



## **GSA COUNCIL – MINUTES**

**Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario**

**On Zoom - 6:00 pm – Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Bilan Arte</b>
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	
<b>Execs:</b>	<b>Faith Achile (VPO), Hande Uz Ozcan (VPA), Milan Sanghani (Pres), Evans Boadi (VPF), Navyashree (VPX)</b>
<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Benjamin Segobaetso</b>
<b>Councilors:</b>	<b>Wil Robertson (MPM), Kavita Mistry, Mengxue Peng, Izak Mason (PoliSci), Aseel Qazzaz, Felix Nicol (EURUS Proxy), Shannon Wong (History), Juliana Nicoletta (Psychology Proxy), Nathanaël Beaulieu, Amanda Chafee (math/stat), Kahlea Wells, Izak Mason</b>
<b>GFB, Board, Senate:</b>	<b>Apoorva Sanagavarapu (GFB)</b>
<b>Others:</b>	<b>Noreen Cauley-Le Fevre (CUPE 4600)</b>

### **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.*



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### **1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR**

a. Announcement of Proxies

Juliana Nicolette Representing Kimia Fardini and Anna Stone for Psychology Dept

Felix Nicol representing Emmet Mark for EURUS

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved: Hande Uz Ozcan

Seconded: Faith Achile

No Discussion, No Opposition

Agenda Adopted as presented

### **3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

a. The minutes of the November Council meeting have been shared to councillors.

Moved: Hande Uz Ozcan

Seconded: Wil Robertson

No Discussion, No Opposition

Minutes Approved as presented

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Announcements

### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

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

No New Business

### **6. EXECUTIVE REPORT**

a. Presentation of reports

**Milan Sanghani, President:**

- Working towards setting up food hamper initiative for GSA: In discussion with FGPA to see what can be done
- Assisted with Hiring of GSA office Administrators.
- Represented the GSA in various meetings in the capacity of President

**Faith Achile, Vice President Operations:**

- Sexual Assault Awareness Week Planning meeting - roundtable session sharing ideas on programming for the week, Suggested a Paint and Sip event



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- Student Mental Health Engagement Committee: Wrote and Submitted a report of wellness activities facilitated by the GSA throughout the year for inclusion in the Carleton Wellness Review
- Graduate Residence Caucus - Housing and Residence Life Committee: Representing GRC. Updates to the Budget and issues in residence were discussed
- Meeting with Innovation Hub: For more collaborations and programming open to graduate students
- Attended Student Government Lunch: Indicated concern for increase in spread of flu on campus which led to the school sending out an email sensitizing students on safety procedures
- Worked on Study Snacks giveaway collaboration with CASG: Was successful, gave out 3 gift cards from the GSA to winners.
- Meeting with Student Experience Office concerning SOAR Leadership Conference: 25 free tickets for grad students
- Attended Campus Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting: Review of Draft Campus Master Plan and Feedback
- Mike's Place - Space is now operating on a soft opening basis
- Administration of OA Hiring Committee- Process is at final stages
- Processing of Councillor Nomination Submissions, Minutes, Administering Council Meeting
- Supporting our SAOC Coordinator in facilitating the Healing Spaces
- Weekly Operations Meetings and fulfillment of regular duties

### **Hande Uz Ozcan, Vice President Academic:**

- Facilitated Graduate Academic Caucus Meeting
- Worked with VPX to plan DJ event held by the GSA at Mike's Place. Event was successful
- Represented GSA at FGPA and GFB meetings
- Attended Student leaders lunch and brought the issue with the tuition fee structure to the attention of the school administration
- Facilitated Political Advocacy Committee Meeting
- Supported Iranian Grad Students towards organizing their traditional night event sponsored by the GSA
- Iranian students are Planning to do tunnel wall painting in Carleton university tunnels. In the process of getting required approvals to proceed

### **Navyashree, Vice President External:**

- Other execs have covers most of what was worked on collectively
- Worked on assisting the Iranian Community, Spoke to the FGPA and other bodies on campus to solicit financial assistance for tuition fees and some were successful
- Carleton has given a one-year tuition payment deadline extension for all the Iranians, Russians, and the Ukrainian institution fees.
- Facilitated Political Action Committee Meeting



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- Attended a CFS national general meeting recently, some elections were postponed till January, few political committee meetings upcoming

### **Evans Boadi, Vice President Finance:**

- Working on revising budget to allocate more funds to emergency grants to better support students as initial allocation has been used up
- Revised Budget would be shared at next council meeting
- Working on securing funding from other sources on campus to make sure support is readily available to graduate students via grants

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

- Senate & Senate Committees:** Senate meeting was cancelled for December 2022. Hence, no senate report
- Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC):** VPO represented GSA at Housing and Residence Life Committee
- Graduate Faculty Board (GFB):** Motion was passed towards working on the issue of food insecurity for graduate students at the meeting. More updates to be provided
- Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600):** Updates on CUPE 4600 bargaining were shared. Any questions on bargaining can be sent to the President of CUPE 4600
- Board of Governors (BOG):** Nothing to report
- Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA):** Nothing to report

## **8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Mike's Place Ad-Hoc Financial Review Committee:** VP Finance looking into how the committee can be revived.
- Political Advocacy Committee:** Working on creating and distributing a form to get feedback from graduate students on what political advocacy needs they may have.
- Accessibility Committee:** Accessibility Survey was distributed in the past month but only received 3 responses. Understandably so as the survey is quite long. Working on having gift cards as an incentive to encourage students to fill the form.
- Organizational Review Committee:** Nothing to report

## **9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**



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- Department of English Language and Literature: Nothing to report
- Department of French: Nothing to report
- Department of Geography and Environmental Studies: Nothing to report
- Department of History: the department recently put out its call for papers for the 2023 colloquium. This is going to take place virtually on March 17, 2023, and the theme this year is history and conversation, collaboration and interdisciplinarity. Hoping to attract papers from all different departments. Submissions are due by January 20.
- Department of Psychology: Several graduate students met with the external program reviewers for the cyclical program review. The students mostly shared concerns/frustrations regarding no pay increases due to inflation and lack of funding. Also, The CUPE strike coordinator asked for a meeting with the PGSA. Several PGSA members met with James Murray. If anyone is interested, they can reach out to Kimia for the meeting notes.
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Nothing to report
- Institute for Comparative Studies in Literature, Art and Culture: Nothing to report
- Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies: Nothing to report
- Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies: Nothing to report
- School for Studies in Art and Culture: Nothing to report
- School of Linguistics and Language Studies: Nothing to report
- School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies: Nothing to report
- Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering: Nothing to report
- Department of Electronics: Nothing to report
- Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering: Nothing to report
- Department of Systems and Computer Engineering: Nothing to report
- Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism: Nothing to report
- Industrial Design: Nothing to report
- Information Technology: Nothing to report
- Sustainable and Renewable Energy Engineering: Nothing to report



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- Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs: Nothing to report
- Department of Economics: Nothing to report
- Department of Law and Legal Studies: Nothing to report
- Department of Political Science: Nothing to report
- Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies: Nothing to report
- Institute of Political Economy: Nothing to report
- Norman Paterson School of International Affairs: Nothing to report
- School of Journalism and Communication: Nothing to report
- School of Public Policy and Administration: Nothing to report
- School of Social Work: Nothing to report
- Department of Biology: Nothing to report
- Department of Chemistry: Nothing to report
- Department of Earth Sciences: Nothing to report
- Department of Health Sciences: Nothing to report
- Department of Neuroscience: Nothing to report
- Department of Cognitive Science: Nothing to report
- Department of Physics: Nothing to report
- School of Computer Science: Nothing to report
- School of Mathematics and Statistics: Nothing to report

### **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. No other business

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 pm



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