

Council Meeting Minutes – 23 February 2016

Date: Wednesday, 23 February, 2016

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Tilley 104

Chair: Cody Waite

Recording Secretary: Bipin Kumar

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum
3. Adoption of Agenda
 - Moved: Mechanical
 - Seconded: Biology
 - All in Favour
4. Approval of minutes January 2016
 - Moved: Mechanical
 - Seconded: Civil
 - All in Favour
5. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members)
 - Aditya – President:
 - i. Mid -year review meeting with C&C insurance regarding Health and dental Plan
 - ii. Attended technology fee committee. Looking for suggestions. Request for resources towards Wellness programme by Psychology students.
 - iii. Participated in finance committee regarding Budget discussion
 - iv. Discussing with CFS regarding Tax Clinic for Graduate students.
 - Thalia – VP Finance:
 - i. Finance committee – Looked into previous budget and made draft budget.
 - Ismael – VP External:
 - i. Lobby Week in Ottawa – Talking with NB representatives regarding Post Secondary education.
 - ii. Probable meeting in UNB to discuss with students – Not sure of exact dates yet.
 - iii. Also discussed about R&D initiatives for Graduate Students.
 - iv. Attended CFS National Graduate Caucus and lot o focus on Mental Health issues for Graduate students.
 - Christian – VP Academic:
 - i. Attended various universities meetings and had lot of budget discussions o the university.
 - ii. Proposal submitted for Grad House renovations towards to make it accessible. May be GSA should contribute partly according to queue towards renovations. No clear idea yet on the cost.

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- Brittany – VP Societies and Events:
 - i. Attended Lobby Week on Monday - Talking with NB representatives regarding Post Secondary education Very receptive.
 - ii. Had events committee meeting regarding organizing GRC. Date of GRC - April 22, 2016 at Head Hall.

- Bipin – VP Administration
 - i. Mid -year review meeting with C&C insurance regarding Health and dental Plan. Also discussed about International Health insurance survey as well as regarding Alumni plan after graduation for both international and domestic students.
 - ii. Looking at various hosting options for the website. Currently we do not have access to the hosting account of the website. Better options available at cheaper price.

6. Committee Reports

- Windsor Castle Bar report (Cody Waite)
 - Bar – Lots of Booking, events, etc.
 - Trying to get ready for summer term.
 - Planning for Euro Soccer in Summer
 - Sales are good.
- Finance Committee (Thalia Nikolaidou , VP Finance)
- By-law Committee (Bipin Kumar, VP Administration)
 - Had meeting with the By-law committee and looking into possible changes.
 - Will discuss on the proposed changes in the March meeting.

6. Special Budget Meeting Motion – Tuesday, March 1st, 2016.

- Request in change in date as Final offer/ Strike vote for UGSW (Union of Graduate Students Workers) is on the same day.
- Moved: Forestry
- Seconded: Mechanical
- Amended – March 3rd 2016 – 5:30

7. Health and Dental Discussion – Aditya

- Discussion with Student VIP Presented with possible increases in the current plan along with various options.
- Ismael discussing with We speak student / Greenshield – Better Options.
 - Great Usage – Comparison between options.
 - Plan to increase fees in the current plan to submit to university and look for better options in the mean time.
 - Moved: Mechanical
 - Second: Psychology
 - Opposed: Ismael
 - Majority in Favor – Motion passed.

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6. Other Business
7. Announcements
 - Psychology wellness programme – Lyndsay
 - i. No limit on number of session for Graduate students.
 - ii. Limited to 6 sessions at the Student Health centre on campus and a very long waitlist.
 - iii. Sessions done by senior Psychology students.
8. UGSW
 - Discussed regarding Emergency General meeting as well as Final offer/Strike vote.
9. Finance committee – Looking for two members to join the finance committee.
10. Adjournment
 - Moved: Forestry
 - Seconded: Mechanical
 - All in Favour
11. Meeting adjourned.

***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 Cody Waite (gsa@unb.ca) in your email!