GSA Council Meeting AGENDA
Monday, 20 April 2020 at 6:00 pm
Held electronically via Zoom

The GSA respectfully acknowledges that the University of Alberta is located on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

Substantive material is sent to all GSA Council members at least one week prior to the date of the meeting to give members abundant time to review. Any additional substantive material received after this mailing will be emailed as soon as possible.

Reports from committees, Directly-Elected Officers, and GSA Management are emailed the Friday before a Monday meeting so that the content is as current as possible.

Speaker Pranidhi Baddam in the Chair

OPEN SESSION

1. Approval of the 20 April 2020 Agenda (suggested time: 1 min)

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 16 March 2020 GSA Council Meeting (suggested time: 1 min)
   Attachment:
   i. Minutes from the 16 March 2020 GSA Council Meeting

3. Changes in GSA Council Membership (suggested time: 1 min)
   i. Introduction of New GSA Council Members (If you are new to GSA Council, please let us know it is your first meeting)
   ii. Farewell to Departing GSA Council Members (If this is your last GSA Council meeting, or if your last GSA Council meeting is approaching, please let us know)

GSA Council Member Announcements

4. GSA Council Member Announcements (suggested time: 5 mins)

Presentations

5. Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) (suggested time: 20 min)
   Marc Waddingham (Vice-President External) will present the item and introduce the guests.
   
   Guests: Chris Bell (Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) Executive Director) and Jasmine Gill (Vice-President External, Concordia University of Edmonton GSA and Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) Director)

Action Items

6. Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy on GSA Officer Portfolios (suggested time: 5 min)
   Fahed Elian (President) will present the item.
   
   Attachments:
   i. Outline of Issue
   ii. Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy on GSA Officer Portfolios: Track Changes Document

7. Recommended Changes to GSA Policy on GSA Grant and Bursary Application Policy and Information (suggested time: 10 min)
Fahed Elian (President) will present the item.

**Attachments:**

i. Outline of Issue
ii. Recommended Changes to GSA Policy, Section P: GSA Grant and Bursary Application Policy and Information: Track Changes Document

**For Discussion**

8. GSA Board Strategic Work Plan (SWP): Update to GSA Council (suggested time: 30 mins)
Fahed Elian (President) will present the item.

**Attachments:**

i. Overview of GSA Board Strategic Work Plan (SWP) Progress and Initiatives
ii. GSA Board 2019-2020 Strategic Work Plan (SWP)

**Elections**

9. GSA Council Elections (suggested time – 15 min)
Radim Barta (GSA Nominating Committee Chair) will present the item.

GSA Councillor-at-Large Positions

a. GSA Councillors-at-Large (CALs) (7 vacancies)

**Attachment:**

i. Nominees for GSA CALs (7 vacancies)

**Reports (suggested time: 15 mins)**

10. President (Fahed Elian, President)

   i. President’s Report
   ii. GSA Board Report
   iii. GSA Budget and Finance Committee Report (no written report at this time)
   iv. GSA Governance Committee Report

11. Vice-President Academic (Dylan Ashley, Vice-President Academic)

   i. Vice-President Academic’s Report

12. Vice-President External (Marc Waddingham, Vice-President External)

   i. Vice-President External’s Report
   ii. GSA Awards Selection Committee Report (no written report at this time)

13. Vice-President Labour (Shanawaz Mohammad, Vice-President Labour)

   i. Vice-President Labour’s Report
   ii. GSA Labour Relations Committee Report

14. Vice-President Student Services (Chantal Labonté, Vice-President Student Services)

   i. Vice-President Student Services’ Report

15. Senator (Alesha Reed, Senator)

   i. Senator’s Report (no written report at this time)

16. Speaker (Pranidhi Baddam, Speaker)

   i. Speaker’s Report (no written report at this time)

17. Chief Returning Officer (Amritha Prasad, Chief Returning Officer)

   i. Chief Returning Officer’s Report (no written report at this time)

Prepared by C Thomas for GSA Council 20 April 2020
18. GSA Nominating Committee (Radim Barta, GSA Nominating Committee Chair)  
   i. GSA Nominating Committee Report  18.0 - 18.1

19. GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (Jennifer Bertrand, GSA Elections and Referenda Committee Chair)  
   i. GSA Elections and Referenda Committee Report  19.0

20. GSA Management (Courtney Thomas, Executive Director)  
   i. Executive Director’s Report  20.0 - 20.5

Question Period

21. Written Questions (none at this time)

22. Oral Questions

Adjournment