

**Council Meeting Minutes – 23 Sept 2020**



**Date:** Wednesday, 23 Sept 2020

**Chair:** Cody Waite

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Recording Secretary:** Krista Harris

**Location:** 'Zoom' Meeting – Link in email

- 1. Call to Order @ 5:59
- 2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum -Yes
  
- 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 – Motion to amend the agenda to add Health & Dental update under New Business. Moved by Interdisciplinary and seconded by Education. Motion to adopt the amended agenda by Computer Science, seconded by Education. All in favor, none opposed.
  
- 5. Approval of minutes – August meeting minutes – Moved by VP External and seconded by Computer Science. All in favor and none opposed.
  
- 6. Summary of Executive Activities (All Executive Members) – Please see GSA website for Executive reports.

VP Administration

VP Societies & Events

VP External

VP Academic

President

No Questions for the above.

- 7. New Business
  - Update on Orientation – presented by Shravani Konda
  - Info for Societies and Councillors - FAQ – Brittany Dixon

Health & Dental update – Motion to go ‘In Camera’ by President, seconded by Interdisciplinary.

Motion to come out of ‘In Camera’ by President, seconded by Interdisciplinary.

WHEREAS UNB has repeatedly disregarded GSA’s position that it is no longer feasible to have the Postdoctoral Fellows enrolled in the GSA’s Health & Dental Insurance Plan;

WHEREAS UNB attempt to go directly to GSA's Health & Dental Insurance Plan service provider undermines GSA's organizational independence

WHEREAS UNB must respect the independence of GSA; and

BIRT that the GSA files a letter of complaint to the UNB President, Board of Governors, and Senate regarding the interference by UNB on the organizational autonomy of GSA.

- 8. Announcements – Add to agenda, next meeting dates. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, & Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Interdisciplinary, seconded by Biology. All in favor, none opposed.

Elections - Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> (AGM – President) and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> (Election for VP’s)

Question from the floor during announcements: Graduate carrels are closed on the HIL 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Can we raise the request to re-open these study carrels?  
Response from the Chair to email him the query.

Richard – Request to support Tim Hortons by emailing the ListServ. Chair responds that it is not possible to do this at this time unfortunately.

- 9. Adjournment @ 7:09 moved by Interdisciplinary, seconded by History.