

## GSA Council Meeting – September 20, 2016

3. Adoption of the Agenda: change May to August (1) business (2) electrical engineering

Amended – issues none (1) Biology (2) Civil Yes in favor

4. Approval of minutes – August (1) Biology (2) Chemical engineering Yes in favor

5. Summary of Executive Activities:

President: attended CRC event planning committee meeting, correspondence with Drew Martin of Student VIP, Sunday special Event organizer training. Orientation week review, ISIC card/Bus pass coordinator with CFS – feedback on card union has been positive, Health and Dental audit conducted.

Q: none

VP Admin: nearing completion of the website that will combine UNB Fredericton with Saint John. Created Orientation survey and distributed for feedback. Bus pass survey will be circulated in October. Created official emails for councilors – preserve institutional memory. All future council updates will be through this email. Investigating enrollment trends with the Dean and creating a report.

Q: none

VP Academic: committees with vacancies have been filled – much appreciated. The standing committee will reach out next. Feedback will be coming in from volunteers. Instructions will be sent.

Q: none

VP External: attended a meeting with counselling services as they were unhappy with our decision to work with StudentVIP. They feel they already offer the same services.

Q: Laurette, Saint John: asked for description of the SAP and if it pertained to Saint John students? Yes.

Q: Interdisciplinary: Are the doctors local & is choice of Doctor possible? Yes.

Q: Does it change the premium rate? No, it is free for the first year.

Q: Laurette: Is it just for mental health? Yes

Q: Does the student pay for the service? No

VP Finance: Read by Chair: Travelled to home to recover from injury. Investigating options for Book keeping position with GSA.

&. New business – Summer term Honoraria: Skype suspended. Executive leave room.

Motion to go in Camera: (1) Interdisciplinary (2) Civil Eng. In favor? Yes.

(1) Education (2) Sociology Discussion? None

Motion to go out of Camera (1) Interdisciplinary (2) Civil Eng. Opposition? None

Approve Honoraria (1) Education (2) Sociology Opposed? None Abstentions? None

Future of the Health & Dental plan – Drew Martin – StudentVIP via Skype.  
Presentation on the Self-funded model. Own and control your own plan.

President discussed how the GSA in 2011 started exploring the idea of the self-funded model and began to put portion of premium fees charged to student aside for future.

Mechanical Eng. Discussion on fairness and transparency to students. Chair: decision was made by a previous council, the money is in a fund, discussion now is on the decision to continue with the rate stabilization fund.

Discussion by Interdisciplinary on the length of contract and the total of funds collected – 2 years.

Discussion VP Admin on why we have RSF.

President: questioning if we need this model and if not what should we do with the funds collected.

Mechanical Eng. discussion on fairness and transparency reiterated. Chair: clarification that Council voted on this model. This executive is bringing it to Council and being transparent about the fund so a decision can be made on continuance.

Physics discussion on what the past 5 years of claims have cost.

Mechanical Eng. discussion on the theory of profit as it pertains to insurance.

Response Drew Martin: at the end of the day H&D is not a profit making center and breaking even is ok.

Interdisciplinary discussion of the pros and cons and carrot vs. stick

Mechanical Eng. Discussion on value to GSA

Psychology discussion on loss ratios. Response from Drew Martin on ratios of loss from 2011 to present. Future questions and clarifications welcome. Skype call DM ended.

Presentation by the President of pros and cons for GSA and also an explanation of options discussed with Financial Services should the vote be to return the money to students.

Motion: Forestry: suggest we delay until executive committee has an opportunity to compile numbers and projections are possible. Explore costs now versus future - will it benefit the GSA?

(1) Mechanical Eng. (2) Biology Discussion: Sociology: Will 1 month be long enough? President: Yes. Chair: Motion for October? (1) Biology Chair: Call for the question? Interdisciplinary

In favor? Yes. No? 2 Abstentions: None

8. Announcements: CFS & National Day of Action - November 2, 2016 - Presentation by David E. Overview of the Canadian Federation of Students. GSA Executive can get you in touch with David if anyone has questions or concerns related to CFS.

AGM & Elections - October 18, 2016. CRO - Sara Edwards: Anyone interested in running in the election please send me an email. All students are eligible.

AGM will also be held October 18, 2016.

Q; None

Motion to Adjourn: (1) Civil Eng. (2) Mechanical