

## GSA Council meeting – September 20, 2017 – Tilley 125 – Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call/Call for Quorum + Yes
3. Wolastoq Acknowledgement – Graduate Student Association at university of New Brunswick, recognizes and honours the Wolastoq Nation and their not-ceded territories where we have gathered today.
4. Adoption of the Agenda – April changed to May minutes – moved by Forestry and seconded by VP Admin. In favor Yes, opposed, none.
5. Adoption of May meeting minutes. - Motion by VP External. Seconded by VP Admin. In favor, yes. Opposed, none.
6. Summary of Executive activities:  
VP Admin – Thanks to all who volunteered for Orientation. Visited the UNBSJ campus with the CFS team to talk about issues and help them with organization. If any new council members need emails please contact me and I will help. Question: are we able to change emails to be less hierarchical? Can we fix the filter?

VP Academic – looked at supervisors and graduate student interactions – found no SGS – going forward (Nov.) will develop a plan and guidelines as none exist to govern these relationships. International students – remove the \$200 going forward. Progress in this regard indicates that a lot of things can be accomplished if we as graduate students are engaged. Power concedes nothing without pressure. Express, articulate, work with the administration, and let them know this is what is going to happen if not work with us. The International health fee has been eliminated this has never happened before. Now we must increase base funding. There is money, ask for it, make it happen.

VP External – UNB Town Hall announced Draft of Academic Plan – Wed. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Red Shawl awareness campaign week of September 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – looking for volunteers.

VP Finance – Read in – Co-ordinated with Accountant to complete book keeping for this past year. No fees are in arrears. Met with the Dean. Helped plan Orientation. Please email if any questions.

President – Helped with Orientation, Bus pass/ISIC distribution, visited UNBSJ, attended CFS meeting. Final year of current bus pass contract – will create and distribute a survey. SERC committee needs a GSA representative – volunteers welcome.

7. Chair would like to thank the VP Clubs & Societies on an excellent, well organized, fun Orientation. – Events committee will update on Orientation at next meeting.

Executive Director – Worked with Brittany to facilitate organization of Orientation. Completed online health & dental training for the Blue Cross portal and plan roll-out. Working on the bus pass opt-out/distribution. Served as the liaison between StudentVIP and Financial Services to

ensure a smooth transition. Updated the Enrollment process to be more streamlined and decrease turn-around time.

Thank you very much to Cody who increased time I could devote to students while he ensured bar and activities were very well organized and taken care of – your work is very much valued and appreciated.

Bar report: Cody: great September at WCB – good numbers and great number of people at the house for events. Beer tasting, first of many. Sold out and hope to have at least one per term. Great start to what we hope will be a great year – societies, if you would like help organizing an event please just get in touch.

8. Executive Honoraria: motion to go in camera, Forestry, seconded by Civil Engineering.  
Motion to come out of camera: Forestry. Seconded by Civil Engineering.

9. Announcements: AGM to be held in October – 5:30 location TBA. All graduate students are eligible to run.

UGSW – announcement of AGM, Eat & Greet next week.

Discussion on how to make the pre-council process more informative and transparent

10. Motion to adjourn: Forestry, seconded by VP Admin.