

GSA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, 15 November, 2017 Chair: Cody Waite

Time: 5:30 pm Recording Secretary: Krista Harris

Location: Carleton Room 106

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum = Yes
3. Adoption of Agenda – move to amend the agenda, Civil Engineering. Seconded by Sociology.
 - a. Wolastoq acknowledgement as #3
 - b. October minutes deferred to Dec. meeting
 - c. Announcement added - CFS

Any issues? None. In favor = yes.

Wolastoq acknowledgement – Graduate Student association at University of New Brunswick, recognizes and honors the Wolastoq Nation and their not-ceded territories where we have gathered today.

5. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members)

President – Brittany: Consultation and Representation:

School of Graduate Studies – November 15, 2017, met with Dean of Graduate Studies, Drew Rendall. Discussed merging Graduate Research Conference with 3 Minute Thesis in March. Collaboration between GSA, SGS, and Dean's council to fund and improve GRC for 25th anniversary.

Presentation of Candidates for Vice-President Research – November 21 & 28, 2017.

Attending executive member candidate session to submit comments and feedback.

Internal Administration:

Meetings with Health and Dental providers.

Upcoming meetings – We Speak Student, November 17, 2017 & Student VIP,
November 22, 2017

Committees and Boards:

Graduate Research Conference: Until VP S&E is elected, current executive will co-chair upcoming conference.

Website for abstract registrations will go live week of November 20, 2017.

Call for committee members – First meeting will be held November 24, 2017, Grad House, 11:30am-12:30pm. There will be pizza!

Fredericton Senate meeting – November 21, 2017. Attending for VP Academic

Events Hosted: Dooly's Pool Night, downtown Fredericton – November 30, 2017

Projects and Goals: To improve communication and transparency between members, councilors, and executive, we will be enacting the following:

Councilor survey to understand issues in communication and make necessary improvements to system to ensure exec-councilor and between-councilor communication.

Informal information session for councilors at Grad House. Come and ask questions about GSA, Executive, and Councilor roles. ▪ November 27 – 4pm ▪ November 28 – 2pm

Next council meeting there will be a presentation on exec roles and responsibilities. Announcements: N/A at this time.

VP Finance – Bipin: Also covering the responsibilities of the VP Academic – attended the recent UNB Town Hall. Almost finalized the last 6 years of book keeping. Met with UNB to discuss tuition fees comparison study, the proposed weighted average, and possible increases. Ascertained the Faculty use tuition fees are not for graduate students, only undergrads. Call for volunteers for both the Events committee and the Finance committee. GRC planning is underway and GSA has met with UNB. Upcoming will be the renegotiation of the Bus Pass contract with the city, and the new Health & Dental contract. We have a lot of new faces tonight, proposing Nov. 27th & 28th for the Counsellor Q&A sessions – all are welcome.

Questions = None

VP Administration – Scott: Meetings with CFS administration. Meeting with UNB President – 1 Meeting with Dean of SGS. Meetings with GSA executive. Informal meeting with President of UGSW. Internal review of enrollment. Meetings with outgoing VP Admin for training and orientation. Skills workshop (October 28th). Rewriting the bylaws to include changes from this summer's bylaw committee.

Questions = none.

6. Committee Reports

Executive Director's report (Krista Harris) – WCB - Great month of October with respect to sales and number of hosted events. Repairs to keg fridge completed, bar electrical issues resolved, dishwasher repair complete, ATM functionality resolved. MMF to host Trivia on Nov.28th – family violence awareness month. New Latin music group hosting Saturday night dance party. Christmas party season is ramping up – stop by or email if you would like help organizing an event for your society. barmanager@unbgsa.ca

GSA – 30/60 day action items from CHUBB independent audit of Health & Safety on the ANH almost complete – awaiting approval. Met with Jason from the city to finalize the bus pass numbers and initiate discussions for the renewal. Finalizing enrollment numbers to make payment. Met with StudentVIP as prospective insurance alternative. Working with the accountant to provide documentation to finalize 2016-17 financial year for both WCB and GSA.

Questions = none.

Finance Committee (Bipin Kumar, VP Finance) – included above.

Events Committee (Brittany, President & VP Societies and Events) – included above.

By-Law Committee (Scott, VP Admin) – included above.

7. New Business – Discussion on changing council email list to be non-hierarchical.

8. Elections – VP societies and Events, VP Academic, VP External – Sara Edwards

(CRO). Election tonight for VP academic – Kang Liang, third year forestry PhD student. CRO – All those in favor of voting by a show of hands, yes. Kang exits room, vote conducted, result = yes. Congratulations & welcome.

9. Announcements:

CFS speech by Abraham – new CFS fieldworker for this area. Available to provide campaign support for national platforms here on this campus. Table session will be organized, people can drop by to ask questions and relevant materials will be distributed. Also able to facilitate and provide training for CFS workshops and general GSA support.

Questions: Amy – What is the CFS? Description of organization and its role provided.

UGSW – Information Steward – Amy: Elections were held Oct. 20. Currently looking for people to sit on the Whistle blowing committee. New language has been added, now want to work to add more meat to the agreement. Hand out will be provided after meeting. Stewards are needed for each department at the top level, as well as departmental information stewards. Serve as liaison between your department and the UGSW. There is an opportunity in this area for paid training and is invaluable on your CV.

Announcement by VP Finance: motion to go In Camera by VP Finance, seconded by Sociology. All those in favor, yes. Opposed, none.

Motion to come Out of Camera by VP Finance, Seconded by Interdisciplinary. All those in favor, yes. Opposed, none.

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Sociology, seconded by Civil Engineering.