**MEETING MINUTES**

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|  | **Meeting:** | General Council Meeting |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Date of Meeting:** | 19th Nov, 2019 | **Time:** |  | 02:00PM to 03:00PM | |  |
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|  | **Minutes Prepared By:** | GSA Secretary | **Location:** |  | AW118 | |  |
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|  | **1. Meeting Objective** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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GSA General Council Meeting

**2. Attendees**



Council Members: Rajat Wason (President), Sushant Sharma (VP Internal and External Affairs), Adam (Program Rep Master of Education)

Management: Dr Colin, Dr. Edgar Schmidt

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| 3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues | |
| Topic | **Discussion** |
| Referendum & Resolutions | * All resolutions are signed and up-to-date saved in the google drive. |
| Finance Issues | * GSA insurances have been done and policy copies sent to management. |
| Other Issues | * Yesterday, GSA had hosted an academic session for graduate students on job market and career development. * Rajat and Sushant briefed about the event which was a good event with an open interactive session with graduate students. * Rajat talked about Academic training during winter break or summer break, Kimberley talked about training which GSA will fund them for it. * Dean told council just to make sure everyone from graduate students from all departments will be the part of the training events. * Dean Colin also suggested - There will be clubs for each department and GSA will fund those clubs and then they disburse it accordingly * GSA should be focus on over all graduate students through clubs which is the right way to distribute money for their events. * It is already mentioned in finance policy for clubs. But for now, there are no clubs for graduate programs. * Dean told council to refer to election policy to elect representative for clubs from graduate programs. * Every clubs have guidelines to spend the money as per the finance policy. * Dr Colin suggested to make the policy for the clubs to follow for all the operations. * Program rep for MISSM/MISAM for upcoming election for GSA. * Winter Orientation 7th January – council had ordered 50 more t-shirts and water bottles for new students. * The place for winter 2020 orientation – design and thinking space !! * Dean suggested the council to bring program chairs which will meet students and it should not be long welcome session during the orientation. * Chair will interact with students and ask them if they have any issues during the course they can come and see program chair. * There will a general session and then later split the students with their program chair to address them. * Regarding new students’ number- Dr Colin suggested to talk about with crystal and talk with Kiley about the space for program chair address session during winter orientation. * Christmas Party – Jasmine has booked the venue at The three amigos on 12th December 2019 for a entry ticket of 10$ each. * Pizza with president – it will be on 21st November at 12 noon in AW118. * Rajat has asked Adam to join the pizza with president meeting. * PR policy update with ab-GPAC – Concordia will give an input on PR policy for graduate students before tabling it the government. * GSA website – council will hire a student from graduate students, and GSA can compensate the student for the job responsibility. * Dean Colin suggested to go for a professional company to build and update web sites for GSA due to insurance liability in case of any issue arises with the website. * Rajat talked about start up Edmonton initiative, regarding information security group. * There will a meeting in January 2020 and students will be a part of it. * Alex (CSA ED) approached Rajat and talked about repairing the foosball table in Tegler, and if GSA can contribute to add some money for that repair. * Council didn’t suggest putting in GSA money for the foosball table in the Tegler. * Dr Edger told council about upcoming event on Poverty simulation in Edmonton, a big case competition in march 2020, funded by external organization and the event is open to all the students * Dean Colin has announced the management decision on number of hours work on campus is limited to 20 hrs per week from winter term 2020. * Dean Colin has asked council to appoint ERO and Assistant for the upcoming GSA elections * GSA will give some compensation in terms of gift after successful Completion of GSA elections. |
| Action items | * For elections – there will an advertisement of all positions for program rep in the upcoming elections of GSA * Get the winter orientation students number and book the space for chair to address graduate students. * Jasmine will send the update about the Christmas party to everyone. |