



Council Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: EV3 - 4408

Table of Attendance

1. The Speaker took the Chair and Vogt acted as Secretary. Quorum was present and the meeting is called to order at 4:13 pm.
2. The Agenda is adopted with the following amendments. (Freure/DaSilva)
 - c. Minutes of the March and April meetings will be deferred to the next meeting.
 - d. The GRT/LRT update will be deferred to next meeting.
3. No declarations of a conflict of interest were made.
4. Deferred.
5. Consent items: -none at this time.
 - c. Executive Reports
 - d. Committee Reports
6. Council Membership Report
The Speaker welcomed new councillors and acknowledges and thanks outgoing councillors for their service.
7. University of Waterloo Committee Membership Report.
See report.
8. Delegations, Discussions, Presentations & Other Business
 - c. GRT – deferred, RVogt
 - d. June Provincial Election, RVogt
“Pints with Politicians” at Bomber.
 - e. Council meeting schedule and Council committees
A Councillor requested that the meeting date be changed or at least some of the meeting be moved to another weekday. Suggestion to alternate between another weekday, perhaps a Thursday. There is the option to submit a proxy for meetings that councillors are unable to attend.

Council Committees:
Council Review Committee: Looking for volunteers.

Council Executive Committee:
The Terms of Reference were taken from the old policy and are continuing with the committee. Councillors suggested amendments such as changing the term in office to reflect one academic term to allow for more engagement of councillors and it could be more a strategic and generative resource for Council.

f. International Students – Federal Policy Change.

Council may develop an END. The specific wording will be discussed at a later time. For example:

Graduate Students at the University of Waterloo will be able to pursue academic and/or non-academic work from commencement of their studies to completion.

Discussion:

This is already the case-student visas allow up to 20 hours per work. The current statement does not specifically talk about the issue, which is that students that work during a leave of absence or inactive status are/can be affected and their post graduate work visa may be affected.

[Include] **Free from penalties and prohibitions in order to pause their studies to earn an income.**

Council could invite an immigration lawyer – have an expert identify what we can be doing. The President can look into it.

9. Update from the Board

Allison Sachs, GSA Board Chair, updated Council that work began in drafting the terms of reference for hiring the Executive Director. Council may be included in a special meeting or a motion at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting in the hiring process.

Recess at 4:55pm-5:05pm

10. Motions

a. Meeting Schedule: original motion was substituted:

Move a Substitute Motion that Council defer its motions of meeting schedule to the next meeting of Council to be held to Thursday June 14, 2018. (Kearney/Dasilva). Carried.

- b. Motion to elect members of Council to the Policy Review Committee.

BIRT the GSA-UW Council elect the following two (2) members of Council to the Policy Review Committee for the 2018-2019 year. (Mistry/Tadayon) Carried, Reid abstain.

Nominations:

Jennifer Reid accepts a nomination,
Chris Van Bommel accept nomination.

- c. **BIRT Council approves the Terms of Reference for the Council Executive Committee.**
(Kearney/Spasov)

Motion to amendment to strike 1.04 c and f of the ToR and add i: *To serve as a forum for strategic discussion* such as developing political positions and ENDS for consideration of Council. (Kearney/Spasov)

Role is to set strategic initiative and forums rather than monitoring President. It substitutes in as a political forum for more development of the ENDS.

Motion to divide the question into each component.
(Tadayon/Thompson) **Carried. 4:3:4**

Amendment to Strike c 7:3:3 Carried.

Amendment to Strike f 7:2:3 Carried.

Amendment to Add the text for i: 10:0:3. Carried.

Motion is Carried 13:0:0

- d. CEC members election/appointment

BIRT the GSA-UW Council elect the following six (6) members of council to the Council Executive Committee:

AHS: Vacant
ARTS: Lay Dasilva
Engineering: Takin Tadayon
Environment: Aravind Kundurpi
Mathematics: Josh Thompson
Science: Emily Spasov

(Wass/Mistry) **Carried. 10:0:0**

- e. **Motion to approve temporary list of Ends.**

BIRT the GSA-UW Council approve the temporary list of Ends to be prevailing.
(Dasilva/Samuel) 10:1:0 **Carried.**

f. **Motion to approve new End for Policy Manual.**

BIRT the GSA-UW Council approve the End for the Policy Manual as detailed in the report for item 8d. (Spasov/Ashburner)

Move a Substitute Motion to refer this matter to the CEC to better capture the intention and to be reported on at the next meeting for ratification.

(Kearney/Dasilva) **Carried:** 10:0:1 Tadayon abstains.

CEC needs time to further discuss and can get the advice from an immigration a lawyer. This allows for the GSA to set an objective for lobbying. The ENDS embody our values and commitments realized for our members.

Motion to extend the meeting to 6:30 pm. (Tadayon/Freure). **Carried:** 1 opposed, 3 abstain.

11. Members' Discussion

- a. Tadayon raised a discussion point for the next meeting. That the GSA should actively lobby the University with regards to international tuition increases. 15% tuition increase for International Tuition is not aligned with CPI.
CEC was to discuss this, have a researcher to help and then bring a strategy to Council.
- b. Open to chat at the Grad House outside of this meeting.

12. Notice of Motion

Reid: Motion to investigate opportunities for federal and provincial lobbying. Reid will discuss the actual wording of the motion with the Speaker.

13. Adjournment at 6:50 pm

CVB:rv

Council Meeting Attendance at May 9, 2018

	Chair of Council	Christopher Van Bommel	1
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FAC.	DEPARTMENT		
AHS	AHS Dean/Social Work*		
	Kinesiology	William Chung	1
	Rec & Leisure		
	SPHHS	Huda Shah	n/a
ARTS	Accounting and Finance	Allan Wang	
	Anthropology		
	Classical Studies		
Stratford	Digital Exp. Innovation*		
	Economics		
	English Lang& Lit	Jason Lajoie	
	Fine Arts		
	French Studies	Sushma Dusowoth	1
	German&Slavic		
	History	Russ Freure	1
	Peace & Conflict MPACS		
	Philosophy	Chris Wass	1
	Political Science	MacKenzie Smith	1
	Psychology	Michael Ashburner	1
Wat.	Public Service, Master*		
	Religious Studies		
	Sociology&Legal Studies		
Camb	Architecture*	Tanvi Kundiliwal (Nov/17)	
ENG	Chem Eng	Archisman Ray	
	Civil & Env	Jessica Achebe	
	Electrical & Computer	Takin Tadayon	1
	Management Sciences	Alison Jennings	
	MBET		
	Mech & Mechatronics	Kissan Mistry	1
	Systems Design	Mei Lin Chen	
ENV	Geography and Env. Mgmt	Aravind Kundurpi	1
	Global Governance	Clay Dasilva	1
	School of Planning	Chris Bell	
	SEED		
	School of ERS	Andrew Moraga	n/a
MATH	Math Dean		
	Applied Mathematics	Josh Thompson	1
	Combinatorics & Opt		
	Computer Science	Elena Kwan	1
	Pure Mathematics	John Michael Sawatzky	
	Stats & Actuarial Sci	Danqiao Guo	
SCI	Biology	Emilie Spasov	1
	Chemistry	Serxho Selmani	
	Earth & Env Sciences	Grant Hagedorn	
	Physics and Astronomy	Jennifer Reid	1
	Optometry	Amritha Stalin	1
Kit.	School of Pharmacy*		
THEO	Catholic Thought		
AHS	AHS Dean/Social Work*		

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	Director	Emily Cyr	
	Director	Evan Andrews	
	Director	Graham Mayberry	
	Director	Julia Goyal	
	Director	Nick Revington	
	Director	Norman Kearney	1
	Director	Rebecca Stirling	
	Director	Sondra Eger	
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At-Large	Senator	Max Salman	
At-Large	Senator	Linda Ogechi Iheme	
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Guest	Ex-Councillor/transition	Dania Abuleil	1