



University of Saskatchewan- Graduate Students' Association

Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 9, 2023; 17:00-19:00

Meeting Location: GSA Commons and Online

AGENDA

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University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2023. GSA Commons & Zoom

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.

Attendance: See appendix A

Vice-Chair: Tasbeen Sheekha *(she/her)*

Recording Secretary: Harini Aiyer *(she/her)*

1. Call to Order/ Opening Remarks

The agenda package was emailed to Council members. The Chair welcomed members of council and called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM after quorum for the meeting had been met. Ms. Harini Aiyer, the Secretary of Council compiled the meeting minutes. The Chair reminded Council members of the protocol and Robert's Rules of Order.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair asked about any amendments to the agenda as circulated via email. There were no amendments brought forward.

Motion to approve the amendments and agenda (Ross/Sumana Nath)

Carried

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

3.1 Approval of the GSA Council Meeting Minutes September 15, 2022

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were called for approval.

*Motion to approve the **September 15, 2022** meeting minutes (Orji/Sumana Nath)*

Carried

3.2 GSA Executives Meeting Minutes November 27, 2022

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were called for approval.

*Motion to approve the **November 27, 2022** meeting minutes
(Sumana Nath / Simonson)*

Carried

3.3 GSA Council Meeting Minutes December 8, 2022

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were called for approval.

*Motion to approve the **December 8, 2022** meeting minutes
(Rose/Kamal)*

Carried

4. GSA Executives Report

4.1 GSA President's Report

The President described the three events hosted by the GSA: the soccer watch party, the Holiday Hangout, and the Winter Orientation. The complete report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package.

Q : Kaylie Kryss, Plant Sciences asked for the timing of the upcoming GSA research conference on Jan 17, 2023.

A: The timings will be sent out by EOD Jan 13th.

Q: Shuqi Ren asked for updates on the proof of enrollment charge

A: I have met with USSU and other student leaders. They have an upcoming executive council meeting on Jan 24 where this will be discussed further.

Any questions for the President may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.pres@usask.ca

4.2 Vice President Finance & Operations Report

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. The VP Finance stated that they have received about 60 submissions for the research conference. Since it is not a real conference, all submissions will be accepted for presentation. Although there is a delay in communication, all those who submitted will be invited to present a poster. He also mentioned that they received several requests to opt out of the UPass under extenuating circumstances. The GSA is trying to accommodate students to the best of their abilities. In December, 35 bursaries were distributed to students (\$35,000 total) where about 40% of the applicants were awarded the bursaries. Applications for the Winter bursary are open. Students have

sent emails to the GSA with their concerns; the VP appreciated their concerns and requested that the tone of the emails be kinder.

There were no questions for the VP Finance. Any additional questions for the VP Finance may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.fin@usask.ca

Q from Nahin Shakurun: "So GSA is printing the poster for the participants? or the participants need to print on their own?"

A: the students need to bring printed posters. However, the size is free style. Information will be sent out tomorrow (Jan 13th) by EOD.

Q from Loza Taghavi: "When is the deadline for GSA thesis award this year?"

VP Finance: this is not my portfolio.

President: This has not been announced yet.

Additional comment by VP Finance:

In December, our Office Manager resigned. The GSA coordinators are currently managing office affairs. All communications can still be directed to the same email.

Q: Do you plan to hire a new Office Manager?

A: Yes, we plan to hire a new person. We need to hire in a professional way, but don't have time now.

4.3 Vice President Academic and Student Affairs Report

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. The VP Academic spoke about the Winter Orientation; swag bags and snacks were provided to about 50 students. She asked for suggestions on service to students can be improved. There were no questions for the VP Academic. Any questions for the VP Academic and Student Affairs may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.sa@usask.ca

4.4 Vice President External Affairs Report

The report was presented to council members and was available in the agenda package. Invitations to research conference has been sent to diff departments
There were no questions for the VP External. Any questions for the VP External Affairs may be directed to their email address any time at gsa.external@usask.ca

Q from Gwen Rose, English Course Council: Does the GSA have the power to re-route buses through Place Reil? I have a friend with mobility issues.

A: We have contacted the City of Saskatoon for a meeting, but are still waiting to hear back.

4.5 Questions & Answers

There were no additional questions.

The President had an announcement at this time.

He mentioned the Tuition Townhall on Jan 16th, by CGPS. It is very important for 2023-2024 when there will be an increase in tuition again: between 2.2-2.5 differential for international students compared to domestic. He encouraged students to attend. Last

year's discussion was only 1 hour long and they had time for only one question. He has therefore advocated for a longer session this year. This year's session will last 3 hours, with plenty of time for discussion.

Q: What are the amounts suggested for next year for grad student?

A: They are increasing 4-5 percent each year, depending on the department. And a 2.25 differential for international students.

Q: Are they increasing only domestic tuition rates?

A: No

Q: Is there any room to push for stipend increase from departments?

A: We have been advocating for a minimum guaranteed amount of CAD 22,500 for all grad students from each department, and a minimum of 4 years guaranteed funding for PhD students, so as to not discriminate against students in their 4th year

Comment from Elyse Proulx-Cullen - CMGSS Health Sciences: Good point Mr. President.

Q from Sandhya Chandran: Where should we raise concerns regarding increasing the student stipend with increasing tuition fee? Is it in tuition town hall?

A: Yes, it is the dean of CGPS responsible for this, it needs to be addressed in the townhall. It is the best platform to ask this question.

Q: Will the tuition increase affect only new students or all students?

A: All students

Q: It will be a problem for students who receive a fixed funding.

A: this is why we are advocating. This is a big motivator for me to join student leadership.

Q from Lecia Ellis, Education Council: This poses more concerns for international students. Can there be consideration from the management for international students? Some sort of waiving of charge for parking maybe?

A from VP Finance re: Parking: We have had conversations with the University, there are a few areas where the university is fighting with us. The other area is residency. The residence buildings are managed by a different space, so complaints can be rejected easily. However for parking, this applies to all universities around the world. It is to encourage students to use public services instead in the interest of sustainability.

Q from Sandhya Chandran: "Atleast they should provide free parking in the PAC area. Even though we have parking permit from some other lot, you have to still parking for using rec area?"

A: We are trying to have a program where there is one permit for all lots. The university will say that this will result in chaos and traffic, but we are advocating to reduce parking for services we are paying for, like PAC. We are paying for that service.

Q from Lecia Ellis, Education Council: re: employment on campus- we need clarity on what jobs we can acquire as international students on campus.

As student parents of children, can there be a reduced tuition fee?

A: the university has their own employment policy. Professors will be reluctant to give students permission to work more than 20 hours. The university will not permit full time international students to work for more than 20 hours as they are trying to reduce graduation timelines.

Lecia Ellis, Education Council: We need to collaborate with the other colleges around Canada and collectively lobby for a change. Remember there is strength in numbers.

Amanda Gannon, CH&E, CMGSS: It wouldn't be a bad idea to require plate registration for people accessing the PAC

The VP Finance encouraged everyone to share more ideas and comments via email.

5 Election of VP Indigenous Engagement

The Chief Electoral Officer received interest from three students for the position of VP Indigenous Engagement. Only one candidate submitted their documents and were eligible for the position. No other candidates from the floor expressed interest in the position. The Candidate Avery Kewistep spoke to their identity and work in EDI, and that they would like to be a part of the progress on Indigenization on campus. Following that, they were asked to exit the meeting for a vote to appoint them to the position.

Votes

Yes: 18

As the majority votes were in favor, Avery Kewistep was elected VP Indigenous Engagement.

6 Other Business

None

7 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:21 pm.

(Hlus)

Carried

Appendix A

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

Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	Jun 2023
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Biological	Amin Babaeighazvini Divyapratim Das -Alternate	A	N/A	P	P	P	P				
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Biomedical	Abbas Fazel Anvari Yazdi Akinola Ogbeyemi -Alternate	A	N/A	P	A	P	A				
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Chemical	Zahra Teimouri Shahab Minaei (Alternate)	A	N/A	A	P	A	P				
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Civil, Geological & Environmental	Emily Cline	P	N/A	N/A	A	A	A				
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Electrical & Computer	Shahabodin Afrasiabi Sarah Allahmoradi (Alternate)	P	N/A	P	A	P	A				
Engineering Graduate Community Council (EGCC) – Mechanical	Vahid Hosseini Amirreza Mahmoudi- Alternate	A	N/A	P	A	A	P				
English Course Council	Gwen Rose – Councillor Challen Gladman - Councillor Miguel Dela Pena - Alternate	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Geography & Planning Graduate Council		A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A				
Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy Students' Association	Carlene Shaw Candice Minott (Alternate)	A	N/A	N/A	A	P	P				
Kinesiology Graduate Student Council	Danielle Cormier Kevin Mageto (Alternate)	A	N/A	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				
Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council	Sarah Crawford Ayat Zagzoog (Alternate)	P	N/A	P	P	A	A				
Plant Science	Brianna Senetza – Councillor Kaylie Krys - Alternate	A	P	P	Reg	P	P				
Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS)	Joanna Lavoie - Councillor Henry Francisco – Alternate	A	P	P	A	A	P				
SENSSA		A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A				
School of Public Health (SPHSA)	Aashana Patel Somayeh Abdi Richa Tikoo (Alternate)	A	N/A	N/A	A	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				
Soil Science Graduate Student Association	Quinn Hlus Catherine Chavez (Alternate)	regrets	N/A	P	A	P	P				
Toxicology Graduate Students' Association	Hannah Mahoney – Councillor Emily Kennedy - Alternate	A	P	A	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				

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Exec. President	Mostafa Kamal	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Exec. VP Finance and Operations	Ehsan Moradi	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs	Sristy Sumana Nath	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Exec. VP External Affairs	Ozra Mohammadi	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement	Vacant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				



Table: Proposed fees increase for the 2023-2024 academic year

Fee Types	Current Fees	Proposed Fees	\$ Increase	% Increase
CFS Fees	6.6	7.05	0.45	6.8028
U-PASS	119.65	127.7	8.02	6.7
Health Plan	222.51	240.01	17.5	7+1
Dental Plan	236.52	244.63	8.11	2 + 1
GSA Fees	37.06	38.91	1.85	5

Motions for Discussion and Approval:

1. Motion to approve the Canadian Federation of Students Fees increase from \$6.6 to \$7.05 (45 cent).
2. Motion to approve the U-PASS Fees from \$6.6 to \$7.05 (45 cent)
3. Motion to approve the health plan Fees increase from 222.51 to 240.01 (\$17.5)
4. Motion to approve the Dental plan Fees increase from 236.52 to 244.63 (\$8.11)
5. Motion to approve the GSA Fees increase from 37.06 to 38.91 (\$1.85)
6. Motion to approve the use of the GSA Budget Code 61001 (Financial and Legal Contingency Fund) use for different GSA Events cost results from extraordinary increase in the inflation rate.
7. Motion to approve that GSA pays the university's outstanding debt.



GSA President's Report (December 2022-January 2023) to GSA Council Members

Dear GSA Council Members,

Please find the GSA President's monthly activity summary from January 6, 2022, to February 6, 2023, as listed below in order of importance of the activities.

1. GSA Winter Orientation 2023 (January 11, 2023)

The GSA organized in personal Winter Orientation on January 11, 2023, at the GSA commons. Professor Debby Burstyn, Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS), attended the event and gave a welcome speech to the new graduate. The VP of Academic and Student Affairs presented all GSA services to the recent graduates. Robyn Paches, Program Manager of Student Care, gave a presentation about health and dental care. The GSA president speaks about academic and non-academic misconduct issues. The VP of Finance talked about UPASS, Scholarships, and Awards. The GSA distributed 150 SWAG bags among the graduate students from its funding. Food and drinks were served among the orientation attendees.



Picture 1: GSA Winter Orientation, GSA Commons, January 11, 2023

2. Graduate Research Conference 2023 (January 17, 2023)

The GSA organized the 2023 Graduate Research Conference Poster Presentation on January 17, 2023, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the GSA Commons. The graduate research conference brings university of Saskatchewan graduate students of all disciplines under one roof and gives them a platform to discuss their research with fellow graduate students. The Dean of CGPS, Professor Deby Burshtyn, gave an inauguration speech at the event.

The GSA is pleased to inform you that 54 graduate students registered for the 2023 research conference, and 45 presented their posters on the conference day. It is to be noted that the highest

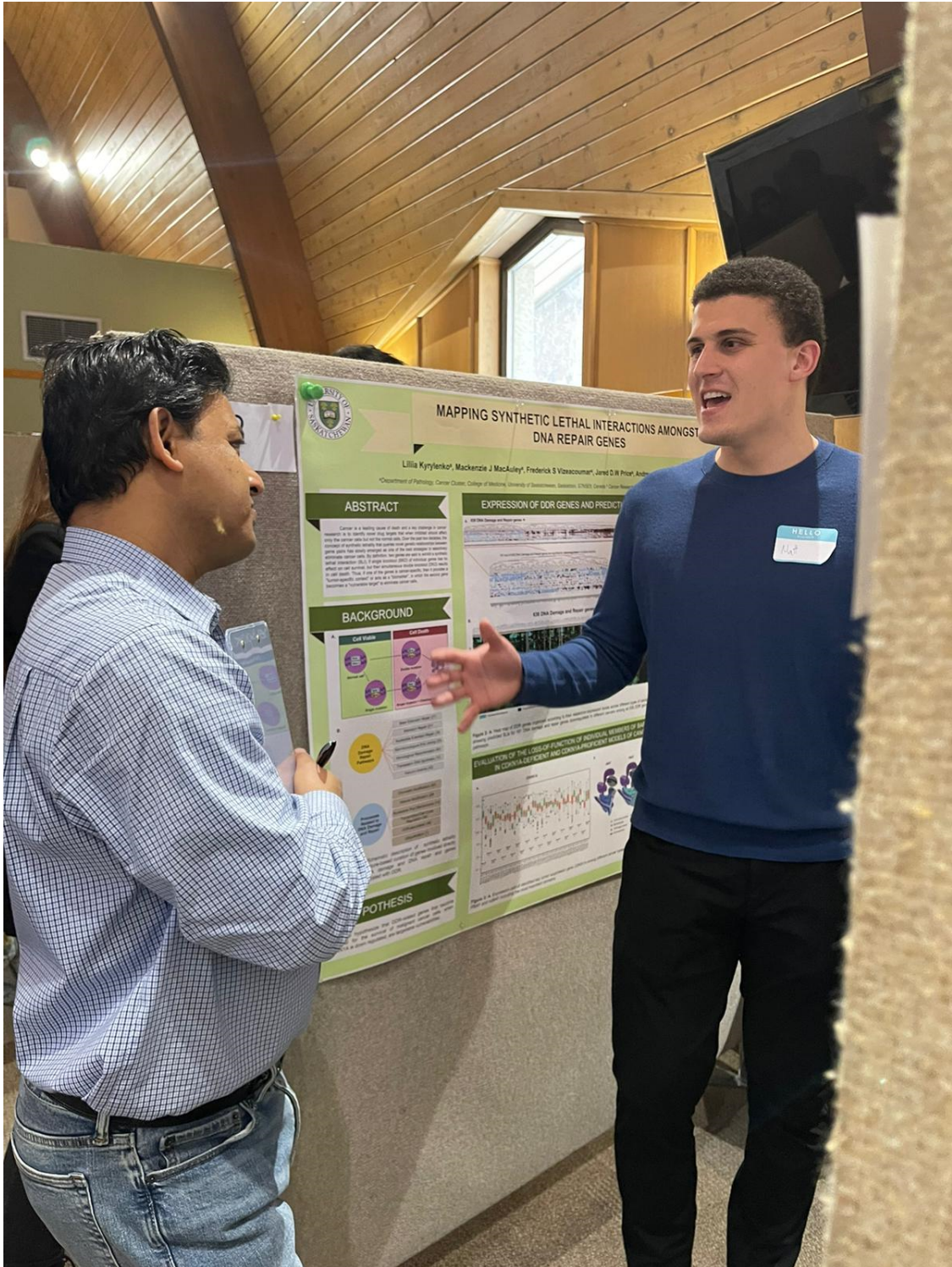
number of graduate students participated in the graduate research conference's recorded history. All submitted posters were accepted for presentation. GSA provides a poster stand at the GSA commons on the conference day for poster display. The posters were evaluated by ten postdoctoral fellows using a rubric. Two judges evaluated each poster to minimize unconcise bias during the evaluation process. Four students are selected for the best poster award. Prizes are valued at \$500 each. The four winning poster candidates will receive \$500 each as prize money. The GSA is grateful to the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) for its financial support for the Graduate Research Conference 2023.



Picture 2: Graduate Research Conference 2023 post-presentation group picture



Picture 3: Different moments of the Graduate Research Conference 2023



Picture 4: Different moments of the Graduate Research Conference 2023, the GSA president chatting with a poster-presenter.



Picture 5: Different moments of the Graduate Research Conference 2023, Poster Judge announcing four winning poster presenters' names.



Picture 6: The GSA executives and the four winning poster presenters.

3. Call for Winter Term GSA-CGPS Need-Based Bursary

The GSA advertised a call for applications for the 2023 Winter Term GSA-CGPS need-based on Wednesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:00 am and closed application submission Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 4:30 pm. The bursary evaluation committee is currently evaluating the application and is expected to announce the result in the 2nd week of February.

4. GSA Diversity Committee Event (February 21, 2023)

The GSA diversity committee will organize an event on February 21, 2023, to commemorate International Mother Language Day. The objective of this event is to emphasize the importance of mother language conservation, the marginalization of mother language by colonial rulers across different parts of the world, and the significance of receiving an education using the mother language.

5. GSA Annual Awards 2023 – Call for Nominations

A call for nominations for the GSA Annual Award 2023 is circulated. Graduate students and faculty members are encouraged to nominate themselves or their students for the following awards.

1. Advising Excellence

2. Excellence in Community Service
3. Mark Kroeker Exceptional Student Leadership Award
4. Professional Excellence
5. Research Excellence in Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, Law, or Education
6. Research Excellence in Indigenous Studies
7. Research Excellence in Interdisciplinary Studies
8. Research Excellence in STEM
 - a. Health and Medical Science
 - b. Natural Science
 - c. Engineering and Technology

The purpose of the GSA Awards is to celebrate graduate students and honor faculty that have generously supported postgraduate students in research, scholarly and artistic pursuits.

Nominations Open: January 30, 2023, 9:00 am

Deadline for nominations: Monday, March 06, 2023, at noon.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact gsa.external@usask.ca.

Please visit <https://gsa.usask.ca/events/annual-awards.php> for further information regarding the Awards and the nomination process.

6. GSA Executives by-weekly meeting (January 16, 2023)

- I. Graduate Research Conference 2023
- II. Winter 2023 Bursary

The executive committee meeting minutes will be available in the next council meeting.

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Report from the VP Finance and Operations (January 2023)

Hello GSA Councilors,

I am pleased to provide you an update on my activities as the current Vice-President Finance and Operations.

1. GSA Winter Bursary Update

GSA winter bursary was open from January 10 to January 31. I received over 50 applications. The bursary committee will meet in the first two weeks of February and we will announce the results in the third week of February.

2. GSA Commons and GSA operations

GSA has been working fully functional with serving graduate students. The GSA commons has been open to students as an amazing study space. We also accommodate events as a source of income for the GSA. GSA recently released ratified clubs funds. As soon as other clubs finish their process, we will serve them. We have been trying to negotiate our students' right with Student Care and will continue to increase their quality of service. I have been handling the financial matters for the GSA holiday hangout and taking care of its expenses. I am trying to organize the Gala event and ease the financial difficulties.

3. GSA Research Conference

We successfully organized 2023 GSA research conference on January 17. We received 55 submissions, and we had 50 presenter on the event day. Our judges, who were postdoctoral researchers, selected 4 of the posters and GSA will award them \$500 each on the GSA gala event day.

We also had a very constructive meeting with PEC and had a long conversation with University senior leader regarding master's and part-time graduate students' funding and tuition.

Additionally, I continue to sit on various committees to improve the graduate students' experiences both on and off campus. Some of the meetings that I attended as part of my responsibilities are listed below:

Meetings

Executive Retreat Meeting

PRT/PEC/USSU/GSA Meeting

Studentcare

GSA-PSAC

Student Affairs and Services

ISSAC-GSA

Mental Health First Aid

Meeting with the City of Saskatoon

GSA Executive Meeting

Multiple meetings with outgoing VP Finance

Please feel free to contact me at gsa.fin@usask.ca should you have any questions or need any further clarification.

Sincerely,

Ehsan Moradi

Vice-President Finance and Operations

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Monthly Activity Report from VP Academic and Student Affairs

Dear Council Members,

Please find the VP Academic and Student Affairs monthly activity summary from January 03, 2023, to January 31, 2023, as listed below:

1. GSA Executive Committee Meeting: January 05 and 16, 2023

Please see executive meeting minutes for details.

2. USSU and GSA meeting: January 18, 2023

The executives of both associations discussed some common issues that were frequently faced by USASK students. Residence issues, wellness center improvement (i.e., walking clinic) and cost of enrollment letter.

3. Planning to organize webinar for prospective graduate students: January 13, 2023

I met Sandra M. Betancur V., Student Recruitment Officer, to plan organizing a webinar for prospective USASK graduate students. This event will be circulated on USASK official website and different social media.

4. Winter'23 orientation program: January 11, 2023

The GSA executives fixed 11 January 2023 (2PM to 5PM) for organizing orientation program. The Dean of CGPS attended the GSA Winter'23 orientation and gave a talk for new students. The GSA also distributed swag bags and provided afternoon snacks for graduate students and guests.

5. Attended regular meetings of my portfolio:

- a. *Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work Committee: January 09, 2023*
- b. *PEC/Student Executives monthly meeting: January 24, 2023*
- c. *GSA Council Meeting: January 12, 2023*
- d. *Academic Program Committee: January 11 & 25, 2023*
- e. *University council meeting: January 26, 2023*
- f. *CGPS Faculty council: January 18, 2023*
- g. *Teaching, Learning and Academic Resource committee Meeting: January 16, 2023*
- h. *Graduate Programs Committee: January 11, 2023*

- 6. Student advocacy related academic and non-academic issues:**
 - a. Complaint about TA work environment: 12 January 2023**
 - b. Issues with supervisor: 31 January 2023**

Regards,

Sristy Sumana Nath

VP Academic and Student Affairs

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January 2023

RE: VP External's Report to Council

Dear Council Members,

Please find below my report to the Council for December 2022:

1) **Gala event**

I am in touch with the event planner to organize the ceremony. The invitation emails have been sent. The breakdown of the expenses is prepared.

2) **GSA Standing committees**

- Awards selection committee:

There were two meetings with the Awards selection committee. The awards selection process was discussed. The important dates for opening the application and the deadline were decided. The application for the nomination was opened on January 30, 2023. The deadline is March 06, 2023.

Call for nomination email is prepared and will be sent on Monday, Feb 06. The flyer poster for the announcement of the opening of the application was shared on GSA social media.

- Sustainability committee:

The committee has met twice this month to decide about the event or competition held by the sustainability committee. The committee decided to have a competition regarding the sustainability issue in each department and their solution to it in photo or video or paragraph format. This aims to get aware of the sustainability issue of each department and think and discuss them with university leaders. The competition will open Feb 15 to March 15.

Also, there will be a CLS tour opening for all grad students to visit Canadian Light Source and talk about the project related to Sustainability. The tour information will be announced in the competition email.

- Diversity committee:

There will be an event on Feb 21, 2023.

3) Meetings/Events

The following is a list of meetings I attended in Dec 2022:

Date	Meetings/Events
January 16, 2023	GSA research conference
January 18, 2023	USSU & GSA Exec
January 20, 2023	GSA Awards selection committee meeting
January 25, 2023	GSA Awards selection committee meeting
Feb 02, 2023	GSA Sustainability Committee Meeting

Regards,

Ozra Mohammadi.

Vice-President External Affairs

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