

**Council Meeting Minutes – 18 January 2017**

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**Date:** Wednesday, 18 January, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:** Tilley 104

**Chair:** Cody Waite

**Recording Secretary:** Brittany Dixon

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum
3. Wolastoq Acknowledgement - Graduate Student Association at University of New Brunswick, recognises and honours the Wolastoq Nation and their not-ceded territories where we have gathered today.
4. Adoption of Agenda
  - Moved by: Forestry
  - Seconded by: Sociology
  - All in Favour
5. Adoption of the December Minutes
  - Moved by: Biology
  - Seconded by: Forestry
  - All in Favour
6. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members)
  - Bipin – VP Finance:
    - i. Last Audit in 2011, but nothing since.
    - ii. Cleaning up records and book keeping
    - iii. Implemented New payroll system
  - Chris – VP External:
    - i. International student issues
    - ii. Tuition rebate from province for domestic students. Does not apply to international students. Increases costs.
    - iii. President mentioned premium price grad programs.
    - iv. Issues important to grad students that call for need of strategic plan for GSA to maintain progress and relevance.
  - Brittany- VP societies and Events
    - i. Winter events.
    - ii. Board games
    - iii. Monthly Dooly's
  - Samar – VP Academic
    - i. Take problems to the Senate
    - ii. Questions from people who want to ask about Currie centre and charges.
    - iii. As councillors, let senate know what questions you want to ask. Samar contacts secretary and that goes to department and senate.

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- iv. Questions could be about funding, etc.
- v. Keep grad students engaged.
- Aditya – President:
  - i. Combine ISIC and bus pass and Ucard.
  - ii. Book keeping - will get updates next week
  - iii. 24 hour study space
  - iv. Financial services about health insurance. Going with same insurance provider with lower premium from past. In future, will sit together to discuss how to combine different benefits to avoid overlap.
- 7. Committee Reports
  - Executive Director's report (Krista Harris)
    - i. Cody (speaking for Krista for bar):
    - ii. Everything is going well.
    - iii. People are drinking beer.
  - Finance Committee (Bipin Kumar , VP Finance)
    - i. Collect society cheques on Tuesday from office.
  - Events Committee (Brittany, VP Societies and Events)
    - i. Location is Wu Centre.
    - ii. Abstract extension to Jan 22
    - iii. Seeing 100% increase over last year's numbers.
    - iv. March 18<sup>th</sup> is the date.
- 8. New Business
  - Elections – VP Administration – Sara Edwards (CRO)
    - i. Benoit Leblanc for VP Admin
      - 1. 24 yes, to 0 no
  - Honoraria for the Fall term 2016
    - i. Moved by: Maths
    - ii. Seconded by: Biology
    - iii. All in Favour
  - Proposed Meeting Date for Budget Discussions for the year 2017-2018 – February 22, 2017.
    - i. Moved by: VP Finance
    - ii. Seconded by: VP Academic
    - iii. All in Favour
- 9. Announcements
- 10. Adjournment

**\*Note to Students:** PLEASE SEND any inquiries or questions you have regarding these agenda items (prior to the meeting!) to the appropriate GSA Executive and please cc Krista Harris (gsa@unb.ca) in your email!