

GSA COUNCIL – Minutes

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

On Zoom - 6:08 pm – Monday, November 30th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. Emad Mansour appointing Nathan Martha (Department of Physics)

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Namrata

Seconded: Chi-Chi

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the last meeting.

Moved: Hemant

Seconded: Ana

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Chi-Chi:** In lieu of Healing Spaces hosted once a month, we will be launching group therapy starting December 30th between 3&4pm. Information about registration is forthcoming.
- **Namrata:** We are currently in progress of feedback from students regarding Green Shield Insurance. Any and all feedback would be appreciated.

5. ORDER OF THE DAY:

- a. **Presentation of Reports and Motions**

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President (Namrata Tilokani)
- b. VP Finance (Hemant Gupta)
- c. VP Academic (Victoria Asi)
- d. VP External (Harar Hall)
- e. VP Operations (Chichi Ayalogu)
- f. Questions

What scholarship application for PhD students is being referred to as the Trudeau Scholarship?

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Could someone clarify regarding the \$600 grant? Is that the Student Organization Grant as mentioned in the Executive report? Where can we find more information on this?

Regarding the Justice for Abdirahman website that the GSA is not an official supporter of the coalition. Are there any plans to become an official supporter in the future? Also, what do the GSA advocacy efforts look like with regards to convincing changing the proposed budget for the city?

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)
 - a. Board of Governors (BOG)
 - b. Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA)
 - c. Questions
 - No Questions

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

1. Jeremy: The Department of Political Science is calling for papers/abstracts. Deadline is January 31st, 2021
2. Ted: Statement of NPSIA regarding equity diversion and inclusion representatives (2 positions).
3. Ana: Seeking clarification regarding counsellor credits.
4. Questions:
 - Do the credits expire and what is the timeframe? What kind of expenses will be covered?
 - Are you able to provide any guideline regarding any services that will not be cover?
 - Are they being more flexible this year with what kinds of expenses can be covered by GSA credits - e.g. software purchasing and subscriptions?

NPSIA Statement:

Update for the Graduate Students' Association on Behalf of the NPSIA Students' Association

Nov. 30, 2020: The NPSIA Students' Association would like to report that its executives held a constructive, hour-long meeting with Professor Stephanie Carvin on Oct. 21.

The purpose of the meeting was to reconcile the events of the last few months and to work toward a mutual understanding of the NSA's values and priorities for the upcoming school year and beyond.

The NSA also successfully amended its constitution on Nov. 5, facilitating the creation of two new executive roles: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Representatives.

Elections were held immediately after the passing of the amendments and Samira Levesque and

Laura Bryan were elected to fill the roles. The NSA remains committed to taking further steps to foster inclusion and diversity and to represent, as best as possible, the interests of NPSIA students.

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*Respectfully,
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9. NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to Report

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Nothing to Report

11. ADJOURNMENT

At: 6:45PM