

GSA Council Meeting - 18 February 2015

Date: Wednesday, February 18th, 2015

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Tilley Hall Rm 205

Chair: Cody Waite

Recording Secretary: Mindy Moore

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion added to 7. Motion A became motion B. Motion to adopt.

1st - Education

2nd - Forestry

4. Approval of minutes from January Council Meeting

1st - Interdisciplinary

2nd - Psychology

5. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members)

President - Met with City of Fredericton regarding Bus Pass, also C&C insurance, will discuss with motion. Two big updates. Q - What was the bus pass meeting? A - Will discuss later

VP Admin - Trying to keep everything updated online, adding small software to track viewers, as well as a survey to test opinion. 100 people per week online. Q - No

VP Special Events - GRC plans in full swing, looking for reviewers, e-mail back to the gmail address on e-mail sent to all students. Details of submission dates on same e-mail. April 23rd, David Coon is keynote, in Marshall D'Avery Hall. Q - Can I review and submit abstract? A - Yes. Also looking for societies and hosts for Lunch N' Learn Sessions.

VP Academic - Students received e-mails regarding committee vacancies, filtering through responses. Q - No

VP Finance - Society Allocations ready, preparing documents for University - Q - No

VP External - Worked on negotiating UPass. Q- No,

6. Committee Reports

a. Windsor Castle Bar report (Cody Waite)

Bar is doing well, getting signature Meade flavour on tap.

Krista's baby came early, Cody Waite has taken over her position. Q - No

- b. Finance Committee (Mindy, VP Finance)
No updates - Committee took a month off after extra

7. New Business

a. C&C Insurance - Executive Insurance Plan

Motion Moved by President, Seconded by VP Administration
Other GSAs do as perk for executives, GSA population covers insurance costs for executive.

Discussion:

- What will the cost be? (rough estimate, could be \$2 per student).
- Psych: How do we justify the costs? We don't know. Self-Funded model coming up for further discussion.
- Biology: Why is this a separate thing? The plan is the same for everyone, but these people are counted separately in billing.

In favour - 14

Opposed - 5 (2 biology)

Abstentions - 1 Abstention

Motion Passes

b. UPass (Buss Pass) – Aditya Roshan & Wayne Solomon

Vp External and Pres met with city - Show Presentation

Discussion:

Forestry - How many grad students use the bus? Around 60% of students, estimated pick up their bus passes, how many use them is unknown, suggest get city to track this

Psychology - Psych department poll - only one person used the bus pass in the year, but all have them.

- What about international students?

Mech Engineering - If we let this expire will students who want the buss pass have to pay the \$600+ - Yes

Psychology - International students do not want bus pass.

Chemical Engineering - Do we have numbers for those who opt out? No.

Psychology - Can we opt out of Bus Pass if we have parking pass? No.

Biology - If we did renew it, can we gift it to someone else? No.

1st - President

2nd - VP Academic

In Favour - 20
Opposed - 7 (2 Psychology)
Abstentions - 2

Motion Passes

8. Other Business

9. Announcements

- Next meeting is **March 25 at 5:30 pm, Tilley Hall Room 205.**
- Interdisciplinary work in progress session
- UGSW General Meeting Thursday Feb 26, Tilly 125.

10. Adjournment

1st - Psychology
2nd - Chemical Engineering