



GSA COUNCIL – AGENDA

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

On Zoom - 6:00 pm – Thursday, July 28th, 2022

ATTENDEES:

Chair:	Bilan Arte
Execs:	Evans Boadi (VP Finance), Faith Achile (VP Operations), Hande Uz Ozcan (VP Academic)
Staff:	Benjamin Segobaetso (Executive Director)
Councillors:	Sanghy Ramani, Laura Polakova, (Psychology Representative), Mason Rodney (Proxy for Cassandra, political science representative), Anna Theus (journalism representative), Erin Kinzie, Brianna Bachan

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bilan called the meeting to order at 6:06PM. She acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Territory as follows:

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.



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1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR

- a. Announcement of Proxies

Mason Rodney is proxying for Cassandra for the department of political science.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Evans Boadi

Seconded: Hande Uz Ozcan

No discussion

THAT the Agenda be Adopted

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. The minutes of the June 30th Council meeting have been shared to councillors.

Moved by Mason Rodney

Seconded by Anna Theus

No discussion

THAT the minutes of the June 30th Council meeting be approved as presented

CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. No announcements.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

5. NEW BUSINESS (Details on motions can be found subsequently in appendix A)

- a. No motions being presented at this meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE REPORT

- a. Presentation of reports

Name	Report
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<p>Faith Achile, VP Operations</p>	<p>In July, a lot has been going on. There have been weekly executive meetings for planning welcome weeks. There have been meetings with Student Life, CUPE4600 and many others who are interested in welcoming the graduate student body. We are putting a calendar together and that should be ready next month. We are hiring welcome weeks coordinators and volunteers for the same purpose, and for programming throughout the academic year. U-Pass update: there are concerns over merging student card and U-pass into one. A Student Life representative met with GSA execs to get the GSA in the loop so that they can speak to unique concerns of grad students. The GSA also hired a new recording secretary this month.</p> <p>Mike's Place has been professionally decontaminated, including mold decontamination as we are gearing up to possibly open Mikes Place in the fall so that students can have a place to socialize. There has been a review of the Grants/Awards and we are hoping to open them up in August so students can have access to grants. We also worked on a video for the I-start course by ISSO for new international students which has already been published.</p> <p>We attended the monthly student leadership roundtable where we're able to discuss with the school's leadership on issues pertaining to students' concerns and advocate for some concerns of graduate students. We are in communication with the facilities management team about repairs to the GSA space. I have also met with the director of communications about social media posts and all things communications related. This is my report for the month. As always if you need to reach out to me for anything please feel free to, you know, send me an email and I'm always here to assist every member of the graduate student body.</p>
<p>Evans Boadi, VP Finance</p>	<p>Evans Boadi, VP Finance: the finances of awards and grants are being worked on to make them open sometime this August so that those who were not able to apply in the summer will be able to apply soon. We are making the application more accessible by having the forms available on the GSA website. This also allows for a faster response to applications. Mike's Place will be open soon.</p>



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Hande Uz Ozcan (VP Academic)	Hande Uz Ozcan (VP Academic): have been meeting with CUPE 4600 regarding bargaining, connecting with the FGPA about workshop navigation in the new academic environment, collaborating and working with shareholders. The month is busy with organizing and hiring processes with GSA staff and organizing orientation and academic workshops.
Milan Sanghani (President)	Nothing to report
Navyashree Krishnareddy (VP External)	<p>“Hello Everyone, My name is Navyashree Krishnareddy who is serving as a VP – External at GSA Carleton by representing local 78 at the federal level. Below are my tasks performed for the month of July;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have been attending the Ontario pre general meeting sessions to decide on the agenda for the important Annual meeting happening on August 15th 2. Also, talking to my colleagues in our executive meetings every week regarding the Mikes’ place opening dates and the necessary duties to be done before that from cleaning to the manager hiring process. 3. There are few campaigns I have registered for which are happening at Montreal and Ottawa and we are all deciding on the propaganda for the same across all the universities. 4. My goal is to participate in more campaigns and represent the university at the provincial level and include the actions to be taken. <p>Thank you!”</p>

b. Questions: No questions about the reports.

7. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Senate & Senate Committees: Mason Rodney, Senate report: None as Senate has not sat since June 3rd, 2022.
- b. Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC): none
- c. Graduate Faculty Board (GFB): none
- d. Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600): none
- e. Board of Governors (BOG): none
- f. Carleton University Students’ Association (CUSA): none
- g. Questions: none

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Mike’s Place Ad-Hoc Financial Review Committee: none
- b. Political Advocacy Committee: none



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- c. Accessibility Committee: none
- d. Organizational Review Committee: Faith Achile (VPO): the committee is supposed to have at least two (2) members to operate and make decisions, we have just one active member outside of me. The hope is to start committee meetings by the fall and the committee can operate fully. This is also a call to join the committee. To do so, you can send Faith an email and she can facilitate that.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. No departmental reports.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

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11. ADJOURNMENT

At: 6:25



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APPENDIX A: List of Motions

- a. None.