



**GSA Council Meeting**  
**May 18, 2018**  
**4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  
**UW-RCH room 308**  
**MINUTES**

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Present:

Norman Kearney, Chair  
Robert Bruce, President  
Jessica Brake, Vice President  
Indi Madar, Communication & Marketing Officer  
Robert Pangborn, Director  
Rebecca Mayers, Recreation & Leisure Studies  
Kyle Rogers, SPHHS  
Daniel Matsinhe, French Studies  
Russ Freure, History  
Phil Beriault, Philosophy  
Mona Zhu, Psychology  
Mariam Javed, Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Mohammed El Badawe, Electrical & Computer Engineering  
Egon Fernandes, Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering

Jeremy Pinto, Systems Design Engineering  
Sophia Esmail, SEED  
Evan Andrews, Proxy for SERS  
Lindsey Daniels, Applied Mathematics  
Anton Mosunov, Pure Mathematics  
Nathalie Moon, Statistics & Actuarial Science  
Ryan Amos, Chemistry  
Vivek Labhishetty, Optometry & Vision Science  
Shannon Callender, Pharmacy  
Rose Vogt, General Manager, Minutes.

Guests: Jacob Terry (Civil), Alan Yee (Opt & Vision Science)

Regrets: Sondra Eger, Max Salman, Savio D'Silva. Tim Leshuk

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The Chair announces that quorum is present and called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. Present are eleven councilors appointed by their departmental GSA + 5 Officer/Directors.

1. Chair's welcome and opening remarks.  
The Chair welcomes everyone to the first Council meeting of the new administrative term. Members in departments can make requests to make presentations for the next meeting. We share a vision of enhancing engagement, and it is important to get information out to the council and members.
2. **Motion to adopt the agenda with the changes to remove item 5 a. is approved.** (Beriault/Pinto)  
  
Remove item 5 a. Appointments and Resignations because there are more recent updates included in the Student Affairs Officer report and will be included in the consent items section b. Executive reports.
3. Declarations of Interest: Conflict of interest on third party businesses or non-profits. This does not include department. None.
4. **Minutes of the April 28, 2016 meeting are approved.** (Mayers/Freure) Jeremy Pinto abstains.

5. Consent Items:
  - a) *This item was removed from the agenda*
  - b) Executive Officer Reports:

**Motion to receive the executive reports is approved.** (Labhishetty/Esmail)

6. Delegation requests: None
7. SLC/PAC Expansion, *Robert Bruce*.

The University, Athletics, and Students' Associations are working together to design the expansion to the Student Life Centre (SLC) and the Physical Activities Complex (PAC). Today's discussion is about the design of GSA designated lounge space located on the third floor.

Councillors provided feedback about the space design and usage. A survey will be sent to Councillors to try to complete by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Can Councillors agree to have the WATcard entry installed now? The room access can be determined as needed. Ask this question in the survey.

Councillors can ask their colleagues in their department their opinion in order to represent their department.

8. Presentations:
  - a) Council meeting schedule:

Meetings will be held from 4pm-6 pm

The summer term the meetings are held near end of month to allow committee work and preparation of the budget.

The fall and winter term the meetings are held in the second Wednesday of each month to inform the GSA President for the UW Senate.

If unable to attend a meeting, Councillors may proxy their role to a representative from their department.
  - b) Council Governance Reform:

Council heard the changes to the governance structure and to Board and Council Committees.

**Motion to take a 5-minute recess at 5:05 pm is approved.** (Pinto/Amos)

9. Discussion Items:

The Chair briefly explained the procedure of formal debate.

  - a. Council Meeting Schedule

April is not in the schedule because the AGM will be held in lieu of a regular Council meeting. May is not on the schedule, as the new administrative term will begin in May.
  - b. Council Governance Reform

Berault expressed concern with the reform specifically that the Board solicits information from the Council regarding information about the Graduate House. The membership has a voice in the Graduate House through the elected directors that represent members. The staff is also approachable and the Graduate House manager can be invited to attend Council. Part of the strategic plan will be consultation for GSA services. These reforms have no intention of silencing Councillors or members.

Are the 6 Councillors in each committee from representing each faculty? The purpose of having a member from each faculty on each committee is so there is less bias. The Executive Committee will make appointments to the other committees and report back to Council where members will be ratified.

Rogers: How much burden is this placed on GSA Officers with the reform? The executives have discussed these changes, and the Board of Directors has endorsed them. The Council reforms are under the authority of Council.

President: The importance is that there are committees where the level of advocacy is less. Those committees can go to individuals within the team and other committees that need specific knowledge stay within the President. It is a natural progression of knowledge from the Board to Council. It is advantageous for the President to chair the committees.

Rogers: There is more concern about the long-term viability of the executive positions if more time is being added to their schedule. Limiting the pool of students that will want to take over the roles as student leaders. This is a refocusing of the executive work time. This is only a proposal for this year and not integrated by policies. These committees will lapse at the end of the year. This year the reforms are intended to include councillors to be part of the conversation in the process.

Andrews: Point of Information: Curious of the ability to make the structural changes within the policies? There are no conflicts with the policies and terms of reference work within the existing policies.

10. Motions:

- a) Motion to adopt the Council Meeting Schedule for the 2016-2017 year.

**WHEREAS** a schedule of meetings will make it easier for the members of Council to plan their schedules and attend meetings; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Council of the GSA-UW adopt the following Council Meeting Schedule:

- June 22, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
- July 20, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
- August 24, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
- September 14, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
- October 12, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
- November 9, 2016 from 4pm to 6pm
- January 11, 2017 from 4pm to 6pm
- February 8, 2017 from 4pm to 6pm
- March 8, 2017 from 4pm to 6pm

(Beriault/Mayers) 18:0;0 Carried.

Acknowledge that the date for October will be the 12<sup>th</sup> is the corrected date.

- b) Motion to adopt the Governance Reform package.

**WHEREAS** the proposed governance reforms are intended to amplify the voices of members of Council in decision-making within the GSA-UW; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Council of the GSA-UW adopt the enclosed Governance Reform Package consisting of terms of reference for the Executive, Budget Advisory, and Strategic Planning committees of Council.

(Freure/Amos) 18:0:0 Carried.

c) Motion to elect members of Council to the Executive Committee

Open nominations: (President/Mayers) Carried by consent.

Mohamed El Badawe, Engineering  
Sophia Esmail, Environment  
Becca Mayers, AHS  
Ryan Amos, Science  
Russ Freure, Arts  
Vacant, Math  
Rob Pangborn, elected Director

Close nominations: (President/Vice President) Carried by consent

After the Math elections, the representative for the Math faculty can be appointed.

**WHEREAS** the terms of reference of the Executive Committee of Council provide for the election of one member of Council from each faculty of the university; and,

**WHEREAS** those terms also provide for the election of one member of Council from among the members of the Board of Directors elected by the membership of the GSA-UW; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Council of the GSA-UW elect the following seven members of Council to the Executive Committee:

- **Applied Health Sciences:** Becca Mayers
- **Arts:** Russ Freure
- **Engineering:** Mohamed El Badawe
- **Environment:** Sophia Esmail
- **Mathematics:** ----
- **Science:** Ryan Amos
- **Director:** Rob Pangborn

(President/Berault) 17:0:0 Rob Pangborn abstains.

d) **Motion to designate that the Executive Committee appoint members of Council to the Budget Advisory and the Strategic Planning committees.**

**WHEREAS** the Budget Advisory Committee of Council is scheduled to meet in June, July, and August; and,

**WHEREAS** the Executive Committee of Council meets between meetings of Council; and,

**WHEREAS** the terms of reference of the Executive Committee provide that it will present to Council, normally at the first regular meeting in the term in May, a list of nominations for the committees of Council; and,

**WHEREAS** those terms also provide that the Executive Committee may act on behalf of Council on such matters as Council may from time to time designate; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Council of the GSA-UW designate that the Executive Committee appoint members of Council to the Budget Advisory and the Strategic Planning committees so that these committees may become operational as soon as possible.

(Mayers/Labhishetty) 17:0:0 Carried. Jeremy Pinto abstains.

11. Notices of Motion – none

Announcements:

- The lawn games at Grad House begin this term.
- Runners Club is starting and invites members.
- Asking for information anonymous for the library nominating committee?
- Vice President reminds members to volunteer to fill or ask students in their department to fill the 17 vacancies on University level committees. The Vice President will send the list to Councillors so that they can make the information known to their colleagues.

12. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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