



## **GSA COUNCIL – AGENDA**

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

**On Zoom - Thursday April 24th 2025 6pm**

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### **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 Anishinaabe 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

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

Moved: Bronwyn moved

Seconded: Jessica seconded

Agenda amended based on Bronwyn motion to move the GSA board report before appointing 3 new board members

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

- a. The minutes from the March council meeting have been distributed to councilors.
- b. Moved by Bronwyn, seconded by Jessica

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Appendix A: Mike's Place Survey -

Appendix B: Elections Ratification

CEO presented the election results as needed and also talked about the challenges

The CEO has authority to provide guidelines for elections.

Election results was accepted

Bronwyn moved to ratify the election result, no opposition and no abstain.

Appendix C: Vacant VPO position for May

Bronwyn discussed the challenges related to the elections

Jessica moved the motion to start the by-election for VPO. Bronwyn motivated to have a by-election for VPO and also extend the CEO contract to fulfil responsibility to this regard. No opposition and none abstain

Appendix D: The GSA Board Report

In camera board report summary: the following structures were suggested to avoid future internal crises. The council oversees the board, the board is responsible for the Executive Director and the Executive committee, the Executive director is responsible for all paid employees. This will be reflected in the new by-laws for ONCA compliance and approved by council when the new documentation is ready. All council members agreed on this awaiting ONCA compliance..



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### Appendix E: Appointing 3 GSA board members

Bronwyn discuss board responsibilities and board governance, time and resources

Kate Ellis, Apoorva Sanagavarapu, Jessica Lynch nominated themselves. They all spoke of their why.

Moved by Lili to approve the new nominated board members and seconded by Jayesh. All in favour, no opposition, no abstain.

## **6. EXECUTIVE REPORT**

- a. President - Jayesh - (report was provided)
- b. VP Finance - Reza - absent
- c. VP Operations - Jean - absent
- d. VP Academic - Mahsa (no report at the moment)
- e. VP External - Shakib (could not provide a written report at the moment)

## **7. OTHER REPORTS**

- a) Senate & Senate Committees - no report
- b) Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC) - no report
- c) Graduate Faculty Board (GFB) - Apporva Sanagavarapu
  - i) We had 4 people who won a 3min presentation. Get more grad supervisors interested in the competition.
  - ii) Field safety at Carleton now has a website
  - iii) Promotion of International Insurance SOS
  - iv) Motioned passed on using Duolingo as language test (not sure of the exact motion)
- d) Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600) - no report
- e) Board of Governors (BOG) - no report
- f) Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) - no report
- g) Questions

## **8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Mike's Place Ad-Hoc Financial Review Committee Report
- b) Political Advocacy Committee
- c) Accessibility Committee
  - i) Discussion about opening sensory hours at Mike's place
  - ii) How to use accessibility funds for paying note takers
  - iii) Better relationships with the PMC
- d) Organizational Review Committee

## **9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- Department of English Language and Literature
- Department of French
- Department of Geography and Environmental Studies
- Department of History
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology



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- Institute for Comparative Studies in Literature, Art and Culture
- Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Pauline Jewett Institute of Women's and Gender Studies
- School for Studies in Art and Culture
- School of Linguistics and Language Studies
- School of Indigenous and Canadian Studies
- Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Department of Electronics
- Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Department of Systems and Computer Engineering
- Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism
- Industrial Design
- Information Technology
- Sustainable and Renewable Energy Engineering
- Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs
- Department of Economics
- Department of Law and Legal Studies
- Department of Political Science
- Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
- Institute of Political Economy
- Norman Paterson School of International Affairs
- School of Journalism and Communication
- School of Public Policy and Administration
- School of Social Work
- Department of Biology
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Earth Sciences
- Department of Health Sciences
- Department of Neuroscience
- Department of Cognitive Science
- Department of Physics
- Department of Migration and Diaspora
- Department of Music & Culture, SSAC
- School of Computer Science
- School of Mathematics and Statistics - no report

### **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Grant and Awards report: lack of complete documentation affected some students and some students also got granted elsewhere

Students requested that payment for department activities be reimbursed. Email to be sent to the ED to address the request.

**Appendix A:** Mike's Place Survey

**Appendix B:** Elections Ratification



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### **Appendix C: By - Elections VPO positions**

Whereas there was no selected person to be VPO, there was a candidate from Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department who is currently sitting on the GSA Board of Directors and Council

### **Appendix D: Appointing 3 board members**

### **Appendix E: The GSA Board Report**