



**University of Saskatchewan
Graduate Students' Association
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 6, 2021. WebEx Meeting***

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

**WebEx Meeting: The April 6, 2021 Council Meeting took place via WebEx due to the global health pandemic of COVID-19, where the Government of Saskatchewan made directives to practice social distancing in order to curb the spread of the virus.*

1. Call to Order

All Council Members were emailed the Agenda package, as well as the WebEx meeting link with the meeting number and password to participate online. The Chair of the Graduate Student Council officially welcomed the 2020/2021 Members of Councilors to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM after the quorum for the meeting had been met. Ms. Asiyah Suchak, the Secretary of Council compiled the meeting minutes.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair asked about any amendments to the Agenda as circulated via email. No amendments were put forward.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Kumayon/Harris)

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2021

The Chair asked if there were any suggested changes before the minutes were approved.

Motion to approve the March 16, 2020 minutes. (Harris/Gill).

Carried

4. Information to be received

- a. February 17, 2021 – Sustainability Committee Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 4a (Gill/Harris)

Carried

- b. February 18, 2021 – Diversity Committee Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 4b (Gill/Harris)

Carried

- c. February 25, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 4c (Gill/Harris)

Carried

- d. March 1 & 8, 2021 – Bursary Selection Committee Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 4d (Gill/Harris)

Carried

- e. March 11, 2021 – Executive Meeting Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 4e (Gill/Harris)

Carried

- f. March 12 & 26, 2021 – Budget and Finance Committee Minutes

Motion to receive agenda item 4f (Gill/Harris)

Carried

5. Motion: Operational Budget 2021/2022 (Details Attached)

The Chair called the VP of Finance and Operation to speak on behalf of the budget and finance committee. VP Mendoza explained briefly the attached budget notes. The Chair opened the floor to questions

Motion to approve the GSA 2021 – 2022 fiscal year budget and operational budget notes (Gill/Inam)

Carried

6. GSA Executives Report

a. President's Report

The President presented her report to the council. There were no questions for President Inam. There was a comment from Elyse, she thanked President Inam and congratulated her on all the work she did over her time.

b. Vice President Finance and Operation Report

The Vice President of Finance and Operations presented her report to council. There were no questions for VP Mendoza. Mostafa had a question for VP Mendoza; "Are we planning to organize any online taxes events for students?". She responded, not at this time but they do plan to post a video pending approval from last year that can be used as a reference on the GSA website. She also mentioned that the CRA have representatives that can also be of help and if the students have concerns or questions, they can contact the VP Finance and Operations directly. Mostafa also volunteered his time to help guide the students in a session. She thanked him and asked that they follow up via email. He thanked her as well and agreed he will email her.

c. Vice President Academic and Student Affairs Report

The Vice President Academic and Student Affairs sent her regrets. Her report was attached to the agenda and circulated to the Council. President Inam spoke on her behalf and gave a brief overview of VP Mellidezs' report. An email was provided for any questions to be forwarded.

d. Vice President External Affairs Report

The Vice President External Affairs presented his report. There were no questions for VP Gill.

e. Vice President Indigenous Engagement (Verbal Report)

The Vice President Indigenous Engagement presented her report to council. There were no questions for VP Alexis. Mostafa thanked VP Alexis for organizing a workshop regarding land acknowledgements that he found very helpful.

7. Other Business/Announcement

The chair thanked the council executive members for all their hard work, service, leadership and commitment to the GSA and wished them the best. He opened the floor for other comments.

Mostafa also had a question; he had three absences under his council, but he has not in fact been absent. The Chair thanked him for his question and asked if he could email the question to him then he could look into it with the secretary. Mostafa thanked the chair and vice versa.

Information

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 5:41 pm. (Gill/Proulx-Cullen)

Carried

Appendix A

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Academic Council	Name of Councillors and (alternates)	Sep.2 2 202 0	Oct.2 0 202 0	Nov. 10 2020	Dec.8 2020	Jan.2 6 2021	Feb.2 3 2021	Mar.1 6 2021	Apr. 6 202 1	Jun . 202 1	Aug . 202 1
Physical and Engineering Physics - PEGASUS	Kimberlee Dube (Nicholas Simonson)	N/A	N/A	N/ A	P	P	P	P	A		
Pharmacy & Nutrition Graduate Students' Council	Sukanya Pati (Ayat Zagzoog)	N/A	N/A	P	R	P	P	P	A		
Plant Science	Dylan Sjolie (Matthew Wengler)	N/A	N/A	N/ A	N/A	A	P	P	P		
Physical Therapy Student Society (PTSS)	Matthew Reichert Cherise Schlekewy	N/A	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	R		
SENSA	Mostofa Kamal Mariana Campos (Jaclyn Porter) (Rory Wheat)	N/A	P	A	A	P	A	P	P		
SPHSA	Aisha Sajid Maha Khan (Maggie Coupland) (Daniel Medina)	N /A	P	P	P	A	P	P	A		
Sociology GSA	Connor Morrison Maria Cruz (Alana Demkiw)	P	P	A	P	P	A	A	A		
Soil Science Graduate Student Association	Amy Jimmo (Aimée Schryer)	N/A	P	A	P	A	P	P	P		
Toxicology Graduate Students' Association	Alana Weber (Jensen Cherewyk)	A	R	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) GSA	Miranda Zwiefelhofer Michelle Tucker Jennifer Abi Younes	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A		

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Exec. President	Humaira Inam	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Exec. VP Finance and Operations	Mery Mendoza	P	P	P	P	N/A	P	P	P		
Exec. VP Academic and Student Affairs	Carmen Marquez Mellidez	R	P	R	P	P	P	P	R		
Exec. VP External Affairs	Qasim Shahzad Gill	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Exec. VP Indigenous Engagement	Tina Alexis	N/ A	N/ A	N/A	P	P	R	R	P		