

# Lakehead University Graduate Student Association Executive Meeting

Date: June 2, 2017 Time: 1:00PM – 2:30PM Location: UC2020

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## Present:

- Courtney Moore, President
- Jocelyn Bel, Vice President
- Lynn Remmelgas, Vice President-Orillia
- Harutyun Poladyan, Treasurer
- Tyson Bouchard, Chair
- Ayyappa Kumar Sista Kameshwar, Secretary

## Graduate student guests attended:

- Eric, President CUPE
- Praveen Kumar, Chief Steward CUPE

## University Staff:

- Brenda Magajna

## No Regrets

### 1. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm

No Regrets all the GSA executives have attended the meeting.

No declarations of conflicts of interest were declared.

No camera items were discussed for this meeting

### 2. **MOVED** the consideration and Agenda to be adopted

**Jocelyn/Harutyun**

**Amended agenda accepted**

**Carried (Item 12A was included in the Agenda)**

### 3. **GSA Partnership with PhD Student Canoe Club Picnic**

- Brenda explained her plans for the PhD student Canoe club picnic and previous years plans.
- Graduate students and Friends are allowed for the events but non-graduate students should pay 5\$ extra for canoe.
- Brenda told that she can contact the Canoe club people. All graduate students are

invited (Some time in July) and we have to book for the picnic tables.

#### **4. Motions:**

##### **i. GSA Emails Sending**

Whereas, previous conversations between the executive committee granted access to the GSA email to the Vice-Presidents since it is their responsibility for communicating with students and no formal motion was passed regarding this. Whereas, emails being sent from the GSA email are currently being sent without the name and position of who is sending the email.

And whereas all emails being sent from the GSA email account currently are being sent from "Graduate Student Executive Committee" which leaves tracing emails almost impossible.

**BIRT** all GSA emails being sent to the entire student body are only sent with the approval of one of the VPs.

**BIFRT** All emails coming for the GSA email that are not being sent to the entire student body have the signature of the executive sending it and that emails will only be sent on behalf of the executive committee after the content has been approved by the committee.

##### **Moved Jocelyn/ Courtney.**

- Jocelyn supported that it is necessary to add all the contact information if the GSA emails are sent. Because it is necessary to know who has emailed to make it clear.
- Courtney has said that when VP wants to email the grad students, it should have the permission from two executives.

##### **Harutyun/ Ayyappa**

**Carried**

##### **ii. LUSU GSA Relationship Letter**

Whereas, the letter outlining the issues currently between LUSU and the GSA has been discussed and circulated amongst executive committee members for more than two weeks.

**BIRT** the executive committee of GSA schedule a meeting with the executive of LUSU for the coming weeks to go over the relationship and how it can be improved

### **Moved Jocelyn/Courtney**

- Jocelyn corrected the document and highlighted the sections in the Document.
- Courtney has told that how can LUSU differentiate the UG students. LUSU if they put us on their chain it suggests that we support what they are doing.
- LUSU bylaw must be modified that for every 1000 graduate students with 1 seat.
- Space rental given for GSA with a fee of X \$, Harutyun said that we can discuss and change to rental fee.
- Space in LUSU office to change the room in CB first floor instead of the room charge.
- Schedule a meeting with LUSU executive for submitting the document on relationship of LUSU and GSA.
- Courtney: bulletin board for the GSA posters with LUSU Stamp
- We can decide the meeting date once the document is finished. GSA should have the separate key for the LUSU board room.

**Carried.**

### **5. Moved Self Defense Training in June**

- Courtney: recent news of “two students harassed another student”. Courtney wanted to organize a self payable and self defense classes for grad students.
- GSA executives have replied that, if necessary we can send an email to grads with the contact information of the trainer.
- And also, all the grad students will be reminded about the university security as primary contact point on any emergency services (especially after hours).

**Motion failed**

**Moved by Courtney/**

- Joint health and safety committee has moved that all the grad students will be sent an email about the security and safety for the after-hour students (new policy been added).
- Active from July and Tiffany moore is going to arrange the meeting and Eric has requested to add this in GSA emailing list.

IRC is the first point contact for the administration to contact regarding the security.

### **6. GSA Response to Student Deaths in the Community**

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- LUSU to get responsible for the student deaths in the community. Statue to put forward to LUSU, however it will refer to the Grad students.
- Courtney: Lot of aboriginal students do not go to school because of the security issues, so it will benefit the students (irrespective of grad and undergrad) for providing the moral strength to the students to attend the school.

That is more of LUSU response, because it is too much expensive (as GSA gets the limited funding).

**Motion Failed**

**Moved Courtney/**

#### **7. LUSU GSA #not my Lakehead campaign discussion**

- a student posting # not my LU campaign, where the prof commented that he can pull of his funding. Our role is that to raise our voice that it will impact the grad students.

#### **8. Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event**

- GSA needs to do some event for 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Some sort of group meets to marina and attend for the fireworks.
- Events and ideas bring it up next week.

#### **9. GSA Phone Update**

- We officially have a phone to contact.

#### **10. GSA Webmaster Contract**

- Jocelyn has drafted the contract and Harutyun looked into it. It must be brought in notice to Kevin.

**Motion to approve**

**Jocelyn/ Courtney**

**Carried.**

#### **11. GSA Health Plan**

- GSA having a separate health plan, which can cover dental, vision and prescribed medicines. (Sun life insurance). Insurance people can call and ask the grad students and provide customized health plans based on their needs.
- Motion for GSA looking into making a separate health care program.

**Moved Courtney/**

**Motion failed.**

#### **12. Summer Work Student Position**

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- As we need list of documents to be made and list of jobs to do: for the GSA students.
- Motion to draft a Job summary for the potential student position in the Fall.

**Moved by Courtney**

**Courtney/ Harutyun.**

**Abstained**

#### **12.A. OCGS GSA partnership**

Tabled for the next meeting.

#### **13. Announcements**

- Non-profit application documents must be provided by next meeting by secretary.
- Waivers Harutyun will look it.

#### **14. Next GSA Meeting**

June 16, 2017 @ 1:30pm in UC2020

#### **15. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM

**Jocelyn/Harutyun**

**Carried.**