## GSA Council Meeting MINUTES

Monday, 15 July 2019 at 6:00 pm
2-100 University Hall, Van Vliet Complex

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**Guests:** Michael Phair (U of A Board of Governors Chair); Sheri Somerville (Board of Governors member and Board Reputation and Public Affairs Committee Chair); Mary Pat Barry (Board of Governors member, Board Governance Committee Vice-Chair, and Board of Governors Learning, Research, and Student Experience Committee Vice-Chair); Matthew Barnett (Non-Academic Staff Representative on the Board of Governors); Charbel Baaklini (Neuroscience); Siddharth Singh (Mechanical Engineering); Pardeep Kumar (Mechanical Engineering); Britt Fedor (Neuroscience); Sushmitha Thirumalaivasan (Chemical & Materials Engineering); Saurabh Meena (Mechanical Engineering); Palak Jain (Mechanical Engineering).
Speaker Pranidhi Baddam in the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Territory of Treaty Six.

Approval of Agenda
1. Approval of the 15 July 2019 Consolidated Agenda
Members had before them the 15 July 2019 Consolidated Agenda, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. F Elian MOVED; D Ashley SECONDED. Motion PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Minutes
2. Minutes from the 17 June 2019 GSA Council meeting
Members had before them the 17 June 2019 GSA Council Minutes, which had been previously distributed on 5 July 2019. S Mohammad MOVED; C Labonté SECONDED. Physiology abstained. Motion PASSED unanimously.

Changes in GSA Council Membership
3. Changes in GSA Council Membership
i. Introduction of New GSA Council Members
New GSA Councillors J Cancio (Kinesiology, Sport and Recreation), C Wilson (Rehabilitation Science), C Baaklini (Neuroscience), B Fedor (Neuroscience), N Al-Zanoon (Rehabilitation Science), A Norouzi Yengeje (Councillor-at-Large), and A E Peters (Modern Languages and Cultural Studies) introduced themselves.

ii. Farewell to Departing GSA Council Members
This was the last meeting R Long (Neuroscience).

GSA Council Member Announcements
4. GSA Council Member Announcements
None.

Action Items:
5. 2018-2019 GSA Audited Financial Statements
Fahed Elian (President) presented the item and introduced the guest, Tom Gee, GSA Auditor (MBA, FCA, RSM Canada).


T Gee first noted the transition of his firm from Collins Barrow to RSM Canada, an international firm with only a recent presence in Canada. He then highlighted some of the main points in the audit. He noted that the GSA’s current ratio between assets and liabilities was 2.69:1 and that, generally, a non-profit organization should see a ratio of at least 2:1 to ensure that the organization had enough resources to cover any liabilities. He reminded GSA Council that, several years ago, the GSA’s finances were not in good condition, whereas today the GSA’s financial position was strong. He also noted an operations surplus of $491,676, increased from $386,744 in 2018. This surplus was an indication that the GSA would have resources to continue operating for some time, even in the case of expected legislative changes to introduce voluntary student unionism in Alberta. T Gee concluded that the GSA was in very good standing from a financial perspective.

GSA Councillors posed a number of questions, including whether there was any requirement for not-for profit organizations to expand surpluses before the end of the fiscal year (no specific requirements on what to do with surpluses other than that there should some long-term plan for their use; the GSA, following approval by the GSA BFC, typically transferred surpluses to various reserve funds (Financial Stabilization Fund, Legal Defence Fund, etc), and whether possible provincial budget cuts to education would impact the GSA (it was noted that the GSA didn’t receive revenue directly from the government however a significant potential budgetary risk for the GSA would be the introduction of voluntary student unionism, similar to what happened in Ontario).


6. 2019-2020 GSA Spring/Summer Term Budget and Expenditure Report
Fahed Elian (President) presented the item.

Prepared by C Thomas, L Hareuther and M Toghrail for GSA Council 15 July 2019
MOTION BEFORE GSA COUNCIL: That GSA Council RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the GSA 2019-2020 Spring/Summer Term Budget and Expenditure Report.

F Elian noted that the GSA was on track overall and in good financial health. It was asked what explained the decrease in revenue associated with ad sales in the GSA Planner and if this was expected to be a long-term trend. CT noted that this decrease was not due to any specific long-term trend, but that a few offices that had advertised in the GSA Planner in the past had some budgetary constraints and she added that this lower revenue would be accounted for when building next year’s budget.

MOTION: That GSA Council RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the GSA 2019-2020 Spring/Summer Term Budget and Expenditure Report. L Moore MOVED; M Miazga-Rodriguez SECONDED.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Presentations

7. Board of Governors Presentation

Fahed Elian (President) presented the item and introduced the guests, Michael Phair (U of A Board of Governors Chair), Sheri Somerville (Board of Governors Reputation and Public Affairs Committee), Mary Pat Barry (Board of Governors Governance Committee Vice-Chair and Board of Governors Learning, Research, and Student Experience Committee Vice-Chair), Matthew Barnett (Non-Academic Staff Representative on the Board of Governors).

F Elian indicated that he had invited the Board of Governors (BoG) Chair, M Phair, along with other members of the BoG, to hear feedback and questions from GSA Council members in relation to the GSA Board’s Strategic Work Plan. He emphasized that though the formal vote for GSA Council to receive the 2019-2020 GSA Board Strategic Work Plan for information would occur later in the meeting, a confidential advanced draft of this document was sent to the BoG members in attendance. F Elian provided GSA Council members with an overview of the BoG’s overall mandate and voting membership, and then provided some brief background on the BoG members in attendance, along with an overview of the various BoG Standing Committees they served on.

M Phair thanked F Elian for the invitation to attend GSA Council, and outlined the membership and terms of office for BoG members (21 total members, with 15 public members appointed by the provincial government, and with terms normally lasting for three years with the possibility of renewal, with the exception of the student representatives). He noted that one of the major tasks of the BoG was to select and evaluate the President. He further reported that, as D Turpin was leaving in a year, they had started the selection process for a new President. M Phair noted that he chaired this selection committee, and that the GSA President was also a member of this committee, along with representatives from across the University. He reported they anticipated having a new President selected by February or March 2020, but that it would be a lengthy process conducted with the support of an executive recruitment firm. He indicated that the selection committee was interested in hearing input on what the University community was looking for in the next President. He discussed the recent change in the provincial government, and indicated that the province had mandated that all post-secondary institutions establish free speech policies that followed the Chicago Principles. He also noted that senior administration was awaiting the new provincial budget and its impact on the University’s budget. Furthermore, he noted that the upcoming federal election could impact the U of A, as they received a significant research funding from the federal government. M Phair reported that the BoG was preparing a letter to every federal candidate in the Edmonton area and across the province to emphasize the importance of continuing federal funding to support research and innovation.

GSA Council members posed a series of questions and comments including, but not limited to:

The fact that many graduate students experience bullying, discrimination, and harassment, which contributed to poor mental health and wellbeing, and that other students experienced issues such as homelessness, and food insecurity, and it was asked how the University could better support graduate students experiencing these issues. In response, it was noted that the University had done a lot of work to increase security on campus, and that the provision of housing was more challenging as the University did not receive any government funding for housing. These costs had to be fully covered by rental rates, and there were challenges with the competing private rental market; it was also noted that the BoG discussed student wellbeing at-length, including issues of student mental health, safety, and accessibility, and that there was a commitment within the University to address these issues; and M Phair indicated that the University currently received a grant to support mental wellness from the provincial government, and that he was unsure if this funding would be continued).

That the upcoming closure of Michener Park would be a financial burden for residents and a stresor for residents who would loose their community, and it was asked what strategies were developed to support students affected by the closure. lin

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response, it was noted that the closure resulted from the end of the effective life of the buildings. It was also noted that A Sherman, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) was currently working on the transition and that BoG members would ask his office to report on the tangible plans to support current residents moving forward. It was further noted that BoG members were aware that the many of the residents had additional challenges with having families and being international students without accessible family supports.

Given the upcoming closure of Michener Park, whether the University had any strategies for supporting students who are parents, or plans to provide replacement housing for those affected by the Michener Park closure. In response, it was noted that members were aware that the daycares on campus were oversubscribed and that finding affordable childcare was challenging across the city and a key element in broader efforts to eliminate poverty; and it was noted that increasing the number of facilities and spaces across the city was long overdue.

It was asked whether the University was taking any action to push for wage increases of the Graduate Student Internship Program (GSIP) positions and for an increase to the number of positions available. In response, it was noted that the current provincial government expressed the importance of increasing the number of international students within the post-secondary system, and that this had the potential to open additional government funding in this area.

At the June meeting of GSA Council there was extensive discussion about the prevalence of student-supervisor issues, and it was asked how the University planned to work to improve the quality of graduate student-supervisory relationships and to make quality supervision an institutional priority. In response, it was noted that the BoG had discussed this issue many times and that one of the recommendations they had made was to provide mandatory training for supervisors, given the impact these relationships could have on the mental and emotional health of graduate students. The need for better reporting systems was also discussed and it was noted that it would be important to raise the need to have this as an institutional priority for University President candidates.

The fact that the University frequently brought up mental health, which was contradicted by actions taken by senior administration, such as the University trying to evict a student from residences for self-harm and attempted suicide, and it was asked what the University was actually doing for mental health. In response, it was noted that the Alumni Association had introduced a pilot program called the Alumni Student Support and Engagement Team (ASSET) through which alumni had the opportunity to assist students with regards to their mental wellness. It was also noted that while the University did provide a certain amount of mental health services on campus, these needs to be coordinated with services provided in the City, as outlined through provincial guidelines. It was further indicated that the province had also recently created an Associate Minister for Mental Health and Addictions and it was the BoG’s understanding that they would be looking at how to support those in the 16 – 25 age group. It was also emphasized that the University was aware that the need for mental health supports was greater than the current resources, and that the University needed to innovative in approaching mental health and wellness, and that students were best suited to advise the University on how to best intervene.

Whether, in building a profile for the next University President, it emphasized the need for a commitment to mental health. In response, it was noted that they were currently in the process of developing a profile, and that this suggestion could be brought to the Presidential Search Committee as they worked to create the profile.

Given that deferred maintenance had been identified as a critical issue facing the University in recent years, and given more stringent budgeting, it was asked how the University community could work to maintain and restore ageing infrastructure. In response, it was noted that the BoG had identified deferred maintenance as a major issue, and they were pushing hard at the provincial and federal levels for funding. It was further noted that deferred maintenance could not be addressed with the provincial grant received for the provision of educational services and that in.

Given the high costs associated with pursuing a graduate education and the 0% stipend the University offered during the current round of collective bargaining, it was asked whether the University was concerned about its ability to attract top-tier graduate students and how the University planned to better support current students who were struggling financially. In response, it was noted that, when compared to other Canadian provinces, the province of Alberta put the least amount of money into scholarships, that this had been frequently raised as an issue with the province, and that, when it came to soliciting private donations for students, personal stories could help with these efforts.

Frustration was expressed about the frequency with which advocacy work was passed onto graduate students, when it should be the University’s responsibility to advocate for higher provincial funding. In response, it was noted that the University had done some advocacy work on this topic but that personal stories could generate emotional connection from the general public.
and hence increase funding from the province; it was stated that the University would continue these advocacy efforts but it was highlighted that more groups asking for increase funding could help reach the government.

It was asked if there was a way to provide feedback to the University and for the Presidential search and, in response, GSA Council members discussed the importance of informing graduate students about the work of the Presidential Search Committee and ways in which they could offer their opinions, as well as the challenges associated with communicating with the entire University community and getting people engaged.

Given that mental health issues could be affected by factors such as overwhelming workloads, inability to eat properly, access to proper housing and food, and having limited time to reach out, what were the mental health initiatives that took into account preventative measures. In response, it was noted that BoG members were hoping to see more technology-supported mental health services introduced to compliment one-on-one services, and that the city was exploring innovative supports for mental health services. The importance of having access to supportive networks was also discussed, along with the fact that broader discussions around these topics also had to happen within the community.

Finally, it was asked whether the University was working to identify why its rankings on post-secondary institution lists had fallen. In response, it was noted that there were a number of different ranking systems, and that their statistics indicated that the U of A was the top-ranked University in Canada for the number of graduates who found employment within five years of graduation. It was also noted that these rankings were impacted by the fact that there were strong universities emerging in other parts of the world outside of North America.

M Barnett indicated that, as a University administrator who had worked almost exclusively with graduate students for the past eight years, he was aware of issues that graduate students were dealing with on a daily basis, including challenging financial situations and student-supervisor conflicts. He spoke about the importance of getting involved in University consultation sessions, given that the BoG had seen low student engagement in previous consultation sessions, such as the consultations related to Michener Park and housing for students who parent, and emphasized the importance of strategizing on how to get the graduate student voice heard. He discussed the work of the GSA to advocate for minimum funding packages for PhD students, and acknowledged that graduate students’ work was essential to the University’s mandate.

F Elian indicated that once the Presidential Search Committee had developed its portal to collect feedback from the University community, they would advertise this resource to GSA Council members and graduate students.

**Action Items:**


Fahed Elian (President) presented the item.

**MOTION BEFORE GSA COUNCIL:** That GSA Council RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the GSA Board 2019-2020 Strategic Work Plan.

F Elian, GSA President, presented the GSA Board 2019-2020 Strategic Work Plan (SWP), which, as in the previous year, appeared in two formats: an outward-facing document and an internal task list, both of which were circulated in hard copy to GSA Council members in attendance. He noted that this year’s main priorities had been grouped into the three categories of “Connect,” “Support,” and “Advocate.”

The main audience for the outward facing document was the broader U of A community, such as the U of A President, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR), members of the BoG, etc. Given this audience, the outward facing document was shorter and visually attractive in order to make it more engaging and more in line with best practices concerning strategic work plan design/presentation. Last year, this new design and format was well received by external stakeholders.

He further indicated that the internal task list was seen as a living document that would constantly evolve as the GSA President and the Vice-Presidents strategized about issues and approaches and as goals were realized or otherwise addressed. The internal document would not be shared publicly on the GSA website as this was an internal document with confidential, detailed information. He also added that each Directly-Elected Officer (DEOs) had their own working version of this internal task list, which included their specific plans for trying to move goal forward.

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Following GSA Council’s receipt of this plan for information, F Elian outlined that the outward facing document would be circulated to external stakeholders and that the DEOs would begin meeting with key stakeholders to discuss elements of this plan. He added that updates on the SWP progress would be brought forward to GSA Council in October, January, and April.

**MOTION:** That GSA Council RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the GSA Board 2019-2020 Strategic Work Plan. F Elian MOVED; D Singh SECONDED. Motion PASSED unanimously.

**Elections**

9. **GSA Council Elections**

   Nominees for GSA Councillor-at-Large (CAL) (1 vacancy):
   Claudia Holody (Pediatrics)
   Sushmitha Thirumalaivasan (Chemical and Materials Engineering)
   Muhammad Zubair (Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science)

   Radim Barta (GSA Nominating Committee (GSA NoC) Chair) presented the item, introduced the nominees, and asked them the following question: taking 45 seconds, please tell us why you’d like to serve as a GSA CAL.

   Nominees for GSA Deputy Returning Officer (DRO) (1 vacancy):
   Reza Azadi (Mechanical Engineering)

   Radim Barta (GSA NoC Chair) presented the item and introduced the nominee. He reminded GSA Council members that the nominee would be invited to answer a series of questions from GSA Council, with himself asking the first question as a GSA NoC Chair, and then opening the floor to GSA Councillors for their questions. He asked that GSA Council members keep their questions relevant to the position, and noted that the nominee would be given up to a maximum of five minutes to answer questions. R Barta introduced the nominee, who was given the opportunity to address GSA Council and answer questions from GSA Council members.

   Nominees for GSA Board (GSAB) (2 vacancies):
   Damandeep Singh (Business MBA)
   Areej Alshammiry (Educational Policy Studies)

   Not all nominees for the GSAB positions were in attendance and, as such, none were invited to address GSA Council.

**Reports**

10. **President**

   i. **President’s Report:**

   Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted. In addition F Elian highlighted that the Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) strategic work plan which had been developed during their recent retreat with himself and M Waddingham in attendance. He noted that two items identified as priorities were: scholarships and internships for graduate students, and express permanent residency entry for graduate students. He added that during the recent student leader orientation meeting with the provincial government, issues such as mental health funding, scholarships and internships, and next steps for red tape reduction were discussed. Lastly, F Elian added that he had established contact with the office of the mayor and that he hoped to foster collaboration, especially as they pertain to low income housing and mental health funding, between the GSA and the City of Edmonton.

   GSA Council members posed a number of questions including, but not limited to, the implementation of Smart Fare (F Elian and C Labonté noted that this was a very slow process and the University and other post-secondary institutions had received little communication from Edmonton Transit Services, but that a pilot program was expected to launch in September 2020), and what the position of the GSA was in advocating for immigration opportunities for graduate students and PhD students in particular (F Elian noted that it was a priority to advocate for immigration avenues for graduate students and that the topic was well-received by D Nicolaides, Alberta Minister of Advanced Education as well as J Copping, Alberta Minister of Labour and Immigration).

   ii. **GSA Board**

   Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted.
iii. GSA Budget and Finance Committee
Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted.

iv. GSA Governance Committee
No written report at this time.

11. Vice-President Academic
i. Vice-President Academic’s Report:
Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted. In addition D Ashley noted that B Milne, Vice-Provost and Dean of the FGSR, had recently begun her term and encouraged members to say hello when they see her.

A GSA Council member raised a concern regarding plans to address deferred maintenance on the Gunning/Lemieux Chemistry Centre (D Ashley noted that deferred maintenance was a widespread concern and that it was a University priority to find ways to tackle it).

12. Vice-President External
i. Vice-President External’s Report
Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted. In addition M Waddingham highlighted the work of the Freedom of Expression Advisory Group, which was planning to lead consultations with students, and the discussion at the student leader orientation with the provincial government where the government expressed their desire to reduce regulations and rules that made the student experience more cumbersome. He added that, as mentioned by F Elian, ab-GPAC priorities were advocacy to streamline Permanent Residency processes for international students as well as scholarships and internships for all students, including international ones. He also noted that his report included the June communiqué from ab-GPAC, and that the latter included a call for volunteers to join policy writing groups.

ii. GSA Awards Selection Committee’s Report
Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted.

iii. Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) Report
Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted.

13. Vice-President Labour
i. Vice-President Labour’s Report
Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted. In addition S Mohammad informed members of new GSA labour handbills intended to reach out to academically-employed graduate students, and encouraged members to take some on their way out to distribute in their department.

ii. GSA Labour Relations Committee
No written report at this time.

14. Vice-President Student Services
i. Vice-President Student Services’ Report
Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted. In addition C Labonté informed members that she and F Elian had met with the FGSR Office of Advancement to discuss fundraising priorities including mental health, professional development, and interdisciplinary collaboration. In their discussion, C Labonté suggested that they considered support for graduate students who parent and for graduate students affected by the Michener Park residence closure. She also noted that she had joined the University Leadership Network, and she encouraged members to inform her of any leadership opportunities they were aware of.

GSA Council members posed a number of questions regarding the GSA Health and Dental Plan including, but not limited to, if there was a possibility to augment the dental coverage, in particular for more dental care services than simply regular cleaning (C Labonté noted that she would raise that with Studentcare) and whether there was a possibility that the vision care could be...
made more comprehensive (C Labonté indicated that she could look into how this might impact the cost of the overall plan).

15. Senator
   i. Senator’s Report
   No written report at this time.

16. Speaker
   i. Speaker’s Report
   No written report at this time.

17. Chief Returning Officer
   i. Chief Returning Officer’s Report
   No written report at this time.

18. GSA Nominating Committee
   i. GSA Nominating Committee Report
   Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted. In addition R Barta stressed the importance of GSA Councillor positions on the GSA Governance Committee and the GSA Nominating Committee, both of which worked primarily via email, and the GSA Elections and Referenda Committee, which meets regularly in person. He encouraged members to consider these opportunities as a great way to bolster professional resumes as well as to get engaged with the greater University community. He further encouraged members to contact him directly at radim@ualberta.ca with any questions.

GSA Elections and Referenda Committee
   ii. GSA Elections and Referenda Committee Report
   No written report at this time.

19. GSA Management
   i. Executive Director’s Report
   Members had before them a written report, which had been previously distributed on 12 July 2019. The report stood as submitted.

Question Period

20. Written Questions
   None.

21. Oral Questions

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.