



**University of Saskatchewan- Graduate Students' Association**

**Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2023. Zoom Meeting\***

**As Council gathers, we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.**

**Chair: Sadia Afrin Lema**

**Recording Secretary: Tasbeen Akhtar Sheekha**

**Executives:** Mostofa Kamal (President), Sristy Sumana Nath (VP Academic and Student Affairs), Ehsan Moradi (VP Finance and Operations), Ozra Mohammadi (VP External Affairs), Avery Kewistep (VP Indigenous Engagement).

**1. Call to Order/ Opening Remarks**

All Council Members were emailed the agenda package. The Chair of the Council officially welcomed Members of the Council to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM after the quorum for the meeting had been met as per section 8.3 point of the constitution.

Ms. Tasbeen Akhtar Sheekha, the Vice-Chair of the Council, compiled the meeting minutes.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The Chair asked about any amendments to the agenda as circulated via email.

Mover- Kaylie Krys

Secunder- Ayat

All in favor - 23

Opposed – 0

Abstain -0

**Carried**

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

#### **3.1 GSA Emergency Council Meeting February 15th, 2023**

There is no amendment in the agenda.

*Mover* - Ehsan Moradi

*Secunder*- Rachel Harris

All in favor- 26

No- 1

*A-0*

**Carried**

#### **3.2 Annual General Meeting April 19th, 2022**

There is no amendment in the agenda.

*Mover*- Mostofa Kamal

*Secunder*- Ayat

All in favor- 22

No-0

*A-0*

**Carried**

## **4. Motions**

### **4.1 Motion to receive GSA Standing Committee Reports and Executive Minutes**

#### **4.1.1 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes**

4.1.1.1 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – July 4, 2022

4.1.1.2 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2022

4.1.1.3 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – December 03, 2022

4.1.1.4 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – December 06, 2022

4.1.1.5 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – February 08, 2023

4.1.1.6 Bursary Selection Committee Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2023

#### **4.1.2 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

4.1.2.1 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2023

4.1.2.2 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2023

#### **4.1.3 Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes**

4.1.3.1 Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2023

4.1.3.2 Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2023

4.1.3.3 Diversity Committee Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2023

#### **4.1.4 Sustainability Committee Events**

4.1.4.1 Events Organized by Sustainability Committee – 2022-2023

There was no question or concern about the motions.

Mover- Mostofa Kamal

Secunder- Avery Kewistep

All in favor- 26

No- 0

A- 0

**Carried**

#### **4.2 Motion: Motion: Governance Documents**

The chair called the President to speak about this motion. The president thanked the council member for joining at the AGM. The president explained and justified the amendment of GSA constitution, bylaws, and policies. The motion was moved by Sristy Sumona Nath and seconded by President.

Question in chat: 0

All in favour: 24

Abstain: A- 0

**Carried**

#### **4.3 Motion: Upgrading GSA A/V system**

The chair called the President to speak about this motion. The president explained and justified the upgrading of GSA AV system. He said about facing challenges while conducting hybrid meetings. In addition, as GSA common is the only resource to collect GSA's revenue. The audio-visual system was updated 5 years ago. GSA received several complains from different departments including CSPS about current audio-visual system not working properly. And the renter said they will not rent GSA commons unless the audio-visual system is changed. When GSA talked to IT people, they said that the system is completely at the end of their lifetime, it is not worth making a repair. They recommended not to spend significant amount of money for just fixing, rather IT suggested to discuss with the council members to completely change the system. It will attract more people to rent this place. So, the executive committee proposes 20,000 Cad. He said, it an investment for at least next 5 years. The President was reminded to finish his talk within no more than 3 minutes by the chair.

The chair thanked the president and opened the floor for discussion.

The president said they received so harsh email from CGPS office, for that he had to call emergency meeting. This is one of the reasons they proposed this motion.

**Lindsay Carlson asked that** is the contract with CGPS guaranteed to be renewed if the system is upgraded?

President answered, yes, if the GSA A/V system is upgraded.

**Devin asked that** What's the expected lifecycle for the new A/V equipment?

The president said that, if the Council approve is 20,000, they will make sure that they will buy the system that have the maximum lifetime within budget, and then it is not limited to 5 years with the best quality.

**Lindsay Carlson asked that** who is responsible for maintaining the GSA commons and the AV system?

The president said it University IT department. The IT department maintains and upgrades this kind of system.

**Kayla Arisman asked** who does the research for purchasing and the installation of the A/V system?

The president said, after budget is ready the executives will tell the IT department to suggest a quote on different system. After the suggestions by IT department with different options, it will be discussed in the executive meetings and will be shared with the council embers before taking any decision.

**Lindsay Carlson asked that** so are they at fault for degradation of the previous system?

VP finance answered that nobody is at the fault of the degradation. These are purchased 5 years ago. But the projector could not be moved around a long distance but now it has to be moved around on a table, put it at the front of the screen, and everyone moving around the cables caused disconnection of multiple times. The video projector is not a full HD costs the quality of the

presentation screen. So, the GSA is planning to by a video projector that goes on the top to not have it moved around. In addition, every time the amplifier is used, the lifetime is reduced. VP finance had to stay during a symposium held in GSA common to keep the connection. Every time he had to change between different operating system, e.g., MAC/windows/others. These kinds of stuff prevent people to redo their events at the GSA. and it's been like a year that GSA couldn't use 2 of the speakers, because the amplifier was not working and was out of order. So as soon as they could do this upgrade, probably next executives can send emails to all the past customers and other people to have some advertisement about renting this place. If upgraded, they assume that the income would be increased significantly.

The president says, GSA charges \$75 per hour. And he thinks if the system is improved, they will definitely increase the renting cost a little bit. He thinks that this application is needed, because they mentioned it is the only external income source apart from the graduation fees, and if they can make a good amount of money from here in the future. Probably they may not need to increase the graduate student fees.

**Kaylie asked** that is the cost estimate from a specific company? Like have they gotten this estimate yet, or is this just curious where the number came from? If the are lining up with a company already, or if they have yet to do so.

VP finance said no, they didn't line up with any company. So this estimate comes from their research with cooperating with the IT department. All the purchases for GSA go through IT. Based on the universities standards IT provides them some options and they will do the purchase on everything else, and they will pay the IT department. So that's the process of the purchase, and that this amount is just estimation based on the amount of the price for the video projector, 3 amplifiers and also upgrading our microphones. They had a lot of problems with the batteries. And also, they are thinking about labor, providing the wires for the entire building, upgrading podium connection and everything else.

**Kaylie asked** so that number came from the University of Saskatchewan it department?

VP finance said not all of it. But yeah. for instance, upgrade and the amplifiers from the IT department for the video projector and for the displays. So basically, all of it.

The chair thanked for answering the question and asked if there any other question or concern regarding this motion. She mentioned that the motion before us was to approve the updating the GSA audio-video system. This motion is being moved by Vice President Ehsan Moradi and president Mostofa Kamal. She requested everyone to participate in the voting process.

In favour- 19

NO- 4

Abstain- 0

**Carried**

#### **4.4 Motion: Upgrading the GSA air conditioner system**

The chair called the President to speak about this motion. The president thanked the Chair. He said that currently, the GSA commons has capacity of 99. unfortunately, there is no good ventilation system. There is no cooling or air conditioning system, and they are also not allowed to open the window.

**Abbas Fazel** asked is it a portable AC? If yes, what is the cooling power of this AC? Any research to estimate how many AC systems are required for high ceiling GSA common?

VP finance said, Yes, because again, as a rental, they don't know what going to happen at the future. So they are going to buy a 4 of those stand that could do the cooling like the GSA. And if yes, what is the cooling power of this a/C. They didn't do any kind of quote. But after a few search and talking to people, they said that 4 or 5,000 CAD's devices are bought, it could reduce the heat inside the GSA Commons, because GSA have another constraint which is the power.

**Lindsay Carlson** asked How many events occur in the commons during the months of June and August?

VP finance said, o based on the before Covid events, a lot. There were weddings, birthdays, family ceremonies, and many, many other things like those. He said that in one month they had more than \$6,000 income.

**Kayla Arisman asked** How did you come up with this estimate? Was this from a company? If the system needs as much upgrades as you say, this seems low for that amount of HVAC work.

VP finance said through a quick search. And he said that it's not HVAC. It's not an upgrade. There is no cooling system in the GSA commons. It has heating system but no cooling system. There are couple of fans. He said that it is not very warm outside today, but inside, there were like only 50 people presenting their poster and it was very hot inside. So, people had to go out to do some breezing and come back.

**Riel Castro asked** Is there an estimate for the annual "additional income through rentals" that would be generated? What year would the installation costs be offset?

VP finance said unfortunately because of the Covid, they cannot see such a thing based on the last 2 years, and before that they cannot say that it's a good estimation if they use those years because they had these problems first. The second thing was that GSA didn't have like advertisement and all those programs for increasing the rental income. So, he cannot tell that what would be this limit for income. But if they want to use that as the basic for seeing the offset, he doesn't think that would be fair.

**Kaylie said** she agrees that this is a great idea for an addition, because even in the winter and spring months. At some of our events. It does get fairly warm in there when we get to our big crowds. The one thing she wants to just kind of add, or she guesses it's kind of adding on the one question about coming up with this estimate. She said that as VP finance mentioned that he came up with it from a brief search. When looking at spending this much money, she thinks a solid estimate should be brought together like, with a quote from a company, or even looking at 2 to 3 companies, seeing what might be cheaper, because when it comes to making motions about this volume of money. She thinks there should have some solid numbers, and know exactly what is spending as compared to having a rough estimate and going to make the purchase afterwards.

VP finance said she is completely right. But there is one thing that they need to consider that this is the maximum amount that they did in this search. The extra money will be staying at the GSA. They just estimated the maximum that we might be.



The president said this is the maximum of amount we're seeking. That does not mean that they will spend this 20,000. They will look for something that can meet the need for long term. And this will be done through the university IT system following university procurement policy. The IT department will propose and the executive committee will analyze and discuss with council members.

**Devin asked** We should do that search before approving the motion no?

**Akinola asked** I think getting a rough estimate quote from companies might be better than researching estimate.

VP finance said if the council members approve the 20,000, they will do the quotes. They will share the quotes with the council. They will get the approval from council, and they will do the purchase. the amount of 20,000 is the maximum amount that the executives think they can spend on it, and it would be affordable for the GSA.

**Kayla Arisman asked** Maybe she missed this, but is there a reason for selecting a portable unit that might need to be replaced sooner, vs purchasing an installed unit which would likely last longer and be more efficient?

VP finance said that's true. But that is much more expensive. The second thing is that the GSA common space is rent out. So, any year University is able to discontinue this rental agreement. and we will need another place. So if we do that, we need to be able to move those to stuff.

The president said the GSA building does not belong to GSA. It is an honorary gift from the university. if the University can change that decision in next year or in the down the road, this is one of the reasons to not consider a fixed air condition system.

**Meaghan Boily asked** If it is a rented space, have the executives asked the university about maybe paying some of the cost?

The president said the University is not renting this place or getting any revenue from here. The GSA is paying only \$1 to university for this place. But the GSA is renting this place to make money. So University will not invest money for the money in this place, where they cannot

generate any revenue according to the policy. GSA is renting this place. So it is GSA's responsibility to make the place more attractive to the renter, so that more revenue can be generated from here.

The chair thanked for answering the question and asked if there any other question or concern regarding this motion.

She mentined that the motion before us was to approve the upgrading the GSA air conditioner system. This motion is being moved by Vice President Ehsan Moradi and president Mostofa Kamal. She requested everyone to participate in the voting process.

She asked the recording secretary to count the votes. The motion is approved.

All in favour: 18

No- 13

Abstain- 1

**Carried**

#### **4.5 Motion: GSA contribution to the USSU food bank**

The chair called the President to speak about this motion. The president thanked the Chair. He said that the executives moved this motion. He said that the university has a food bank which is operated by the USSU. GSA has received concern from USSU that 75% of the student who receive assistance from the foodbank are graduate students. But GSA does not contribute any dollar to the food bank. So the USSU cannot continue the food service in that way unless GSA joins USSU's initiatives and contribute financially. Otherwise they will stop providing the assistance. But the GSA's implemented budget does not have the option to contribute to the USSU's food bank. this is why GSA is moving this motion and contribute \$500 per month to the USSU's food bank initiatives and in total, \$6,000 for this year.

The chair thanked for answering the question and asked if there any other question or concern regarding this motion.

**Lindsay Carlson asked** Did you mention how much money does USSU contribute?

The president said that the USSU president mentioned that they are spending around 100K.

The Chair mentioned that the motion was to approve the GSA contribution to the USSU food bank. This motion is being moved by Vice President Ehsan Moradi and president Mostofa Kamal. She requested everyone to participate in the voting process.

All in favour: 32

No- 0

Abstain:0

The motion is approved.

**Carried**

#### **4.6 Motion: Increase the GSA chairperson fee**

The chair called the President to speak about this motion. The president thanked the Chair. He explained that the Chair plays an important role, especially during the 2 months of election time. It requires more than 50-hour in addition to 3-hour meetings. So, the executives suggested to allocate a top up during this 2 months.

The chair thanked for answering the question and asked if there any other question or concern regarding this motion. She mentioned it is moved by Ehsan Moradi, Vice President, and seconded by the President.

All in favor: 25

No- 0

Abstain:2

The motion is approved.

**Carried**

#### **4.7 Motion for approval of the GSA auditor for the 2023-2024 financial year**

The chair called the VP finance to speak about this motion. He said every year we select this company for our audit purposes. So this company, PBG, has been helping us for like more than 10 years. so, they have been doing very good services every year. GSA never face any problem with CRA and any other places. So that's why they use the same company again as their auditor. and also there services has been proved that they are charging GSA as a minimum amount.

The Chair asked if there any other question or concern regarding this motion

**Devin** asked Were these the same auditors that missed 50,000 in our CFOPL?

The VP finance said, no, those are not auditors file. Audit people do the documents. They don't do the accounting things, so they just see how much money GSA spends, and have a valid document for it.

**Kayla Arisman** asked Have we looked at other companies?

VP finance said, Yes, all of them. For instance, this year they charge GSA for about 12,000 but every other company they charged GSA about 20,000.

The chair thanked for answering the question and asked if there any other question or concern regarding this motion. She mentioned the motion was moved by Ehsan Moradi, Vice President, and seconded by the President.

All in favor: 19

No- 4

Abstain: 2

The motion is approved.

**Carried**

## 5. Proposed GSA Budget for 2023-2024

The chair called the VP finance to speak about this motion.

He said that basically GSA doesn't make any revenues with U pass, health and dental, and CFS membership. these revenues are assumptions based on current year increased fees. Based on the number of the students and the increase membership the GSA assumed they will make 280,000 next year. For the non-grad students who want to use GSA services, GSA will make 2,000. U pass that administration fees will make 10,000 as the administration fee for each Grad student. GSA common rentals based on those upgrades executives assume to have at least 30,000 rental revenues for the next year. For the GSA Handbook advertisement sales based on the very good calls and communications that VP External student affairs and the President did the income will increase to 5,000. For the rest of the income, e.g., 3 MT, conference fundraising, an exact estimation cannot be given. That's it is not considered as an income. So, for other incomes that like renting barbecue, renting tables or other stuff like extra services for some rentals like giving some graphic stuff it is assumed that GSA will receive 1,000, notary services 2,000, and U of S cold beverage agreement -10,000, health and dental 250. The cash donation and contribution would be continuing 3,000 based on the promises that GSA received. So all together 343, 250 CAD. The GSA is almost sure about the budget based on none of them are agreed as it depend on how many students will register, how many of them use those services etc.

For the expenses, So GSA bursary expenses would be 70,000 from our budget, U of S travel award contribution is 8,500 like to last 3/4 years. GSA give this money to the Isaac. They will distribute it. USS Food Bank contribution 6,000. U of S crisis aid program contribution 7,500. Every year GSA cut the check for the student Central to distribute it among students. Ratified student club/group funding is 10,000 because GSA received a lot of ratification, and request for getting ratified, to support them so they can keep their activity. Banking and credit fees, charges 2,400. Office is stationary and supplies 1,000, office electronic equipment, 5,000. These are the amount for maintaining the GSA. Expenses digital and print, ads/communication is 250, liability insurance increase to 6,000. 2,000 for D & O insurance. Telephone and facilities 2000. IT technical support. Legal expenses, 5,000, if something happens, GSA will use that money. Internal auditing and consulting 1,000 for checking documents and everything comply with the law. For financial

auditing, based on the increases, on everything and inflation it is assumed that 12,000 will increase to up to 15,000. Bookkeeping services is 12,000. So bookkeeping charges based on the hours that they spend for GSA. The fees for the VPs and the President didn't change. The only thing that is changed for the chairperson increase from 1,800 to 2,100. The rest of the amount is almost the same, office staff and coordinator is the same. Executive travel increased by \$500. Last year GSA didn't use this line because GSA tried to charge the CFS for the travel. The Discretionary fund for the President and VPs is increased. So, before it was like 400/300, which was super low for a month. Academic and council beverage almost the same, GSA committee food beverage is the same. Academic council funding is increased. Gala award 5,000. GSA assumes that they will receive the rest from the donations and contributions from the other parties.

**Devin asked** How have the discretionary funds been used in the past?

The President said, each of the GSA standing committee had a budget maximum of \$400. It is not enough as for example, the event arranged by Diversity committee cost more than 400 CAD. So, when needed, discretionary funds are used.

VP finance said, they paid for the transportation to get to the GSA for some volunteers who did not have a car with the discretionary fund.

**Quinn Hlus asked** Does office staff include the general manager's salary? Or is that separate?

VP finance said the GSA doesn't have any office staff but just have an office manager and coordinators, and all of them will receive from that line. For past 4 months GSA didn't have any office manager. But the coordinators proved that they are doing very good job.

**Gwen Rose asked** Are there plans to fill the vacant office manager position in the near future?

VP finance said, yes, GSA prepared everything, and they will do the advertisements. He said, personally, as a member of the GSA, not as the VP, that's not good idea to select the office manager. Because the GSA has been paying a lot of money to the office manager. Office manager received lots of income during past years, but they don't have a lot to do. Two of the GSA

coordinators have been doing office managers duties. So, the money that GSA is supposed to pay someone from out of the campus, GSA is paying someone who is one of the members.

**Lecia Ellis asked** I may have missed it in the presentation, do executive members receive a stipend?

VP finance said, its not stipend, its honorarium. President said it is \$600 for president and \$550 for VPs before tax, and the salary has been there for now 10 years.

**Kaylie Krys asked** Will the \$1000 and \$2000 for committee and academic council meeting food and beverage be struck from the budget since the meetings have been moved to solely online?

VP finance said, that happens online thing at this tenure. Those should happen all in person, based on the GSA constitution, if there is everything okay, everything fine, the number of the Covid cases decrease, and everything safe, everything should happen in person. So executive thought that if that could happen. there should be a budget line that could be used.

VP president said, an announcement will be posted to universities, probably next week, the first week of May. Their plan is to hire as soon as possible.

VP finance said, he thinks the office manager should be one of the graduate students, not someone from outside, even if it is needed to take care of them and stay with them. He said it doesn't have any complicated job, there is no complicated process that they need to pass it or maintain a communication.

Rifat Zahan commented about the office manager's position. She agrees with the Council members that there should be a person hired who would be like dedicated for this position. She said Given her past experience, working with both council members, the executives, and also the general graduate students and office manager she thinks this office manager should be someone newly hired from outside of the University, preferably, or even inside university. That person should be an administrative position person, not a grad student, because for the workload and for the types of work that the office manager does There are lots of confidentiality involvement here and the office manager should be really someone who. with whom we can maintain that confidentiality.

She said that part of her training process was really helped by the office manager at that time, and the reason is that person work with many other executives in her past like around 20/25 executives. she really helped her in many regards to transition into my new position. In future new executives may come in so hiring an office manager very soon would be appreciable.

The Chair mentioned the following comments from the chat. **Kaylie Krys** said that the important job of the office manager is to provide guidance to the executive when they need it.

**Devin** said that he disagrees heavily with the idea of paying a graduate student for the manager position. Graduate students come and go. Permanent staff stick around and can aid the incoming executive. Furthermore, they are not subject to the stress of finals and other academic responsibilities. USSU has more stability for this reason.

**Gwen Rose** said that she seconds these comments, and the long delay in filling this position has bothered her personally and remains unexplained.

President responded to these comments by saying that this position will be hired by the new executive team because it is the new team who will start working. This is one of the rationales that they are waiting.

VP finance asked on of the council members she is saying that personally bothered you. And if she would explain if she experienced anything. Gwen Rose replied that the lack of transparency on the long delay.

**Devin P said** So for clarification, is the executive taking an official stance against hiring an office manager, or is the VP speaking in his capacity as a general member?

VP finance said, that he is going to stay on his position about the office manager. GSA is giving graduate students money to someone else. He said, personally, he received a lot of bad experience with the office manager. He said, there is not much to keep it inconsistent about the most the comments about the services. He does not agree with all as well because the coordinators already have accesses to everything.



The chair asked if there are any other questions or comments regarding this motion.

**Lecia Ellis** said she has 2 comments. The first one had to do with whether or not there is consideration for honorarium to be paid to the other members, the executive members or leaders within the college, for example, the President of our College of Education, so on and so forth. That's one and two. She said that she did write to the chair as well as the President, that to consider when persons are elected to these leadership positions, she is proposing the GSA to provide a formal letter indicating that the leadership roles so that it is documented and it is captured somewhere as part of the academic record as well.

The President answered the second question first. He said, the contributions are valued and recognized by the university. This will be added to the full curriculum record. Students can also request it via websites. In that case the graduate secretary or the department has to confirm the position to be approved by the university. Or the Chair of the committee can send the details of the co-curricular record office and they will document the person's name. He said the person is entitled to receive honorarium if the department has the budget.

The Chair requested to shorten the speech considering the time constraints.

**More comments in the chat:**

**Kaylie Kryz** said she just wanted to say that she thinks that the hired manager position is important because this is someone who works with the difference executive year after year where executives are revolving positions and the consistency in one position is important.

**Elyse Proulx said** agreed. In regards to efficiency and workload the work description has to be adjusted and there has to be yearly performance reviews to meet objectives and goals.

**Devin P said** he'd also chime in with the general conduct of the executive over the last year.

**Kaylie Kryz said** she would be willing to sit on a hiring committee if the executive find they are too busy to do so or would like some assistance.

**Nahin Shakurun asked** She is a regular member of Ethical review committee. But in the CCR she didn't find any option for Ethical committee. what should I do?

The Chair asked is there any other question or concern regarding the budget. She mentioned this motion is being moved by Ehsan Moradi, Vice President, and seconded by the President.

All in favor: 26

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**The motion is approved.**

**Carried**

## **6. GSA Executives' Annual Report**

The Chair called the President to present his report to the Council.

### **6.1 President's Report**

The president thanked the Chair. The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. He mentioned about health and dental coverage. There were no questions for the President at this time. Any questions for the President may be directed to their email address any time at [gsa.pres@usask.ca](mailto:gsa.pres@usask.ca)

### **6.2 Vice President Finance & Operations Report**

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were no questions for the VP at this time. Any additional questions for the VP Finance may be directed to their email address any time at [gsa.fin@usask.ca](mailto:gsa.fin@usask.ca)

### **6.3 Vice President Student Affairs Report**

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were no questions for the VP at this time. Any questions for the VP Academic and Student Affairs may be directed to their email address any time at [gsa.sa@usask.ca](mailto:gsa.sa@usask.ca)

#### **6.4 Vice President External Report**

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were no questions for the VP at this time. Any questions for the VP External Affairs may be directed to their email address any time at [gsa.external@usask.ca](mailto:gsa.external@usask.ca)

#### **6.5 Vice President Indigenous Engagement Report**

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. There were no questions for the VP at this time.

#### **6.6 Questions & Answers**

There were no additional questions at this time.

The Chair congratulated all the executives.

#### **7. Election Results**

The Chair acknowledged the contribution of the member of the election and committee for helping with the ratification of the result, and she thanked the office coordinators. The total number of vote this year was 257.

#### **8. Introduction of New Executive**

The Chair introduced all incoming executives.

#### **9. Notice of the motion**

The Chair called the president to talk about the motion. The first motion is to consider starting a GSA-operated childcare center.

The second motion was to consider a GSA operated Endowment fund.

## **10. Other Business**

Elyse mentioned 2 items. She made the observation that the meeting has been going on for 2 and a half hours and there are 22 participants now. She suggested to either provide time management training, or public speaking training, just to make sure that all the points that are important are presented to keep the attendance.

Second was for GSA to Support science rally arranged by CMGSS. Abbas Fazel said the EGCC also supporting CMGSS for this rally. So they actually need to have the GSA Resolution here because they don't have time.

President said that GSA will support it.

Elyse Proulx-Cullen commented that CMGSS has posters and coffee. They need GSA to send an email to collect RSVP to the rally - meet at bowl. She will follow-up with CMGSS co-presidents and CC the executives. She provided the link to the rally in the chat <https://www.supportourscience.ca/>

## **10. Adjournment**

The Chair moved to adjourn at 7:39 PM.

*Mover:* Lecia Ellis

*Secunder:* Abbas Fazel

**Carried**

## Appendix A

Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Aug. 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Feb (emer) 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023 (AGM)
Agricultural and Resources Economics (ARE) Graduate Student Association	Oliver Xuan – Councilor Juan-Diego Paspuezan Chafuel – Alternate	P	N/A	N/A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Animal and Poultry Science	Corissa Wilcox – Councilor Erika Cornand - Alternate	P	N/A	P	P	A	P	P	A	P	A
ARCHAIA	Sarah Pocha-Tait – Councilor Angela Burant - Alternate	A	N/A	P	P	A	A	P	P		A
Biology Graduate Student Association	Shuqi Ren – Councillor Kayla Caruso – Alternate	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chemistry Course Council	Loza Taghavi – Councilor Srikant Singh - Alternate	P	N/A	N/A	P	P	A	P	A		P
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology	Arshdeep Jagait – Councillor Kundanika Mukherjee (Alternate)	A	R	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society –Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology	Rachel Harris - Councilor Maddie Stewart – Alternate	A	R	P	Reg	P	P	P	P	P	P
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Community Health & Epidemiology	Amanda Gannon – Councillor Nahin Shakurum - Alternate	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
College of Medicine Graduate Students Society – Health Sciences	Elyse Proulx-Cullen – Councillor Sara Dalkilic – Alternate	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Computer Science Graduate Council (CSGC)	Fidelia A. Orji - Councillor Subroto Nag Pinku - Councillor	A	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P

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Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Biological	Amin Babaeighazvini Divyapratim Das -Alternate	A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Biomedical	Abbas Fazel Anvari Yazdi Akinola Ogbeyemi -Alternate	A	N/A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	P
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Chemical	Zahra Teimouri Shahab Minaei (Alternate)	A	N/A	A	P	A	P	P	A	A	A
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Civil, Geological & Environmental	Emily Cline	P	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	P	A	P	P
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Electrical & Computer	Shahabodin Afrasiabi Sarah Allahmoradi (Alternate)	P	N/A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Mechanical	Vahid Hosseini Amirreza Mahmoudi- Alternate	A	N/A	P	A	A	P	P	A		A
English Course Council	Gwen Rose – Councillor Challen Gladman - Councillor Miguel Dela Pena - Alternate	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Geography & Planning Graduate Council		A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	P	A	
Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Students' Association	Carlene Shaw Candice Minott (Alternate)	A	N/A	N/A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kinesiology Graduate Student Council	Danielle Cormier Kevin Mageto (Alternate)	A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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Physical and Engineering Physics - PEGASUS	Nicholas Simonson – Councillor Yasaman Yousefi - Alternate	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council	Sarah Crawford Ayat Zagzoog (Alternate)	P	N/A	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P
Plant Science	Brianna Senetza – Councillor Kaylie Krys - Alternate	A	P	P	Reg	P	P	P	P		P
Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS)	Joanna Lavoie - Councillor Henry Francisco – Alternate	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P	P
SENSSA		A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
School of Public Health (SPHSA)	Aashana Patel Somayeh Abdi Richa Tikoo (Alternate)	A	N/A	N/A	A	P	A	P	P	P	A
Sociology GSA	Kayla Arisman - Councillor Grace Rath -Alternate Leah Houseman – Alternate Devin Prachler – Alternate Sara Leavin - Alternate	A	P	P	P	Reg	A	P	P	P	P
Soil Science Graduate Student Association	Quinn Hlus Catherine Chavez (Alternate)	regrets	N/A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Toxicology Graduate Students' Association	Hannah Mahoney – Councillor Emily Kennedy - Alternate	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	P		P
Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) GSA	Jennifer Abi Younes - Councillor Jade Sands – Alternate Christopher Zinck - Alternate	P	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	P	A		A

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Exec. VP Finance and Operations	Ehsan Moradi	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs	Sristy Sumana Nath	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Exec. VP External Affairs	Ozra Mohammadi	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement	Avery Kewistep	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	A	P	P