



MINUTES

Graduate Students' Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2020

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Online Meeting

Attendees:

Christopher Yendt – President

Hannah Young – VP, Internal

Barb Daly – Executive Director

Daislyn Vidal – VP, International

Melanie Extance – Senate Representative

Marina Casavecchia – VP, Communications

Mohammad Moinul Hassan – VP, Equity & External Affairs

Upinder Singh – VP, Finance

Regrets:

Adil Naik – Senate Representative

Absentees:

None

1. Meeting called to order at 12:19 p.m. by GSA President presiding

2. Approvals

GSA Proposed 2020-21 Budget

Moved by Daislyn, Seconded by Marina, All in favour

Initial approval of Document 020A, Document 023A, Document 024A, Document 025A, and Document 026A, Document 021B, Document 050A and Document 051A

Moved by Mel, Seconded by Marina, All in favour

3. Items Arising from the Minutes

4. Executive Reports

President

- Executive and board meetings will not continue during the reading week, and will resume Oct 22
- Working on creating new legislature to reallocate VP positions and duties
 - A concern was raised as to if International students should continue to have a representative or if an equity and diversity candidate would suffice
 - Rather than have an executive role be restricted to only being help by an international student, we can look into the role of associate VPs and committees dedicated to international student rights and experiences
- If anyone wants to hold office hours or have one on one sessions then we should be either recording or having two executives present to protect against harassment
- Meeting next week with senior admin about GSA space on campus

Vice-President, International

- Had a first orientation with PACRED
- Would like to have an event to provide outreach to international students and asking for suggestions
 - Was suggested by Marina to have a joint Townhall with Brock International, An Instagram takeover or an international student specific event
 - Was suggested by Melanie to reach out to Renee and to utilize the Zoom Webinar to live stream onto social media events
 - Was suggested by Hannah to host virtual office hours

Vice-President, Internal

- Meeting with Larissa from HRE to discuss collaboration and promotion of materials
- Attended a faith and life session where they read and compared scriptures from different religions, and trying to push for graduate specific events
- Met with Andie Nero in trying to collaborate for events.
- Meeting with SWAC next week
- Will be hosting a FB Live with Faith and Life
- Paint Night - October 17
- Working on ideas for Halloween events
- One Trivia night in October
- Career event on October 20

Vice-President, Communications

- Met with the CUPE to discuss increasing communications to union members
- Sat in on the CUPE meeting and discussed Graduate student concerns in respect to the collective bargaining and potential strike

• Platform	Followers	Engagement/ Interactions/ Profile Visits	Reach (Unique Accounts)
Facebook	2271	91	918
Instagram	797	102	553
Twitter	521	70	-

Vice-President, External

- Chris is now the Deputy Chair of Ontario Graduate Caucus
- Had the first committee meeting and discussed the winter term being online
- Has registered himself and Chris for the NGC

Graduate Student Senators

Melanie Extance

- Planning on initiating training sessions on how to interact in Senate
- Requested an additional last push for applications for the Board of Directors

5. Items for Additional Consideration

A. Other Business

Executives are expected to be providing a written report instead of an oral report, looking for roughly a half-page at most

6. Conclusion

A. Next Meeting, October 22, 12-1pm

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1:54 pm