

Graduate Students' Association Executive Meeting Minutes



**University of Saskatchewan
Tuesday, February 10th, 2015
5:00 P.M - 7:00 P.M
GSA Commons**

Attending: Izabela Vlahu (President), Xin Lu (VP Operations), Ranjan Datta (VP Academic), Rahwa Osman (VP External), Rajat Chakravarty (VP Student Affairs), Dana Carriere (Aboriginal Liaison).

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 5:08pm.

2.0 The Meeting Agenda was adopted.

3.0 Conference updates.

3.1.The conference will be starting from Wednesday and last for 3 days instead of 2.

Up till the meeting, 70 abstracts were received. More are expected before the deadline.

3.2.The GSA Office has been helping with the organization of the Conference.

4.0 Gala Update and Ticket sales

3.1. Each executive is expected to sell 10 gala tickets. The revenue is supposed to be given to the office manager.

3.2.The Budget for the Gala is as planned.

3.3.Funding status: ILO (Industry Liaison Office) is willing to sponsor, but we are still waiting to hear back from them. VP External also applied for funding from SIGA and is now waiting.

3.4.Things to do:

- i.** The MCs need to be confirmed.
- ii.** Working on the Agenda.
- iii.** Ticket sales: Time for the ticket selling: 4pm to 7pm on working days.
- iv.** Posters would be up after the day of the executive meeting today.
- v.** Same DJ from last year to be hired, at the same cost of \$500.

- vi. As for the student performance, it was suggested that the space and capacity of the stage be confirmed. Also, it was suggested that the stage should be high to improve visibility.
- vii. AV system has not been booked yet. Going to ask the Radisson Hotel if it could be booked through the hotel or independently.
- viii. Meals have not been decided yet, but will be confirmed in a week.
- ix. Gala Booklet drafts are based on last year's. Gala booklets will be printed around the 20th.
- x. It was put forward that a photographer could be hired. The cost is \$18 per hour, and the photographer could leave at the end of the awards.
- xi. Door prizes—liquor could be considered. The cost will be considered in the budget.

5.0 Gala Awards

- 3.1. The executive selected recipients for the Partner Award, Outstanding Previous GSA Executive Award and Best Councillor Award.

6.0 Images of Research Competition

- 3.1. The Office of the Vice-President Research is hosting a competition titled “Images of Research”. The competition is scheduled after the GSA week. We have been asked to endorse the event and assist in advertising it with the graduate student body. After a short discussion, the executive agreed to endorse the event and assist in the advertisement.

7.0 Update on the tuition hike campaign: The tuition hike posters have been put up around the campus.

8.0 Adjournment at 7:00 PM.