

## {GSA Council Meeting and Minutes}

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Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Carleton #139

Chair: Cody Waite

Recorder: Krista Harris

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum

3. Wolastoq Acknowledgement – The Graduate Student Association at the University of New Brunswick recognises and honours the Wolastoq Nation and their unceded territories where we have gathered today.

4. Adoption of Agenda

President - Computer Science

Passed

5. Approval of minutes – August 2018

VP Admin - Forestry

Passed

6. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members)

Read online reports ([www.unbgsa.ca](http://www.unbgsa.ca))

Khaleel – Question about collaborations between GSA and SU

Don't necessarily have to lobby for same things, but we can work together on other initiatives and make people feel more at home at UNB.

7. Committee Reports

- Executive Director's report (Krista Harris)

Worked on bus pass preorder, opt out, distribution

More training with Bipin

Working with student vip and financial services.

Discussed levels of health insurance for international students with members.

Orientation

Still open on Saturdays for Fall at bar

Bar bookings are high.

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Getting new pinpads for bar

Mt to evaluate structure of foundation of Grad House.

- Finance Committee (Bipin Kumar, VP Finance)

Nothing to report.

- Events Committee (Brittany, President & VP Societies and Events)

Reported in President's report.

- By-Law Committee (Scott, VP Admin)

Nothing to report.

### 8. New Business

- Funding Task Force Update

Cody presented the 5 recommendations put forward by the GSA Funding Task force for council discussion and potential approval to then bring to the President's Task force.

Discussion:

Need to be clear about what differences are between GSRA, GTA, etc., not just differences in amounts.

Question about 1.D: international students who are funded by their own governments.

- Is this situation not possible for domestic students as well?
- Can track when external funding comes through UNB, but some do not.
- Point that all international students should have opportunity to access and not be penalized because some are fully funded by govt.
- Idea is base scholarship is offered to all, but beyond that it's up to them whether or not they want to give more than the base.

Vote to accept report.

Moved by Civil - VP Admin

Passed

- Honoraria

Request for introductions from exec and office managers for all new council members.

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### 9. Announcements

- UGSW

Amy – UGSW President:

Packaged and sent out double number new member packages (300)

Request GSA reps to help as stewards for your departments

Education exclusive to PSAC members, encourage all to come out to UGSW events so you know more (may be exec one day).

Did 12 orientation presentation in departments this year.

- QWERTY magazine representative:

Here to request a fund to exist on campus (there was a time where funded 2000\$ annually).

Media fund was dissolved and looking for support for media funds.

Cody suggests writing up request for VP Finance after election.

- GSA Executive Election Announcement

October is election month for GSA

You will get emails from Cody

Meeting on October 17th, Carleton

Please send an email when you can't make a meeting or have an alternate.

Need to come to certain number in order to receive society allocation cheques.

If you let us know, we can help.

### 10. Adjournment