GSA Board

Report to GSA Council for the 16 September 2019 Meeting

To: GSA Council
From: Courtney Thomas, Executive Director; Julie Tanguay, Associate Director; and Lisa Hareuther, Assistant Director
Date: 13 September 2019

The GSA Board (GSAB) reports regularly to GSA Council by listing its agenda items, Motions/agreements, and main items of discussion (meeting reports are also offered at each meeting). Motions of Agenda approval and approval of the Minutes are not included unless there were amendments made. Closed session items are not minuted. GSA Council members are always able to ask questions about items that were discussed in closed session. Open session Minutes are available upon request. The President, Vice-Presidents, and the administrative team will be happy to answer any questions or provide more information at the GSA Council meeting. Also see the weekly Management Reports to the GSAB in Item 22 (Executive Director’s Report to GSA Council) on pages 22.2 – 22.5.

21 August 2019 GSA Board Meeting:

Main Agenda Items:
Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy on Elections and Referenda; TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Semi-Annual Report for the Period Ending on 30 June 2019; Meeting with D Turpin, University President; Fall Orientation re DEO Advice; and meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
That the GSA Board REVIEW, FOR INFORMATION AND PRIOR TO ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO GSA COUNCIL, recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section I: Elections and Section J: Referenda, as shown in the attached double column document and effective upon approval by GSA Council. FE MOVED. SM Seconded. CARRIED.

That the GSA Board REVIEW, FOR INFORMATION AND PRIOR TO ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO GSA COUNCIL, recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section I: Elections and Section J: Referenda, as shown in the attached double column document and effective upon approval by GSA Council. FE MOVED. CL Seconded. CARRIED.

Members AGREED to move into CLOSED SESSION.

Members discussed the Meeting with M P Barry, Board Governance Committee (BGC) and Board Learning, Research, and Student Experience Committee (BLRSEC) Vice-Chair.

Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.

28 August 2019 GSA Board Meeting:

Main Agenda Items:
Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy on GSA Recognition Awards; Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy on GSA Health and Dental Plan and GSA Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund; Attendance at the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) Conference, 5-9 November 2019, in Halifax, NS: Estimated Expense; Green and Gold Parade; and meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
That the GSA Board RECOMMEND TO GSA COUNCIL, having also been unanimously recommended by the GSA Governance Committee, the recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, as shown in the attached double column document and effective upon approval by GSA Council. FE MOVED. SM Seconded. CARRIED.

That the GSA Board RECOMMEND TO GSA COUNCIL, having also been unanimously recommended by the GSA Governance Committee, the recommended changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section M: GSA Health and Dental Plan and GSA Health and Dental Plan Reserve Fund, as shown in the attached double column document and effective upon approval by GSA Council. FE MOVED. SM Seconded. CARRIED.

That the GSA Board APPROVE the estimated expense for two (2) representatives of the GSA to attend the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) Conference, 6-9 November 2019 in Halifax, NS as noted below. FE MOVED. MW Seconded. CARRIED.

Members AGREED to move into CLOSED SESSION.

Members discussed the Breakfast with H Ring, H Parslow, and L Gombik, Presidential Search Committee Consultants.

Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.

4 September 2019 GSA Board Meeting:

Main Agenda Items:
Meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
Members AGREED to move into CLOSED SESSION.
Members discussed the Board of Governors Meet and Greet.
Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.
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Members discussed the General Faculties Council Nominating Committee (GFC NC).
Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.

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11 September 2019 GSA Board Meeting:
Main Agenda Items:
Meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements: None at this time.