GSA Council Meeting Consolidated AGENDA
Monday, 20 January 2020 at 6:00 pm
2-100 University Hall, Van Vliet Complex

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.

A pizza dinner will be served at 5:15 pm.

OPEN SESSION

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

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 18 November 2019 GSA Council Meeting (suggested time: 1 min)
   Attachment:
   i. Minutes from the 18 November 2019 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. Three-Minute Thesis (suggested time: 5 mins)
   Chantal Labonté (Vice-President Student Services) will present the item and introduce the guests.
   Guests: Ella Hitchcock (graduate student), Kathleen Oliver (graduate student), and Charity Siebold (Community Volunteer Program Lean and Professional Development Coordinator)

6. Student-Supervisor Guidelines Form and the Progress Report Form from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) (suggested time: 30 mins)
   Fahed Elian (President) will present the item and introduce the guest.
   Guest: Dr. Brooke Milne, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Attachments:
   i. Governance Executive Summary Prepared by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research 6.1 - 6.5
   ii. Draft Supervisor-Student Guidelines 6.6 - 6.13
   iii. Draft Annual Progress Report 6.14 - 6.15

Action Items: None at this time

Prepared by C Thomas and J Tanguay for GSA Council 20 January 2020
For Discussion

7. 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 SWP Progress and Initiatives 7.0 - 7.2
   ii. GSA Board 2019-2020 Strategic Work Plan 7.3 - 7.9

Elections

8. GSA Council Elections (suggested time: 6 mins)  
   Damandeep Singh (GSA Nominating Committee Member) will present the item.

GSA Standing Committees

a. GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB) (6 vacancies)  
   Attachment:
   i. Nominees for the GSA ACB (6 vacancies) 8.0 - 8.4

b. GSA Governance Committee (GSA GC) (2 vacancies)  
   Attachment:
   i. Nominees for the GSA GC (2 vacancies) 8.5 - 8.9

Reports (suggested time: 15 mins)

9. President (Fahed Elian, President)  
   i. President’s Report 9.0 - 9.2
   ii. GSA Board Report 9.3
   iii. GSA Budget and Finance Committee Report (no written report at this time; next meeting is scheduled for 29 January 2020)
   iv. GSA Governance Committee Report (no written report at this time)

10. Vice-President Academic (Dylan Ashley, Vice-President Academic)  
    i. Vice-President Academic’s Report 10.0 - 10.1

11. Vice-President External (Marc Waddingham, Vice-President External)  
    i. Vice-President External’s Report 11.0 - 11.1
   ii. GSA Awards Selection Committee Report 11.2

12. Vice-President Labour (Shanawaz Mohammad, Vice-President Labour)  
    i. Vice-President Labour’s Report 12.0
   ii. GSA Labour Relations Committee Report (no written report at this time)

13. Vice-President Student Services (Chantal Labonté, Vice-President Student Services)  
    i. Vice-President Student Services’ Report 13.0 - 13.1

14. Senator (Alesha Reed, Senator)  
    i. Senator’s Report (no written report at this time)

15. Speaker (Pranidhi Baddam, Speaker)  
    i. Speaker’s Report (no written report at this time)

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

17. GSA Nominating Committee (Damandeep Singh, GSA Nominating Committee Member)  
    i. GSA Nominating Committee Report 17.0 - 17.2
18. GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (Jennifer Bertrand, GSA Elections and Referenda Committee Chair)
   i. GSA Elections and Referenda Committee Report

19. GSA Management (Courtney Thomas, Executive Director)
   i. Executive Director’s Report

**Question Period**

20. Written Questions
    One written question was submitted by Jared Fath, Renewable Resources Councillor, and the question reads:

    “In early December the president of our GSA [Renewable Resources GSA] attended a meeting where the department discussed options to deal with our own department’s budget shortfall. On the table were a few items that have caused quite a bit of concern for our members. These included: Charging for graduate student printing, reducing graduate student funding in excess of the base stipend: ie. cutting departmental travel bursaries, cutting the GTA budget by either reducing GTAships in existing courses, or, more controversially, filling GTA appointments with Post-Docs. I would like to know if other departments have received similar requests? If so, may we add this item to the agenda of a future meeting?”

21. Oral Questions

**Adjournment**