



GSA COUNCIL – AGENDA

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

On Zoom - Thursday September 26th 2024 - 7pm

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:

Seconded:

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. The minutes from the June and July council meeting have been distributed to councillors.
- b. The August Council Meeting did not meet quorum and was promptly cancelled after 20 minutes.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- RISE SUMMIT CFS-Ontario (VP External)

ORDER OF THE DAY:

5. NEW BUSINESS

Appendix A: Motion to appoint Baker Tilley as the auditor of GSA Carleton Inc.
For FY 24 and FY 25.

Appendix B: Motion to appoint two Graduate Senate Representatives.

Appendix C: Motion to appoint two PhD and one MA student to be Graduate Faculty Board (Graduate Council) representatives.

Appendix D: Motion to appoint two Board members for the Board of Directors of GSA Carleton Inc.

Appendix E: Motion to approve the levy referendum for Mike's Place.

Appendix F: Motion to approve bylaw changes for ONCA compliance.

Appendix G: Motion to appoint one graduate student representative to the Carleton Athletics Board.

Appendix H: Motion to Executives to Include Their Reports in the Council Agenda.



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6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President - Jayesh
- b. VP Finance - Reza
- c. VP Operations - Jean
- d. VP Academic - Mahsa
- e. VP External - Shakib

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)
- e) Board of Governors (BOG)
- f) Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA)
- g) Questions

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Mike's Place Ad-Hoc Financial Review Committee
- b) Political Advocacy Committee
- c) Accessibility Committee
- 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
- 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



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- 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

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Appendix A: Motion to re-appoint Baker Tilly Canada as the auditing firm of the GSA Carleton Inc. for FY 24 and for FY 25.

Whereas Baker Tilly Canada is externally auditing GSA Carleton Inc. financial reports. Be it resolved to re-appoint Baker Tilly Canada as the auditing firm for Fiscal Year 24, and FY 25.

Appendix B: Motion to appoint Graduate Senate Representatives.

Whereas there are two positions available to sit on the Senate as Graduate Senators. Be it resolved council to elect two graduate senators. In the case of no nominations, be it further resolved to select senators via applications *en masse* among graduate student members.

Appendix C: Motion to appoint two PhD and one MA student to be Graduate Faculty Board (Graduate Council) representatives.

Whereas three positions are available to sit on the Graduate Council. Be it resolved council to elect two PhD students and one MA student. In case of no nominations, be it further resolved to select grad representatives via applications *en masse* among graduate student members.

Appendix D: Motion to appoint two Board members for the Board of Directors of GSA Carleton Inc.

Whereas previous board members resigned due to their graduation, be it further resolved council to elect two board members to sit on the GSA Board of Directors. In case of no nominations be it



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further resolved to select board members via applications *en masse* among graduate student members.

Appendix E: Motion to approve the levy referendum for Mike's Place.

Whereas the current GSA levies are not designed to support Mike's Place. Be it further resolved to have a levy referendum for Mike's Place \$7 per semester subjected to CPI.

Appendix F: Motion to approve bylaw changes for ONCA compliance.

By law changes for ONCA:

1- Election of Officers (President, VP Finance, VP Operations, VP Academic, VP External)

GSA Carleton Inc. members are council members.

In order to provide a democratic election process it is necessary to get feedback from the councilors who are elected in their departments and representing the Graduate student body through the representatives coming from all graduate departments. They form the council, council meets four time in Fall and Winter Term, and meets at least two time in the Summer term.

Since GSA is managed by GSA Carleton Inc. it is advised to select its officers/Vice President Operations and VP Finance from the council, during the March Council Meeting. It is suggested to hold the *en masse* elections for the President, VP External and VP Academic.

2- Election of Board of Directors:

Five Board of Directors should be elected through council, if there are not any nominations for two consecutive Council meeting, Board of Directors nomination could be open *en masse* graduate students via application process. Officers: President, VP Finance, VP Operations, VP Academic and VP External advised to be ex-officio voting member of the Board by the lawyers, to be in complaint with ONCA.

Notes from the lawyer:

“Members of an Executive Committee must also be members of the appointing board of directors. The by-laws currently provide that 4 directors are members of the Executive – however, there are currently 5 Executive positions in this section. We recommend that this be updated and reflected in the by-laws. We would recommend having a policy/Terms of Reference for the Executive Committee and removing this section from the by-laws, that way changes can be made at the Board level without having to change the by-laws. We also recommend setting out the duties of the Executive in a separate policy document and/or job description rather than in the by-laws.”(ONCA Chart, p.47).



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Appendix G: Motion to appoint one grad student representative to the Carleton Athletics Board.

Be it resolved that council to appoint one graduate student representative to the Carleton Athletics Board. In the case of no nominations, be it resolve to open the call en masse graduate students.

Appendix H: Motion to Executives to Include Executive Reports in the Council Agenda.

Suggested by GSA Councillor Dapo Odumosu

Whereas Councilors have oversight responsibilities and therefore should be given ample opportunity to review reports presented at Council meetings to formulate questions and points for discussion. Be it resolved that executive reports should be distributed along with the meeting agenda, and any additional item(s) should be attached and distributed to councilors in advance of executive report at Council meeting.