GSA Council Meeting AGENDA
Monday, 21 June 2021 at 6:00 pm
Held electronically via Zoom

The GSA and the University of Alberta reside on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. This territory is a traditional gathering place for diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway, Saulteaux, Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant community. In acknowledging this traditional territory and its significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived and continue to live upon it, we recognize its longer history that reaches beyond colonization and the establishment of European colonies and recognize the GSA’s ongoing collective responsibility in working with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) peoples and what that means for the work of the GSA as it aims to practice the principles of being Good Relations with FNMI peoples, Nations, communities, and lands.

Substantive material is sent to all GSA Council members at least one week prior to the date of the meeting to give members abundant time to review. Any additional substantive material received after this mailing will be emailed as soon as possible.

Reports from committees, Directly-Elected Officers, and GSA Management are emailed the Friday before a Monday meeting so that the content is as current as possible.

OPEN SESSION
Speaker Pranidhi Baddam in the Chair

1. Approval of the 21 June 2021 Agenda (suggested time: 1 min)

2. Approval of the Minutes from the 10 May 2021 GSA Council Meeting (suggested time: 1 min)
   Attachment:
   i. Minutes from the 10 May GSA Council Meeting

3. Changes in GSA Council Membership (suggested time: 1 min)
   i. Introduction of New GSA Council Members (if you are new to GSA Council, please let us know it is your first meeting)
   ii. Farewell to Departing GSA Council Members (If this is your last GSA Council meeting, or if your last GSA Council meeting is approaching, please let us know)

GSA Council Member Announcements

4. GSA Council Member Announcements (suggested time: 5 min)

Discussion Items

5. Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) Graduate Supervisory Initiatives (suggested time: 30 min)
   Anas Fassih (President) will present the item and introduce the guest.
   Guest: Dr. Brooke Milne (Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research)
   Attachment:
   • FGSR Graduate Supervisory Initiatives Material, as Circulated to General Faculties Council

6. Service Excellence Transition (SET) Initiative: Student Services Centre
   Anas Fassih (President) will present the item and introduce the guests.
   Guests: Melissa Padfield (Vice-Provost and University Registrar); Dr. Andre Costopoulos (Vice-Provost and Dean of Students); Raymond Matthias (Director, Student Services Centre); Deeptha Gopi, (Business Analyst, SET); Fatima Rana (Business Analyst, SET); Kristy Wuetherick (Organizational Change Management Specialist, SET)

7. Academic Restructuring Update
   Anas Fassih (President) will present the item

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Action Item

8. Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section D: GSA Officers and Section Q: Collective Bargaining
Jessica Grenke (Vice-President Labour) will present the item.

Attachments:
- Outline of Issue
- Recommended Changes to GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section D: GSA Officers and Section Q: Collective Bargaining, Double Column Document

Elections

9. GSA Council Elections (suggested time: 20 min)
Pranidhi Baddam (Speaker) will present the item.

GSA Council-Elected Officer Positions

a. Speaker and Deputy Speaker
   Attachment:
   i. Nominees for Speaker (1 GSA Member vacancy) and Deputy Speaker (1 GSA Member vacancy)

b. Chief Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer
   Attachment:
   i. Nominees for Chief Returning Officer (1 GSA Member vacancy) and Nominees for Deputy Returning Officer (1 GSA Member vacancy)

c. Senator
   Attachment:
   i. Nominees for Senator (1 GSA Member vacancy)

GSA Standing Committees

a. GSA Appeals and Complaints Board (GSA ACB)
   Attachment:
   i. Nominees for the GSA ACB (1 GSA Councillor vacancy)

Reports (suggested time: 15 min)

10. President (Anas Fassih, President)
    i. President’s Report
    ii. GSA Board Report
    iii. GSA Budget and Finance Committee Report (no written report at this time)
    iv. GSA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report (no written report at this time)
    v. GSA Governance Committee Report (no written report at this time)

11. Vice-President Academic (Kathy Haddadkar, Vice-President Academic)
    i. Vice-President Academic’s Report

12. Vice-President External (Mohd Tahsin Bin Mostafa, Vice-President External)
    i. Vice-President External’s Report
    ii. GSA Awards Selection Committee Report (no written report at this time)

13. Vice-President Labour (Jessica Grenke, Vice-President Labour)
    i. Vice-President Labour’s Report
    ii. GSA Labour Relations Committee Report

14. Vice-President Student Services (Paresh Kumar, Vice-President Student Services)
    i. Vice-President Student Services’ Report

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15. Senator (Marla Palakkamanil, Senator)
   i. Senator’s Report (no written report at this time)

16. Speaker (Pranidhi Baddam, Speaker)
   i. Speaker’s Report (no written report at this time)

17. Chief Returning Officer (Michael Huang, Chief Returning Officer)
   i. Chief Returning Officer’s Report (no written report at this time)

18. GSA Nominating Committee (Courtney Thomas, GSA Nominating Committee Non-Voting Member)
   i. GSA Nominating Committee Report

19. GSA Elections and Referenda Committee (Jennifer Bertrand, GSA Elections and Referenda Committee Chair)
   i. GSA Elections and Referenda Committee Report (no written report at this time)

20. GSA Management (Courtney Thomas, Executive Director)
   i. Executive Director’s Report

   Question Period

   21. Written Questions (none received)

   22. Oral Questions

   Adjournment