



Council

Notice of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: NH 3407

Agenda and minutes

Time	Item	Action
4:00 pm	1. Speaker's Welcome and Opening Remarks	-
	2. Adoption of the Agenda (Changes, if applicable, will be noted with **)	For Approval
	3. Declarations of Interest - none	-
4:05 pm	4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting a. June 14, 2018.	For Approval
	5. Consent Items⁺ a. Executive Reports: President is looking to fill vacancies, and recently science faculty Council. b. Committee Reports	For Information
	6. Council Membership Report	For Information
4:10 pm	7. Delegations, Discussions, Presentations & Other Business a. SLC / PAC Expansion Victoria Lehmann and Scott Nicoll b. Budget Presentation Rose Vogt	
4:50 pm	8. Update from the Board , Al Sachs	-
5:10 pm	9. Motions a. Motion to delegate election policy and councillor training to CEC. b. Motion to adopt political positions	For Approval

5:40 pm	10. Members' Discussion	For Information
	11. Notices of Motion	-
6:00 pm	12. Adjournment at 6:04 pm	-

+ Consent Items are those items that in the judgment of the Executive Committee require the attention of Council but that neither require nor imply a decision by Council on any procedural or substantial matter. By adopting Consent Items, Council formally receives information for entry into the minutes. Council may discuss Consent Items at its pleasure.

Christopher van Bommel
 Speaker of the Council
 GSA-UW

July 4, 2018

DELEGATIONS

Victoria Lehmann and Scott Nicoll
 SLC / PAC Expansion

An update will be provided on the SLC / PAC Expansion Project.

Rose Vogt
 Budget Presentation

An update will be provided on the GSA budget.

RESOLUTIONS

9a Motion to delegate election policy and councillor training to CEC

BIRT the GSA-UW Council delegate development of the Councillor Election Policy and Councillor Training to the Council Executive Committee.

9b Motion to adopt official positions

WHEREAS the GSA-UW Council previously adopted official positions in accordance with the policies in place at the time; and

WHEREAS the implementation of the new GSA policy manual caused these official positions to be no longer in effect; and

WHEREAS one of the purposes of the GSA-UW Council is to declare political positions on behalf of graduate students; and

WHEREAS the previously adopted official positions are still relevant; therefore

BIRT the GSA-UW Council adopt the political positions provided in the agenda package.



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Minutes of Meeting

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- 1) Speaker's Welcome and Opening Remarks
Van Bommel welcomed councilors and guests. Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Vogt recorded the minutes.
- 2) The agenda was adopted. (Dasilva/Thompson)
- 3) No Declarations of Interest were made.
- 4) The minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting were approved. (Spasov/Thompson)
- 5) Consent Items:
 - a) **"Motion to adopt the presidents report is carried"** (Dasilva/Thompson)
 - b) Committee Reports.
- 6) Council membership report was received. Council welcomed new councilors and thanked out-going councilors for their service.
- 7) Delegations, Discussions, Presentations & Other Business
 - a) SLC / PAC Expansion,
Council heard a project update presented by Victoria Lehmann and Scott Nicoll. They expanded on the design features of the PAC facility including expanded fitness area and equipment, controlled access with both electronic access and service personnel present, there will be gender neutral changerooms. Design features of the SLC expansion included an overview of each floor.

"The 2nd floor study space, lounge space, and the one-two many room. Can give speeches etc. and lecture type of experience, it is built so that it can be divided in two by a sky-fold wall. The entire space can be opened up to be a larger event space. It is quite flexible. It connects to the bridge/link to the Math bldg.-3rd floor. This makes SLC connected to most other bldgs. By an indoor path".

The 3rd floor has a lounge space, bookable study space, houses the *Imprint* office, view of the climbing rock wall, houses a Prayer space, and GSA space.

GSA space: Original concept was smaller, but this was expanded. 800 – 1300 square feet of lounge space and office facilities. There is access control, a kitchenette, office area, some closable offices, open offices, utility room and board room. Capacity of the lounge is 64.

Design features: Lehman expanded on the interior design features such as carpeting, lounge and GSA offices/meeting rooms colour scheme, furnishings and AV equipment in the boardroom. The GSA lounge is locked and may be access by people that have permission by the GSA.

The project to date had a correction with the schedule and no problems are anticipated. If there is a cost above budget, the students' portion will not change.

b) Budget Presentation, Rose Vogt

Council heard an overview of the budget 2018-2019 planning process and are encouraged to submit a proposal to the President or Vogt with ideas for consideration.

Suggestions from the floor included:

- An event in the winter term similar to "Winterlude"
- Service for racialized students.

Recess from 5:15 pm to 5:25 pm

8) Update from the Board, Al Sachs

Overview: Board was excited that ENDS were created and is reviewing the ENDS proposed to evaluate the wording.

The GH consultation review was received. It will be reviewed by a task force.

Councillors were encouraged to reach out to one another or hang out to talk about political issues, write an END that tackles political, social aspects of grad life to create a community of Councillors.

Josh Thompson volunteers to assist in writing ENDS.

9) Motions:

a) **BIRT** the GSA-UW Council delegate development of the Councillor Election Policy and Councillor Training to the Council Executive Committee. (Moraga/Thompson) **Carried**.

b) **BIRT** the GSA-UW Council adopt the political positions provided in the agenda package. (Moraga/Spasov) **Carried**

The Official Positions will be posted on the GSA Website. They direct comments that Councillors, Directors, and other GSA personnel would make publicly. Thompson suggested an amendment be considered, after the OP#2 is approved, to address overcrowding in grad offices.

OP#1- Graduate Student Funding Financial Accessibility of Education, and Employment

OP#2 – Graduate Student Space Allocation

OP#3 – Sustainability at the University of Waterloo

OP#4 – Graduate Student Housing

OP#5 - Multi-Stakeholder Oversight Committee

OP#6 – Enhancing Strategic Collaboration Between the University and the GSA

10) Members' Discussion

- a) The GSPA and Provost Students are looking to find ways to assist students impacted by the changes to the **international student visa**. A review of various strategies is underway by the GSA President. How can the GSA help students at Waterloo? How is this communicated to future students considering coming to Waterloo?
- b) Orientation will take place on September 4th and plans for Winter Orientation will be made in the fall term. The Budget planning will allot funding for a winter and spring orientation although on a much smaller scale.
- c) Salman asked for feedback on Councillor awareness of QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training and an opinion on whether this should or should not be mandatory training for graduate students, especially TAs. ECE-GSA held a QPR training session within the department and found that it would be very beneficial for staff and faculty to be trained. Anyone in a supervisory capacity should have this training. The Wellness Office is undergoing changes and more development is underway on this as a directive from the UW President and/or policy.

Training is by a registered counsellor, there are a variety of ways to engage in the training. It could appear as a milestone on your *MyHR* site or academic transcript.

11) Notices of Motion

- a) Propose an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the CEC-add that the term of office in the CEC be extend and consider a notice of motion for the next meeting.
- b) Develop the Council procedures policy – formalize practices and gaps.

12) Meeting is adjourned at 6:04 pm.

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