



MINUTES

Graduate Students' Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 22nd, 2021

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Online Meeting

Attendees – Executive Team:

Christopher Yendt – President

Melanie Extance - Deputy President, Senate Representative

Daislyn Vidal – VP, International

Mohammad Moinul Hassan – VP, Equity & External Affairs

Hannah Young – VP, Internal

Ahmad Rabbani – AVP, Digital Communications

Attendees – Faculty Representatives:

Haley Myatt (Chair)

Felisia Milana (Vice-Chair / Secretary)

Ash Grover

Jensen Murphy

Amanda Williams

Nawal Syed

Melissa Van der Wal

Staff:

Barb Daly – Executive Director

Mary Tibollo – Office & Health Plan Administrator

Absent:

Linshan Hou

Regrets:

None

1.0 Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m. by GSA Board Chair, Haley Myatt, presiding

- **1.A Welcome**
- **1.B Conflict of Interest**
 - None at this time
- **1.C Land Acknowledgement**
- **1.D Establishment of Quorum at 12:05 pm**

2.0 Approvals

- **2.A - Agenda of the Board Meeting, April 22nd, 2021**

- Will not be getting to First Readings today due to time limitations Removal of 3D
- Reports for Executive meant for AGM but will give synopsis of reports in Board meeting and not go through motion/second votes as it is just a sharing of information

Moved by: Hannah Y. **Seconded by:** Mohammed M.H *All in favour*

- **2.B - Minutes of the Board Meeting, April 8th, 2021**

- **Correction of Name for incoming Executive Candidate Amanda Macdonald**

Moved by: Felisia M. **Seconded by:** Daislyn V. *All in favour*

3.0 Items Arising from the Minutes

- **3.A – Second Readings**

- i. Document 029**

- No changes proposed from last meeting
- Outline of performance appraisal
- Incoming team has been informed and are preparing their term goals in line with this document

Moved by: Christopher Y. **Seconded by:** Felisia M. *All in favour*

- ii. Document 030**

- Document has not changed since First Reading

Moved by: Christopher Y. **Seconded by:** Amanda W. *All in favour*

- iii. Document 041 (with amendments)**

- Amendment reflected of concern from Daislyn last meeting – Chair will further moderate discussion in order to manage discussion space effectively at AGM or SGM
- Points 13 and 14
- Explicitly states Chair has power to remove and request removal in this space

Moved by: Christopher Y. **Seconded by:** Daislyn V. *All in favour*

- **3.B – Strategic Plan**

- Question and discussion on how this will be implemented in Board meetings and annual reports
- Discussion on accountability of values
- Highlighting language use within document – specifically Land Acknowledgement

Motion for this draft to be passed and for greater Board input to keep these pieces moving and have these turned around by AGM – suggestions by end of day Tuesday.

Moved by: Christopher Y. **Seconded by:** Ash G. *All in favour*

- **3.C – Capital Purchase – Office Renovation**

- Ensure safety of staff for return to campus
- Using Pond Inlet as a dedicated grad space for certain times throughout the year
- Long term goal of having designated building but for immediate action hoping to provide these pieces

The Board approves capital expenditure of \$3,895 plus supplemental costs to the GSA office and GSA lounge.

Moved by: Christopher Y. **Seconded by:** Hannah Y. *All in favour*

- **3.D – Executive Reports**

- i. Vice President, Internal**

- 285 students participating in events throughout the year
- First day of Grad-itude week 20 students
- Second day – 28 students
- Third day – 45 students
- Increasing engagement as week goes on
- Momentum now with Instagram platform that is increasing, learned getting people to share posts with friends and engage with posts presents greater algorithm results
- Final trivia night next week with other GSAs
- Award ceremony tomorrow night 7:30PM

- ii. Vice President, Equity and External**

- Transition with incoming executive team

- iii. Vice President, International**

- Month of April hour discussion with drop-in international, only one participant
- Discussion of Brock's quarantine plan and international students
- Anti-racism task meeting wrap-up

- iv. Deputy President & Senate**

- Still waiting on things going to Senate
- Transition pieces, waiting for approval for incoming team to invite to Senate meeting

- v. President**

- All three goals from beginning of year have been achieved
- Working with incoming Executive team
- Working for new recruitment on Mary's old role
- Question and discussion on Zone Fitness Fee
- Question and discussion on Food Security Initiative

4.0 Conclusion

- **4.A – AGM: April 29th, 2021 @ 12pm – 2:00pm**
- **4.B – Chair’s Remarks**
 - **Thanks and appreciation for everyone’s work throughout the year**

5.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1:47pm

Moved by: Christopher Y.

Seconded by: Hannah Y.

All in favour