

The University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association



Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 27, 2016. 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

GSA Commons

- 1 Call to Order**
- 2 Announcements**
 - 2.1 Quorum**
- 3 Approval of Chair**
- 4 Approval of Agenda**
- 5 Approval of Council Minutes**
 - 5.1 June 21st, 2016 Council Meeting (Attached [here](#)).**
 - 5.2 August 23rd, 2016 Council Meeting (Attached [here](#)).**
- 6 Invited presentation**
 - 6.1 University Library Master Plan (Rachel Sarjeant-Jenkins, Associate Dean and Head, Law Library)**
- 7 Executives Reports`**
 - 7.1.1 VP Finance Report (Oral report).**
 - 7.1.2 VP External Report (Attached [here](#))**
 - 7.1.3 VP Operations Report (Attached [here](#)).**
 - 7.1.4 VP Academic Report (Oral report).**
 - 7.1.5 VP Student Affairs Report (Oral report)**
 - 7.1.6 Aboriginal Liaison Report (Oral report).**
 - 7.1.7 President Report (Attached [here](#)).**
 - 7.1.8 Q&A**
- 8 Committee Minutes**
 - 8.1 Website Committee meeting minutes (6/6/2016) (Attached [here](#))**
 - 8.2 Website Committee meeting minutes (11/7/2016) (Attached [here](#))**
 - 8.3 Summer Bursary Selection Committee meeting minutes (Attached [here](#))**
 - 8.4 Executives Meeting Minutes (16/8/2016) (Attached [here](#))**

- 8.5** Executive Meeting Minutes (7/9/2016) (**Attached [here](#)**)
- 8.6** Executive Meeting Minutes (20/9/2016) (**Attached [here](#)**)
- 8.7** Executives Meeting Minutes (19/7/2016) (**Attached [here](#)**).
- 8.8** Executives Meeting Minutes (14/6/2016) (**Attached [here](#)**).
- 8.9** Executive Retreat Minutes (15/5/2016) (**Attached [here](#)**).
- 8.10** Executives Meeting Minutes (10/5/2016) (**Attached [here](#)**).

9 Approval of Social Clubs

- 9.1** Focus club
- 9.2** Let's Talk Science Outreach

10 Old Business

10.1 Motion: GSA Budget (Kusum Sharma/Ziad Ghaith)

WHEREAS the GSA receives revenues from its ISIC card service

WHEREAS the aforementioned revenue must be included in the financial statements of the GSA for financial transparency

WHEREAS the GSA recently sold its non functional vending machine and has generated revenue as a consequence

WHEREAS the vending machine revenue must be included in the financial statements of the GSA for financial transparency substantive

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA introduce two additional budget revenue lines called 'ISIC card' and 'vending machine'

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a budget expense line called 'ISIC Card' be introduced for expenses related to improving the service

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GSA introduces two new revenue lines named “sales” to accommodate any sale that GSA might do in future

10.2 Motion: GSA Budget (Carolyn Gasper/Ziad Ghaith)

Preamble

The University of Saskatchewan Graduate Student Association (GSA) attends GU15 conferences as an informal sharing body of best practices. In August 2016, 7 out of 9 school attendees at the GU15 conference voted for incorporation.

The new name of the incorporation is “ThinkGRAD” (Graduate Research and Development), the first graduate think tank in Canada. This think tank will expand its memberships to other universities with strong research vigour and try to understand the Canadian graduate student

experience through research.

The incorporation of “ThinkGRAD” is to hold schools accountable for their duties and to help graduate student lobby internally within the UofS administrative for students’ matters on campus and nationally with supporting data.

The GSA will play a historical part of “ThinkGRAD” by hosting the first “ThinkGRAD” conference in April 2017.

This motion is a reaffirmation of the GSA’s commitment to the GU15 conference.

WHEREAS incorporating “ThinkGRAD” will help our association to work and cooperate with other Graduates associations in Canada

WHEREAS The incorporation of “ThinkGRAD” is to hold schools accountable for their duties and to help graduate student lobby internally within the UofS administrative for students’ matters on campus and nationally with supporting data.

BE IT RESOLVED the GSA Council allocate \$1100 dollars from the unallocated fund revenue budget line toward this incorporation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the GSA agrees, in principle, to levy a student fee of up to \$.50 per member, per term (Term 1 and Term 2 of the UofS academic year), to be paid to the “ThinkGRAD” membership fees as an on-going financial contribution to participate in future conferences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the final decision to approve or disapprove a levied fee shall be made through a referendum, pursuant to Section 4.18.8 of the GSA By-laws, held during Term 2 of the 2016-2017 U of S academic year;

11 Q&A.

12 Next GSA Council Meeting 27 of October 2016

13 Adjournment