

**GSA COUNCIL – Minutes Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association, Ottawa, Ontario Robertson Hall, Senate Chamber 6:00 pm – Thursday, December 12th, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:05 pm, Thursday, December 12, 2019**

*We, the members of GSA-Carleton are committed to following Indigenous legal traditions of acknowledging the sovereign waters, lands, and the Algonquin Anishinaabeg Nation in the territory of the Kitchissippi watershed, which includes the City of Ottawa. In doing so, we are also acknowledging the illegalities of our presence under Indigenous legal traditions, and acknowledging the ongoing and violent methods of settler colonialism. This acknowledgment is but a first step in accepting our responsibility to correct these injustices through action and furthering the education of ourselves and others.*

**1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR**

- a. Announcement of Proxies  
Jessie Rocheleau for Cathy Agyemang (Cognitive Science)

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved: Simon**  
**Seconded: Ashley**

**Carries.**

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- A. Minutes from the last meeting.

**Moved: Ashley**  
**Seconded: Hemant**

**Carries.**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mike's Place: Party after the meeting. Free Nachos and drinks. Please speak to Zidan for tickets.

## **5. ORDER OF THE DAY:**

- Nothing

## **6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- a. President (Ashley Courchene)
- b. VP Finance (Jesse Whattam)
- c. VP Academic (Hemant Gupta)
- d. VP External (Namrata Tilokani)
- e. VP Operations (Shalimar Woods)
- f. Questions
  - The positions that GSA is hiring for are external or come as a TAship?
  - What the timeline on Ford Govt's appeal?

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

- a. Senate & Senate Committees
- b. Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC)
- c. Graduate Faculty Board (GFB)
- d. Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600)
- f. Board of Governors (BOG)
- g. Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA)
- i. Questions
  - Regarding the TA Sick leaves, if many TAs don't know about it and they are not transferable, then what happens if students who don't know, do they not carry over or get paid out?

## **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- Nothing to report

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Motion 29.12.2019 – 01: Motion to support teachers**

Moved By: Hemant Gupta

Seconded By: Cody

- Whereas the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) is currently bargaining with the Ontario Government, and
- Whereas the Ontario Government, whose disastrous agenda for public services affects both post-secondary, secondary, and primary education and;
- Whereas postsecondary teachers aim to bear the brunt of this austerity-driven and transformative agenda for education; and
- Whereas this agenda aims to increase class sizes to 25 students per class, and have required online learning courses for postsecondary students to be two; and
- Whereas OSSTF is arguing for class sizes of 22 students, the elimination of the online learning requirement, and ensuring Bill 124 does not hinder collective bargaining and;
- Whereas these issues are tied to the Government's attempts to defund education rather than any sort of qualitative or quantitative review of education in Ontario, and as such can be seen as bad faith efforts; therefore:
- Be it resolved GSA writes a letter of support to OSSTF.
- Be it resolved the GSA spread awareness about the bargaining process.
- Be it resolved GSA support any job actions undertaken by OSSTF in the future.

Discussions:

- We should absolutely support it as it is not only teachers, but also TAs and Contract Instructors. So, this directly affects us.
- The Ford government is majorly targeting the education system.

Carries.

### **B. Motion 12.12.2019 – 02: Motion to party**

Moved By: Shalimar Woods

Seconded By: Ashley

- Whereas the semester has been long, cold and challenging;
- Whereas cool refreshing beverages alleviate graduate study stress;
- Whereas Mike's Place is a cozy and friendly environment;
- Whereas there will Mike's Place world-renowned nachos available for free;
- Whereas the new decade is fast approaching;
- Be it resolved GSA councilors celebrate the end of the term at Mike's Place.

Carries.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Nothing to Report

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by: Ashley**

**Seconded by: Hemant**

**Carries.**

**Adjourned 6:30pm**

