



MINUTES

Graduate Students' Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 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

Regrets:

Mohammad Moinul Hassan – VP, Equity & External Affairs
Upinder Singh – VP, Finance

Absentees:

Adil Naik – Senate Representative

1. Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m. by GSA President presiding

2. Approvals

Minutes of Board Meetings – September 17, 2020

Moved by Marina, Seconded by Hannah, All in favour

GSA Proposed 2020-21 Budget

Moved by Daislyn, Seconded by Marina, All in favour

Bylaws 12, 13, 15, 22

Melanie moves, Hannah seconds, all in favour

3. Items Arising from the Minutes

4. Executive Reports

President

- Space in the library has opened up to provide study spaces, FGS and GSA are looking at opening up additional spaces specific to graduate students
- Looking at loaning out computers to students
- Any questions in regard to tuition prices should be directed to Brock's FAQs and a letter will be sent out to graduate students laying out how tuition prices are not set up by the universities
- Conversations are underway to discuss how student senators should be treated in senate meetings

Vice-President, International

- Attended a PACRED committee orientation

Vice-President, Communications

- Has been posting weekly orientation stories, requested executives to share tips and photos
- There will be a paint night October 17 at 3pm
- Request for a Hootsuite pro account to schedule social media posts
- Planning to create a GSA Teams account for grad students to provide a platform for students to connect and share resources

Vice-President, Internal

- Finalizing plans with Faith and Life in regards to graduate programming, Melanie will be joining in in on the meeting
- Marina and Hannah met with SWAC who will be providing materials for grad students for us to share and promote

Graduate Student Senators

Melanie Extance

- Board of Directors applications are open until October 2
- Attended the teaching and learning policy committee, discussing asynchronous options and quality control metrics
- A new bursary for underrepresented groups will be made available to current graduate students starting in November
- TAs for students who are living abroad has been paid out as bursaries instead of employment income in order to circumvent current legislature around employment eligibility

5. Items for Additional Consideration

A. Other Business

Executives are expected to be providing a written report starting October 17

6. Conclusion

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

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 1:55 pm