

Council Meeting Minutes – 12 February 2020

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Carleton Hall 139

Chair: Cody Waite

Recording Secretary: Brittany Dixon

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
 - Amended to include executive reports
 - Moved: President
 - Seconded: VP Academic
 - Passed
5. Approval of minutes – January meeting minutes
 - Moved: President
 - Seconded: VP Admin
 - Passed
6. Reports
 - Full reports on website
 - Samer's additional report on budget:

Must ensure that UNB GSA is fiscally responsible and sustainable.
2019/20 - \$60/term – There was an increase of ~36% in 3 years.

Q. Reason for increase?

- Minimum wage increases.
- Bar fees.
- Pay penalty to CRA for HST deductions.

2020/21 - \$60/term – No fee increase.

No deficit in the budget, but money will be tighter.

Cautions that this budget is a projection. If enrollment decreases, then we may have budgetary concerns.

Enrollment went up by 15% last year = good news.

More we are, stronger we are.

Q. Reason for 10 hour rule?

Alicia and Cody: Outdated.

7. New Business

- Budget:

Presenting 2020/21, beside 2019/2020.

Looked at 5 years of data and looked at trend to come up with membership numbers for 2020/21.

Health and Dental was under Operating Costs previously. This year was added as separate line to be transparent and shown to everyone.

Q. Geodesy and Geomatics - What is professional services?

Dennis - Accountants, auditors.

Samer- we have to provide audited statements. Goes to BoG. We have not been presenting audited statements in previous years, but now we must.

Q. Insurance line?

Cody – That is liability insurance.

Q. Is there a way to see how GRC money is spent?

Bipin presented how it was spent.

Q. Why is insurance lower? H&D

Because it's based on the numbers.

Q. Are we expecting less students?

Samer – Going to discuss during insurance update.

Q. Question about the bar. Run as non profit, pay reasonable wages. Feb 21 budget to BoG.

Motion to vote on the budget:

- President
- Education

Q. Can this budget be sent out and explained?

It will be prepared in an easily digestible way.

- Health and Dental Insurance Plan 2020-21

In camera for H&D

- Moved – President
- Seconded – Civil
- Passed

Out of camera for H&D

- Moved – President
- Seconded – Civil
- Passed

8. Adjournment

- Management
- Kinesiology

***Note to Students:** PLEASE SEND any inquiries or questions you have regarding these agenda items (prior to the meeting!) to the appropriate GSA Executive and please cc Krista Harris (office@unbgca.ca) in your email!