

Meeting Agenda
Graduate Student Association
University of New Brunswick Saint John
Local 67 - Canadian Federation of Students

Call to order

A meeting of UNB Graduate Student's Association Saint John

Held at:

On December 3, 2018

At Time:

6.50 pm

Roll Call/Attendees Include:

- 1) Corinne Kincade
- 2) Balaji Manivannan
- 3) Swayam Sarkar
- 4) Lokesh (Lucky)
- 5) Brady
- 6) Samuel

Members Not in Attendance Include:

NIL

Approval of Agenda:

Approved: Yes

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Approved: Yes

Reports of Officers:

- Report from VP of Finance:
- Report from VP of Communications:
- Report from VP of Administration:
- Report from VP Liaison:

Old Business Items:

- NIL

New Business Items:

1. Budget Approval
 - Motion to Accept: **Process in place**
 - Seconded:
 - Approved: Yes or No
2. Event Planning for Term 1 **"Meet and Greet" January 18 (Friday)- 5.30 pm**
3. Request for Funding: **Carried to next week**

Please see the message below re Lauren Rowsey (lrowsey@unb.ca) of Biology Dept. (our 2017-2018 GSA Bio Rep).

The Biology Dept. is looking at increasing student engagement in recruiting guest speakers for our seminar series. This year a guest speaker was voted on by Biology grads, and they are currently looking at ways to help cover costs of hosting this speaker. One option being considered is a bit of funds from the GSA. As you will recall, there have been some concerns in the past regarding giving funds to non-GSA groups that weren't unequivocally open to all dept's grads. The Biology seminar series is open to the public, and thus technically all grads could go if interested, but it is clearly of primary interest to Biology people. I am thinking though - given that you will have quite a lot of funds going forward (8-9000\$ before getting your funds¹ in Jan and Aug!), perhaps it might be worth trying something new. The Biology Dept is only looking for ca. 2-300 for this item, which is not too bad. Maybe, your GSA could create a budget item of ca. \$500-1000 or more for "Dept. Support" (work on the name...)? These funds would be earmarked for this kind of support for specific depts., and divided up accordingly [could be split 1/4 each among Bio, MBA, Psych, and "other" (or Interdisp), or the division might be informed by enrollment (please contact Susan Wilson about this)]; the division and distribution of these funds would be up to you and your Council (i.e. voted on by execs and dept reps). Then you could support Biol for this, and also MBA and other depts. if they had similar needs, and I think it would be fair and justifiable. This might be a way to promote and connect the GSA more to the student body at large.

Note: As we have not decided yet on this issue, it is carry forward to our next meeting.

Open Dialogue:

1. Petty cash availability.
2. Separate webpage for GSA-Saint John.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn:

Seconded by:

Time Adjourned: **7.30 pm**

Secretary

Date of approval