

## **GSA Council Meeting Minutes– 21 Jan 2015**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 21st, 2015 **Chair:** Cody Waite

**Time:** 5:30 pm **Recording Secretary:** Krista Harris **Location:** Tilley Hall Rm 5

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum**

-Business Administration

-Interdisciplinary

In favor: Yes Opposed: None Abstentions: none

### **3. Adoption of Agenda**

Mover: VP Communications

Issues: none

Second: Forestry

In favor: Yes Opposed: none Abstentions: none

### **4. Approval of minutes 3 December 2014**

Mover: VP Communications

Issues: none

Second: Forestry

In favor: Yes Opposed: none Abstentions: none

### **5. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members)**

President: Budget meetings, resolution of health & dental issues, Website hack solution with Dave Shipley. No info lost, no security issues, dealt with quickly.

Q? – anything vulnerable on the website? A- No

VP Finance: Budget meetings – most transparent budget ever, very representative and accurate. Bar is now in a position to invest in itself. Both Finance committee and the Executive have reviewed – numbers look good. Q? none

VP Communications: Getting acquainted and learning the roles of the position. Q? none

VP External: Budget meeting, scheduling bus pass meeting with the city. Q? none

VP Special Events: Lunch and Learn – Sociology – Predatory Publications. Looking for host Q&A after? Yes – L. Crump. GRC will be Thurs. April 23<sup>rd</sup> –call for papers. Schedule will be finalized soon – poster presentations welcome. Key note speaker: MLA David Coon. Q? When will the call for abstracts be? A: mid – Feb. at the latest, next meeting is Monday to discuss.  
VP Administration: Completed executive reports, bi-laws that were recently approved updated, and council minutes have all been posted to website. Tables for report presentations on the website have been updated for comprehension and clarity.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **a. Windsor Castle Bar report (Cody Waite)**

Has been a good year financially, bar was booked almost every night for end of the term. Trivia still very popular and well attended, even some new groups hosting their own nights – Engineering. Comparative pricing of new bar chairs, lamps, furniture for the Presidents room and upstairs conference room.

### **b. Finance Committee (Mindy, VP Finance)**

Budget meeting 2 weeks ago, it was very long but able to go through budget line by line. Received budget from Saint John, improperly formatted and will require some work but will be reviewed by committee and voted upon at upcoming meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Executive Honoraria**

Executive asked to leave room

Motion to go In camera: Forestry Second: Psychology  
In favor: Yes Opposed: None Abstentions: None

Motion out of in camera: Forestry Second: Political Science  
In favor: Yes Opposed: None Abstentions: None

Motion to award maximum allocations available to executive  
Forestry  
Second: Interdisciplinary  
In favor: Yes  
Opposed: None  
Abstentions: None

## 8. Other Business

VP Finance: Propose special budget meeting Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

Second: Anthropology

In favor: Yes Opposed: Forestry note: representatives have Wed. schedule conflict.

## 9. Announcements

### Health & Dental Opt Out/In deadline is Jan 23rd.

Please send out a campus wide email to notify students in the morning. Saint John and Fredericton.

### Next meeting is 18 Feb at 5:30 pm, Tilley Hall Room 5. Confirmed Jan. 22/2015

## New Director of Graduate Studies – Candidate Presentations

Joe Blades – there has already been one presentation. This is very important for graduate students and will have a huge impact – needs to be well attended and so far there has not been enough representation. Each presentation is followed by a Q&A for graduate students.

Next meeting is January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:15 in C-9 followed by the third meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> room C-10

Note: Psychology – unfortunately it is a bad time for our faculty to attend. Is it possible to submit questions? Joe: Yes – please send to me: [joe.blades@unb.ca](mailto:joe.blades@unb.ca)

Announcement Forestry: Student researcher is looking for women who had a baby while mid-degree to compile data on the impact. Please forward anyone interested in participating in this study to me and I will pass along the contact information.

[Sara.edwards@unb.ca](mailto:Sara.edwards@unb.ca)

Biology – Ryan – question: regarding the stories being circulated regarding the faculty joining the Grad house and forming a new club? Is this something we should discuss once we have finalized the budget? Mindy: some discussion has been held, very preliminary and the other group has been informed that no decisions can be made without the consent of council and a vote/referendum. Wayne: At this point the information out there is only speculative and should be taken as such. There are in fact a number of student/class projects underway to investigate different angles but it is not clear if they are simply make-work student projects so at this point there is no real information to discuss.

## 10. Adjournment

Motion: Interdisciplinary

In favor: Yes Opposed: None

**\*Note to Councillors:** 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!