



GSA COUNCIL – Minutes

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

On Zoom - [Monday June 30th 2025 6pm](#)

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 - No proxies

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Kate Ellis moved motion to adopt the agenda

Seconded: Jessica Lynch seconded and all in favour

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. The minutes from the [May council meeting](#) have been distributed to councilors.
(Approved)
- b.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. ORDER OF THE DAY:

Motion: Approval of a new department to GSA council. (No motion, Search to find if it is a departmental degree or specialization). The VPO and the ED will follow-up on this item.

Motion: Approval of Grants and Awards Policy Manual. (Approved, considering the registration of PMC students. Dapo moved, Kate as seconder, all in favour)

Motion: Approval of the Professional Development Support (PDS) Program (Approved, by updating the policy that should be reviewed in case of considering the part-time students with disability should be included, Language courses when not available through Carleton University. Councilors can be nominated to be on the election committee) Motion was moved by VPA (Ellen), seconded by Zeina, all in favour.

Motion: Approval of the GSA FY 26 Budget (Approved. Moved by Dapo, Kate as the seconder, all in favour)

Motion: Approval of Mike's Place FY26 Budget (Approved. Moved by Dapo, Zeina as the seconder, all in favour)

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Nomination of council members to the PDSP committee - Nominations of committee for PDSP - Lili Grieco St Pierre, VPA moved the motion to approve her nomination, Kate seconded, all in favour

6.2 Nominations of committee members for Grants & Awards - Dapo (VPF) moved the motion to nominate Jessica Lynch and it was seconded by Zeina, all in favour



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7. EXECUTIVE REPORT (Appendix D)

- a. President - Zeina
- b. VP Finance - Dapo
- c. VP Operations - Fatemeh Mohammad Zamani
- d. VP Academic - Elen
- e. VP External - Hadi
- f.

8. OTHER REPORTS

- a) Senate & Senate Committees -
- b) Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC) -
- c) Graduate Faculty Board (GFB) -

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

10. 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
- Department of Law and Legal Studies
- Department of Political Science
- Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies



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- 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

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Needs Council opinion on July council meeting ([The next council meeting is postponed to the August](#))

12. Appendix

Appendix A: [Approval of a new department to GSA council](#)

Appendix B1: [The GSA 25-26 FY Budgets](#)

Appendix B2: [The Mike's Place Budgets](#)

Appendix C : [Approval of The Professional Development Support \(PDS\) Program](#)

Appendix D: [Executives Reports](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.