



Council

Notice of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: NH 3407

AGENDA and Minutes

Time	Item	Action
4:00 pm	1. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks	-
	2. Adoption of the Agenda (Changes, if applicable, will be noted with **)	For Approval
	3. Declarations of Interest	-
4:05 pm	4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting a. February 15, 2018	For Approval
	5. Consent Items⁺ a. Board Reports b. Executive Reports c. Committee Reports	For Information
	6. Council Membership Report	For Information
	7. University of Waterloo Committee Membership Report	For Information
4:10 pm	8. Delegations & Discussions a. Associate Provost, Students <i>Chris Read</i> b. Funding Transparency and RA contracts/policy <i>TBD</i> c. CASA update <i>Lindsey Daniels</i>	For Information
5:20 pm	9. Update from the Board	For Information
5:35 pm	10. Motions	For Approval

	a. Motion to ratify the University of Waterloo Committee Appointments	
5:40 pm	11. Members' Discussion	
	12. Notices of Motion	-
	13. Other Business	-
6:00 pm	14. Adjournment	-

+ 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.

Lindsey Daniels
Chair of the Council
GSA-UW

March 14, 2018

DELEGATIONS

Associate Provost, Students
Chris Read

The Associate Provost, Students offices would like to discuss aspects of Grad Student Life and how, the GSA and the Associate Provost can work together to achieve these goals.

The Associate Provost, Students is responsible for the effective direction and leadership of student services at the university, including housing and residences, student success office, campus wellness, retail services, athletics and recreational services, food services, student government (FEDs and GSA), and velocity.

RESOLUTIONS

10a Motion to ratify the University of Waterloo Committee Appointments

BIRT the GSA-UW Council ratify the appointments as detailed in the report for item 7.



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Attendance

1. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
Quorum ins present and the meeting is called to order at 4:00 pm.
Vogt will act as secretary.
2. Agenda is adopted with amendment to the order of items. (Bruce/Cyr)
3. Declarations of conflict of Interest – none.
4. Minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting are approved. (Freure/Goyal)
5. Consent Items are received for information and/or approved. (Reid/Cyr)
6. Council membership report is received.
7. University of Waterloo Committee.
Julia Goyal will continue to serve on the Policy 42 Review Committee.
8. Delegations
 - a. Associate Provost, Students, Chris Read,
Council heard a presentation for campus mental health and wellness.

Questions/Discussion:

One million per year budget is allocated to hire additional staff and to shorten wait times. Appointment times have never been shortened. Staffing levels will increase from 26 FTE to 31. This will include a mental health nurse and an intake staff.

Increase awareness and training for faculty and staff and therefore need more resources to adequately train. Training should be mandatory for faculty.

Improve conditions that will reduce the demand for more staff, the solution is not necessarily more counsellors, but may be a focus on processes that are the cause of stress. Culture and community at school (or at home) is important to address the issues. Build a more productive community at the university. The university should work on providing more opportunity (grants) to build a better sense of community.

Consultation with the CW and the FEDS/GSA happens regularly. SSAC meets with the committee and does annual reporting and accountability through metrics. There is good accountability through the leadership. Forums, panels etc.

The cost of this program is shared. The Province announced 3.1B for mental awareness – some of this will be to PSE.

- b. Funding Transparency and RA contracts/policy R. Bruce
Policy 30 and RA

In discussion about Policy 30, it became clear that including the Research Assistants is more than a revision of Policy 30. The current revision to Policy 30 will only reflect TAs and then may institute a new policy for RAs. A committee is being struck to investigate

the supervision of graduate students. The Terms of Reference have not been determined yet but expect that there will be 50/50 representation.

Funding Transparency

A new funding model will change how we negotiate TA funding increases. This year we negotiated for 2018-2019 to receive the same as faculty at 2.0% for next year.

The offer/acceptance letters must be more transparent and note the net funding. It is not obvious in the letter and students are being affected.

c. CASA Update

GSA Board and Council voted to exit CASA and a certified resolution indicating so was sent to CASA. CASA received the resolution and we will be formally withdrawn from CASA 90 days later.

The Council should look as a whole to review options for its lobbying efforts. Consider the strategic plan and how they want to achieve these goals.

9. Update by the Board

- The AGM will be held in NH 3407 on April 4, 2018. The AGM has a limited agenda and director elections will be held.
- The GSA Policy manual – thanks to CRWG and keep up the dialogue into continuing with the manual. It is not a once and for all document, and once adopted Board and Council will be working together. GSA will be much stronger when implemented and closing gaps.
- Training for directors.... building on past orientation and inviting interested Councillors to this training. The Council specific training also, please send what you would like to see, i.e. grassroots organizing, creating safe space, bystander intervention training, lobbying.
- Board/Council relationship has been on the mend. A Councillor attached the Board in Grad House Survey stating that their fiduciary duty was violated by hiring a consultant. Directors have a duty of loyalty and care (to laws), to run the operation with specific knowledge. It is completely to ensure that the GH is being managed effectively and efficiently, and the Board is very pleased with the service the provided.
- The GSA provides the Graduate Student Initiative Funding (GSI), we administer this plan. It is very successful and should consider adding more funds to the budget

Recess is held at 5:15

10. **Motion to ratify the University of Waterloo Committee Appointments**

(Bruce/Freure) Carried.

11. Members' Discussion

Cyr: Space issue due to flooding in Psychology.

President will contact the University Space Manager to see if individuals can be moved.

Reid: Raised concerns about the role of Council in voting for changes to the policies.

The document has been available for review and consideration, a forum to discuss it through CRWG and Council.

Sachs: Concern about the Federal policy affecting international student visa holders regarding working during inactive terms.

University is very aware of the issue, two Councillors and the Vice-President spoke to AVP Graduate Studies. This is a significant issue. They are working on it. For all councillors, if you get emails, collect it redact their personal information, and send it to the President and Vice-President.

12. Notices of motion for April. None

13. No other business

14. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

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ATTENDANCE		Winter 2018 dates		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
	Chair of Council	Lindsey Daniels	1	1	1	1	
FAC.	DEPARTMENT						
AHS	AHS Dean/Social Work*						
	Kinesiology	Daniel Martel	1	1	1	1	
	Rec & Leisure	Naima Samuel	1	1	1	R	
	SPHHS	Julia Goyal	1	1	1	1	
ARTS	Accounting and Finance	Allan Wang	1	0	0	0	
	Anthropology						
	Classical Studies						
Stratford	Digital Exp. Innovation*						
	Economics						
	English Lang& Lit	Jason Lajoie	1	0	1	R	
	Fine Arts						
	French Studies	Sushma Dusowoth	1	1	1	0	
	Germanic & Slavic						
	Global Governance	Clay Dasilva	1	1	1	R	
	History	Russ Freure	1	1	1	1	
	Peace & Conflict MPACS						
	Philosophy	Chris Wass	1	1	1	R	
	Political Science	MacKenzie Smith	1	0	0	0	
	Psychology	Emily Cyr	1	1	0	1	
Wat.	Public Service, Master*						
	Religious Studies						
	Sociology & Legal Studies						
Cambridge	Architecture	Tanvi Kundiliwal	1	0	0	0	
ENG	Chemical	Archisman Ray	1	0	0	0	
	Civil & Env	Jessica Achebe	1	R	R	0	
	Electrical & Computer	Takin Tadayon	1	1	1	1	
	Management Sciences	Alison Jennings	1	1	R	1	
	MBET						
	Mech & Mechatronics	Kissan Mistry	1	1	1	1	
	Systems Design	Mei Lin Chen	1	1	1	0	
ENV	Geography and Env. Mgmt	Vicky Vanthof	1	0	1	0	
	School of Planning	Christopher Bell	1	R	0	0	
	SEED						
	SERS	Aravind Kundurpi	1	0	0	0	
MATH	Math Dean						
	Applied Mathematics	Josh Thompson	1	R	R	R	
	Combinatorics & Opt	Chris van Bommel	1	1	1	1	
	Computer Science	Elena Kwan	1	-	-	1	
	Pure Mathematics	John Michael Sawatzky	1	1	1	1	
	Stats & Actuarial Sci	Danqiao Guo	1	1	0	0	
SCI	Biology	Emilie Spasov	1	1	1	1	
	Chemistry						
	Earth & Env Sciences	Grant Hagedorn	1	-	1	1	
	Physics and Astronomy	Jennifer Reid	1	1	1	1	
	Optometry	Dania Abuleil	1	1	0	1	
Kitchener	School of Pharmacy*						
THEO	Catholic Thought						
AHS	AHS Dean/Social Work*						
Officers	President	Robert Bruce	1	R	1	1	
	Vice President	Max Salman	1	1	1	1	
Board	Chair	Norman Kearney	1	1	1	1	
	Director	Matthew Morison	1	R	0	0	
	Director	Richard O'Brien	1			R	
	Director	Serxho Selmani	1				
	Director	Ramy Tannous	1	1	1	R	
	Director	Beth Timmers	1	R		R	
	Director	Evan Andrews	1				
	Director	Sondra Eger	1			1	
	Director	Allison Sachs	1	R			
	Director	Amanda Joynt	1				
	Director	Julie Cook	1				
Non-	GUEST (IQC)	Daniel Grimmer		1			
	AT-LARGE IQC	Arash Ahmadi				1	
Voting	General Manager S/T	Rose Vogt		1		1	