

Council Meeting Agenda – 28th of Oct. 2020

Date: Wednesday, 28th of October, 2020

Chair: Cody Waite Time: 5:30 PM

Recorded by: Krista Harris

Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order @ 5:40 pm

2. Roll Call/Call for Quorum - Yes

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

4. Adoption of Agenda – Motion to amend the agenda and move the elections to the first item by VP societies and events, seconded by MEGSS. All in favor, none opposed. Adoption of the amended agenda, moved by MEGSS and seconded by English. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Adoption of September Council Minutes – Moved by English, seconded by CS. All in favor, none opposed.

6. New Business A. Election of the Vice Presidents – Chair reminds attendees that only current council members may vote & explains the breakout room/Zoom voting procedure, number of votes per society, and how voting will work for the election of the VP's. Non-council members are identified and instructed accordingly.

Introduction of the candidates. Chair encourages council members to take notes as voting will be conducted for all five positions, after the presentations are made, all at the same time.

VP Societies & Events

Kaushalya Rathnayake & Abdullah Noaman

VP Finance

Philip Adedji Adetunji & Shravani Konda

VP Academic

Samira Khoshahval & Dhruv Aggarwal

VP Administration

Navid Hasani & Shalini Rowvey

VP External

Mohammad Mehdi Yadollahi

Question period opens and the Chair moderates inquiries from the floor.

Instructions for voting are read again and the Chair requests that all non-council members move at this time to the breakout room as they will not vote. The fourth member of the Mechanical Engineering Society volunteers to move to the breakout room.

It is determined by the Chair that there are 26 members to vote. The Chair will share the results upon completion. Please vote now.

At the close of the voting, after last call to vote, 24/26 members had voted. Chair states that 24 voted out of all 5 positions and as the margin for each was greater than two we need not be concerned with the absentee votes. Request is made to bring all in attendance back into the main room to announce the results.

Results:

VP Societies & Events – 18 votes to 6 -- Kaushalya Rathnayake is the winner.

VP Finance – 15 votes to 9 -- Philip Adedji Adetunji is the winner.

VP Academic – 21 to 3 -- Samira Khoshahval is the winner

VP Administration – 21 votes to 3 -- Navid Hasani is the winner

VP External 21 votes to 3 -- Mohammad Mehdi Yadollahi is the winner

Chair confirms that the votes have been recorded. Candidates are thanked for running and the members are thanked for their participation. Congratulations are offered to the successful candidates and encouragement to stay involved is extended to the others. Outgoing Executive members are thanked by the Chair for all of their contributions to the GSA this past year.

7. Summary of Executive Activities – Report by Executive members to be provided on the GSA website. In the interest of time brief statements made by the following Executive.

Outgoing President – Samer Alam

Incoming President – Alicia Noreiga-Mundaroy

VP External – Ramin Shamsdini

VP Societies and Events – Shravani Konda

VP Finance – Dennis Effah

Questions for the above, none.

8. Announcements A. Society Allocations – We have heard from a few societies. Please send in your updated info for Fall 2020. Individual society membership numbers have been requested and are being complied with UNB. Please let us know what questions you may have about Society update/activations

as we have a file on hand from previous years to assist in the event that there has been a gap in your society. Letters and individual society dollar amount allocations are being prepared and should be out in the coming week. Please get you updated info submitted to qualify for your current allocation.

9. Adjournment @ 7:11 moved by the out-going President, seconded by the President incoming.

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