Lavoie - Councillor Henry Francisco – Alternate | A | P | P | A | A | | | | | |
| SENSSA | | A | N/A | N/A | A | A | | | | | |
| SPHSA | | A | N/A | N/A | A | P | | | | | |
| Sociology GSA | Kayla Arisman - Councillor Grace Rath -Alternate Leah Houseman – Alternate Devin Prachler – Alternate Sara Leavin - Alternate | A | P | P | P | Reg | | | | | |
| Soil Science Graduate Student Association | | regrets | N/A | P | A | P | | | | | |
| Toxicology Graduate Students' Association | Hannah Mahoney – Councillor Emily Kennedy - Alternate | A | P | A | P | P | | | | | |
| Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) GSA | Jennifer Abi Younes - Councillor Jade Sands – Alternate Christopher Zinck - Alternate | P | N/A | N/A | A | A | | | | | |

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| Exec. President | Mostafa Kamal | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Exec. VP Finance and Operations | Ehsan Moradi | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs | Sristy Sumana Nath | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Exec. VP External Affairs | Ozra Mohammadi | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | |
| Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement | Vacant | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | | | | |



GSA President's Report (December 2022-January 2023) to GSA Council Members

Dear GSA Council Members,

Please find the GSA President's monthly activity summary from December 2, 2022, to January 5, 2023, as listed below in order of importance of the activities.

1. GSA Holiday Hangout Event (December 28, 2022)

The GSA organized a very successful holiday hangout event on December 28, 2022. The GSA sends an open invitation to all graduate students' via GSA newsletter and via standalone email announcement. The event was attended by 250 graduate students. Because of 99 occupancy limits at a time at the GSA commons, the event was split into two sessions: 1) 10 am to 2 pm and 2) 3 pm to 8 pm. Snacks, lunch, and dinner were provided among all graduate students. Students participated in many indoor games, including Uno, monopoly, dart board, carom, etc. Students highly appreciate the event and sincerely requested to continue organizing the Holiday Hangout event during the long holiday break of Christmas and New Year.

2. GSA Organized World Cup Football Match Watch Party (December 18, 2022)

The GSA organized World Cup Football Match Watch Party for graduate students on December 18, 2022. The party was well attended by graduate students. Morning breakfasts were served to all attendees. The event was only open to graduate students.

3. Governance Committee Meeting (December 6, 2022)

The GSA president attended the Governance Committee Meeting and discussed policies about voting right (currently no voting right) of Executive Directors of the School of Public Health, School of Environment and Sustainability, and Johnson Shoyama School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan Council. It is to be noted that neither the GSA president nor

the USSU president is a voting member of the governance committee. Thus, both student leaders asked the committee for voting right at the committee.

4. Strategic Priorities Steering Committee (December 7, 2022)

The GSA president attended the University's Strategic Priorities Steering Committee to discuss the University of Saskatchewan's research and development priorities.

5. CFS Saskatchewan Chapter Meeting (December 7, 2022)

The GSA president attended the Canadian Federation of Students' Saskatchewan Chapter re-introduction meeting along with the University of Regina and First Nations University student leaders. The student leaders agreed to restart the provincial chapter of the CFS. University of Regina Student Union is assigned to prepare a constitution draft in winter 2023.

6. PEC/Student Executives monthly meeting (December 8, 2022)

GSA executives meet the university leaders and discuss internet disruption issues at many residences building. The Vice Provost of Services, Greg Fowler, promised to resolve the issue with top priorities.

7. CGPS Executive & Coordinating Committee Meeting (December 8, 2022)

The GSA president updated the committee about GSA activities and Fall bursaries. The GSA president informed the committee that the GSA awarded 35 need-based bursaries in the Fall of 2022, 120 applicants.

8. Black History Month Planning (December 8, 2022)

The GSA president and VP of Academic and Student Affairs attended a meeting to discuss GSA's plan and to hear University's plan to organize Black History Month in February 2023. Another follow-up meeting is scheduled on January 16, 2023, to finalize event details.

9. GSA Council Meeting (December 8, 2022)

The GSA president attended the GSA council meeting at the GSA commons, presented his report, and answered questions from council members.

10. Residence Discussion #2 – GSA (December 12, 2022)

The GSA president and VP of student affairs attended a meeting with the university residence manager and his team members. Many important issues were discussed, including an additional fee charged for advance move-in at the University residence building during the Fall term. The GSA executives also discussed the SOURIS hall building liaison officer, playroom opening, kids' play session opening, and kids' immunization facility opening at the SOURIS hall building.

11. GSA and PAWS (December 12, 2022)

The GSA president attended a meeting with University's communication department to discuss the communication strategies following the GSA manager's departure. University's communication department agreed to extend its helping hand until GSA hires a new manager.

12. ThinkGrad Meeting (December 15, 2022)

The GSA president attended the ThinkGrad forum meeting. It is to be noted that ThinkGrad has been dormant since the pandemic started. The member agreed to re-activate the forum and work towards making a positive change to graduate students' life and well-being.

13. University Council Meeting (Council Monthly Meeting)

The GSA president and VP of student affairs attended the university council meeting. President presented the GSA activity report. The GSA president asked University President about University's plan to reduce seasonal flu. Further, the GSA president asked University President about University's initiative to reduce the homicide rate among Saskatchewan's Indigenous people (the highest in Canada).

14. GSA Gala Planning Meeting (December 16, 2022)

The GSA president attended a meeting with the GSA Gala Night 2023 event management team to discuss the details of the event, along with the VP of Finance and former GSA office manager. The GSA Gala night is scheduled on April 29, 2023, at the Remi Modern Hall. Approximately 200 guests will attend the Gala night. This will be the first in-person GALA night since 2019.

15. Meeting with GSA Executive re: Tuition 2023-24 (December 19, 2022)

The University administration meets the GSA executive to inform them that University will follow its earlier Tuition fee increase. The dean of CGPS invites all graduate students to attend the Graduate Student 2023 Tuition Discussion on Monday, January 16th, 3–5 pm (CST) at ARTS 200 (Arts building room 200).

16 GSA Executives by-weekly meeting (January 5, 2022)

- I. Winter Orientation
- II. GSA Research Conference
- III. Winter Bursary
- IV. Toxicology Graduate Student Association Funding Approval (decision)
- V. CGPS Tuition Townhall Discussion
- VI. Discussion about Academic Council's Letter to GSA Executives
- VII. GSA Gala Event 2023
- VIII. VP Indigenous and Engagement Salary upon election
- IX. GSA Holiday Hangout event review (post-event reflection and survey approval)

The detailed executive committee meeting minutes will be made available in the next council meeting.

Regards,

Mostofa Kamal

President

Mostofa Kamal

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Report from the VP Finance and Operations (December 2022)

Hello GSA Councilors,

I am pleased to provide you an update on my activities as the current Vice-President Finance and Operations.

1. GSA Summer Bursary Update

GSA bursary committee selected 35 applicants. We had a 20% growth comparing last year. We have been trying to increase the amount of the bursary by receiving more contribution from university and donations.

2. GSA Commons and GSA operations

GSA has been working fully functional with serving graduate students. The GSA commons has been open to students as an amazing study space. We also accommodate events as a source of income for the GSA.

GSA recently released ratified clubs founts. We will serve other clubs as soon as they finish their ratification process.

Our office manager resigned this month by a very short notice so we used GSA coordinators to get trained by the outgoing office manager so they can serve as temporary office manager while the process of hiring a new office manager is happening.

We have been trying to advocate student rights for using university services while are in the window of the registration. Unfortunately, university removes graduate student access to the university services (for example gym) even before registration deadline.

I have been dealing with the financial matters for the GSA holiday hangout and taking care of its expenses.

I am trying to organize the Gala event and ease the financial difficulties.

I planned a memorial ceremony for the flight PS752 that had many Canadian university graduate students onboard while downed by the terrorists.

We also had a very constructive meeting with PEC and had a long conversation with University senior leader regarding master's and part-time graduate students' funding and tuition. We also keep asking the CGPS leader to provide us with more support through the GSA bursary. **GSA Events**

As VP of Finance and Operations, I have been working with other executives to be prepared for the GSA Fall and Winter events like the orientations.

Additionally, I continue to sit on various committees to improve the graduate students' experiences both on and off campus. Some of the meetings that I attended as part of my responsibilities are listed below:

Meetings

Executive Retreat Meeting

PRT/PEC/USSU/GSA Meeting

Studentcare

GSA-PSAC

Student Affairs and Services

ISSAC-GSA

Mental Health First Aid

Meeting with the City of Saskatoon

GSA Executive Meeting

Multiple meetings with outgoing VP Finance

Please feel free to contact me at gsa.fin@usask.ca should you have any questions or need any further clarification.

Sincerely,

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Vice-President Finance and Operations

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Monthly Activity Report from VP Academic and Student Affairs

Dear Council Members,

Please find the VP Academic and Student Affairs monthly activity summary from December 01, 2022, to December 31, 2022, as listed below:

1. GSA Executive Committee Meeting: December 01 and 22, 2022

Please see executive meeting minutes for details.

2. Residence Discussion: December 08, 2022

We discussed internet issues and hired a liaison person in Souris Hall. Also, we requested to open the kids' vaccination service like pre-pandemic period.

3. GSA Fall Bursary meeting: December 06, 2022

As a GSA Bursary Committee member, I evaluated around 18 applications. After evaluating all applications, the GSA provided 1000 CAD bursary to 33 grad students in Fall 2022.

4. Holiday hangout events: December 28, 2022

The GSA organized a whole day holiday hangout for grad students with two sessions on 28 December 2022. I purchased indoor game accessories, e.g., cards, UNO, Jenga, Monopoly and so on for entertainment.

5. Planning to organize Winter'23 orientation program:

The GSA executives fixed 11 January 2023 (2PM to 5PM) for organizing orientation program. The Dean of CGPS accepts the invitation to attend the winter'23 orientation.

6. Attended regular meetings of my portfolio:

- a. *Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee: December 01, 2022*
- b. *PEC/Student Executives monthly meeting: December 08, 2022*
- c. *GSA Council Meeting: December 08, 2022*
- d. *Academic Program Committee: December 14, 2022*
- e. *University council meeting: December 15, 2022*
- f. *Academic and Student Life Technology Meeting: December 16, 2022*

g. Graduate Programs Committee: December 05, 2022

7. Student advocacy related academic and non-academic issues:

a. Allegation of breach of authorship: 29 December 2022

Regards,

Sristy Sumana Nath

VP Academic and Student Affairs

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Dec 2022

RE: VP External's Report to Council

Dear Council Members,

Please find below my report to the Council for December 2022:

1) Gala event

I am in touch with the event planner to organize the ceremony. The invitation emails have been prepared and sent.

2) GSA Standing committees

Two of the three committees under my role, the Diversity Committee, and the Sustainability Committee, are formed and the meeting minutes for each of them are attached to this report. For the Award Selection Committee, the first meeting will be held by the end of January.

3) Meeting minutes

I have written meeting minutes for Nov 27, 2022 executives' bi-weekly meetings.

4) Meetings/Events

The following is a list of meetings I attended in Dec 2022:

| Date | Meetings/Events |
|--------------|--|
| Dec 5, 2022 | PEC/Student Executives monthly meeting |
| Dec 5, 2022 | Sustainability committee meeting |
| Dec 5, 2022 | Diversity committee meeting |
| Dec 5, 2022 | GSA council meeting |
| Dec 19, 2022 | Meeting with GSA Executive re: Tuition 2023-24 |

Regards,

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