GSA Board
Report to GSA Council for the 20 April 2020 Meeting

To: GSA Council
From: Fahed Elian, President
Date: 17 April 2020

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 GSB in Item 20 (Executive Director’s Report to GSA Council) on pages 20.1-20.5.

18 March 2020 GSA Board Meeting:
Main Agenda Items:
GSA Academic Travel Grants and Child Care Grants, and Emergency Bursaries; Reallocation of Graduate Student Support Fund Rolling Opening Balances; Recommended Changes to GSA Policy, Section P: GSA Grant and Bursary Application Policy and Information; Actual Expenses for Attendance at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Advocacy Week and AGM, 17-22 February 2020 in Ottawa, ON; COVID-19 update; and meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
That the GSA Board APPROVE the reallocation of the amounts remaining in the budgets and contingency budgets for GSA Academic Travel Grants, Child Care Grants, and Emergency Bursaries in 2019-2020 as follows: ~$13,957 to the 2020-2021 budget line for GSA Academic Travel Grants, ~$55,828 to the 2020-2021 budget line for GSA Child Care Grants, and whatever amount remains after 31 March 2020 in the budget line for GSA Emergency Bursaries to the 2020-2021 budget line for GSA Emergency Bursaries. FE MOVED. Cl Seconded. CARRIED.

That the GSA Board RECOMMEND TO GSA COUNCIL the recommended changes to GSA Policy, Section P: GSA Grant and Bursary Application Policy and Information, as shown in the attached document in track changes and effective upon approval by GSA Council. FE MOVED. MW Seconded. CARRIED.

The GSA Board is asked to RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION the attached summary of actual expenses incurred through attendance at the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Advocacy Week and AGM, 17-22 February 2020 in Ottawa, ON. FE MOVED. DA Seconded. CARRIED.

25 March 2020 GSA Board Meeting:
Main Agenda Items:
COVID-19 update; Letter from the Minister of the Advanced; PIA Taskforce Media Campaign; and meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
None to report.

1 April 2020 GSA Board Meeting:
Main Agenda Items:
GSA Board Strategic Work Plan Update to GSA Council; COVID-19 update; and meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
Members AGREED to move into CLOSED SESSION.
Members discussed GFC Meeting.
Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.
8 April 2020 GSA Board Meeting:
Main Agenda Items:
GSA Board Strategic Work Plan Update to GSA Council; COVID-19 update; and meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
Members AGREED to move into CLOSED SESSION.
Members discussed the GSA Labour Relations Committee (GSA LRC).
Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.

15 April 2020 GSA Board Meeting:
Main Agenda Items:
COVID-19 update and meeting reports.

Motions and Agreements:
Board Members AGREED to move into CLOSED SESSION.
Board Members discussed the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) Review.
Board Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.

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Board Members discussed a Board Member's Resignation.
Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.

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Board Members discussed the Minister of Advanced Education’s social media platforms.
Board Members AGREED to move out of CLOSED SESSION.