

**Council Meeting Agenda – 4 of December 2019**

**Date:** Wednesday, 4th of December, 2019

**Chair:** Cody Waite

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Recording Secretary:** Krista Harris

**Location:** Carleton 139

1. Call to Order 5:39
2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum Yes
3. Wolastoq Acknowledgement – *The Graduate Student Association at University of New Brunswick recognises and honours the Wolastoq Nation and their unceded territories where we have gathered today.*
4. Adoption of Agenda (1) President, (2) VP Admin. All in favor, none opposed.
5. Adoption of the November Minutes (1) VP Societies & Events (2) VP Admin. All in favor, none opposed.
6. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members) Please see reports in Drive.
7. Committee Reports
  - Executive Director's report (Krista Harris)

Helped to transition in the new executive. Finalized enrollment for the UNB SJ MBA cohort. Accounting & reconciliation of GSA & WBC accounts. Finalized health & dental and bus pass numbers (City of Fredericton & Studentvip). Preparing for upcoming house inspection – UNB. Closed down the WCB outdoor area in prep for Winter weather. Preparing for new Winter term enrollment on both campuses. Planning holiday events to be hosted at WCB.

- Finance Committee (VP Finance) – no report
- Events Committee (VP Societies and Events) – no report
- Bylaw Committee (VP Administration) – No report

**8. New Business**

Bylaws Updates (Tabled) Chair not completely satisfied with the existing proposed bi-law changes. Motion to take back the first version and rework. Then will reintroduce the new version as a first reading moving forward. Moved by (1) President & (2) VP External. This bi law concerns the potential need for overlap in some executive positions (half in April & half in October). At this time, we would like to put out a call for volunteers on the bi-laws committee.

Chair: any issues? None.

□ Summer Term Honoraria (Tabled) Request that the Executive (and anyone who is not a councilor) to leave the room.

Chair updates Council on the status of Fall allocations. As tuition was due, and there was an unforeseen need to table the honoraria vote in September, the full honoraria amounts were issued as tuition was due for students. We will now retroactively vote on these allocation amounts and if any adjustments to the amounts issued are needed, we will control for the adjustment moving forward. Any questions? None.

Motion to go in Camera (1) Education, (2) Biology. All in favor, none opposed.

Motion to go out of Camera (1) Education, (2) Biology. All in favor, none opposed.

Motion to approve the maximum amount for each position (1) Education, (2) History. All in favor, none opposed.

□ Council Dates Winter: Wednesdays **Jan 22, Feb 19 (Budget), Feb 26, Mar 25 & April 8**

Motion to approve the proposed dates for Winter term (1) VP Academic, (2) Chemical Engineering. All in favor, none opposed.

#### 9. Announcements:

Kareoke – watch for the email

Board of Governors election: President reads the email regarding the proposed voting process to council.

The GSA Executive has reached out to the UNB Student Union regarding the bias inherent in this election as only grad students have to perform additional tasks to vote in the online system – unfair extra step that might prevent some people from voting.

As a result, the current election was cancelled and the election was conducted anew, with a new week of voting. A request for candidate biographies was also made.

Please vote – it is very important that grad students be visible and participating in the process as we hope someday to have our own seat. Tell your friends to vote!

□ GRC

GRC dates have been assigned – emails will be sent out soon with details – volunteers are needed.

10. Adjournment 6:25 (1) VP External, (2) Mechanical Engineering. All in favor, none opposed.