

Graduate Student Association

Concordia University of Edmonton

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	9th GSA Council Meeting			
Date of Meeting:	August 24, 2017	Time:	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	
Minutes Prepared By:	GSA Secretary	Location:		
1. Meeting Objective				
Eight GSA Council Meeting				

2. Attendees

Topic

Council Members: Ranbir Bali, (President), Caesar Clemente (Secretary), Ashleigh Massey (Representative), Erin Archer (Representative), Akriti (Attending in behalf of Samip Dhakal)

Discussion

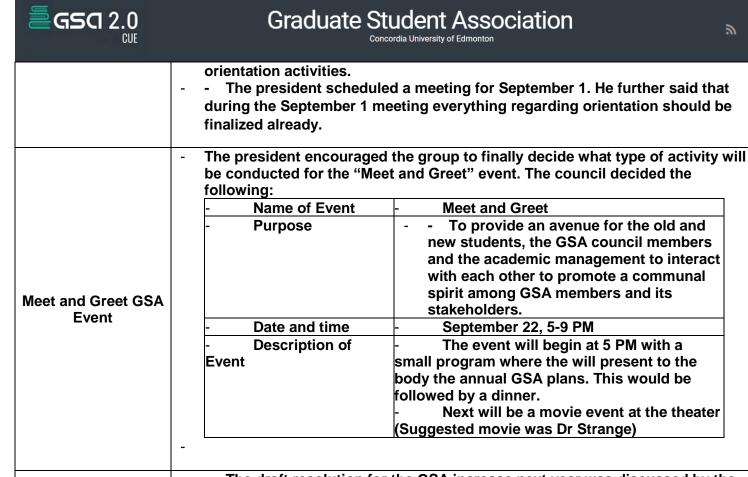
Absent: Samip Dhakal (Representative)

Meeting Protocols	 The last meeting was approved by the council. Akriti was officially introduced and accepted as a representative on behalf of Samip Dhakal 		
New Office	- The president informed the council that GSA office would be transferred to the main university building. The office will be fully functional this coming September. The location of the office is near the president's office. He further averred that this move would make GSA more accessible to graduate studies students as it is now in proximity where the students conduct their classes.		
	- The president informed the group that they need to choose about what dessert will be served on the GSA orientation day. Due to the limited type of dessert Aramark provides, the council agreed to do a potluck instead. The council members decided among themselves which type of dessert to bring and who will bring it. The decision is as follows:		
Freshmen Orientation Issues	Caesar and Vera	Cakes	
	Erin	Squares Cookies	
	Ashleigh Ranbir	Pop	
	- The president suggested that each dessert should at least be enough to		
	 feed 40 persons. During the departmental orientation, Akriti will be the emcee for the MISAM/MISSM program as a replacement for Samip who is still not around by that time. Ashleigh will send the council members suggested topics on what to discuss to the "What we wish we knew" portion of the GSA general orientation. Each council member will produce their presentation. All presentations will then be consolidated. The president reminded the council to start preparing and finalizing their presentations as it is already nearing September 5. The president told the council that the first volunteer training would be on 		

the 30th. He encouraged the council members to attend that event. He further

emphasized the importance of orienting the volunteers on the GSA

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Other Issues

- The draft resolution for the GSA increase next year was discussed by the group. Finally, the council members decided that 150 dollars would be an appropriate increase. This increase would give the next regime enough funds to sustain their activities.
- The secretary informed the group that the draft for the operating budget for this year is already done, but some details need to be ironed out. The treasurer still needs to examine the report. Once this is done, the document will be distributed to the council for perusal and approval.

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4. Action Items