



Council

Notice of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: NH 3308 & NH 3318

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. March 21, 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, & Other Business a. International Students – Federal Policy Change Darlene Ryan, Student Success Office b. York U c. June Provincial Election	For Information
4:50 pm	9. Update from the Board	For Information
5:00 pm	10. Motions a. Motion to ratify the University of Waterloo Committee Appointments b. Motion to set May Council meeting date	For Approval

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Motion to investigate next steps for international student visa policy d. Motion to offer support to York University e. Confidential: Motion to recommend the appointment of the President of the GSA-UW 	
5:45 pm	11. Members' Discussion	
	12. Notices of Motion	-
6:00 pm	13. 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

April 4, 2018

DELEGATIONS

International Student Visa Policy Change
Darlene Ryan, Student Success Office

The federal government has recently made a policy change to international student visas, where students are not allowed to take a leave of absence from their program to work for a term, unless their program specifically allows for this type of leave (e.g. co-op).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/campus-work.html>

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.

10b Motion to set May Council meeting date

BIRT the GSA-UW Council meet on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 4pm to 6pm.

10c Motion to investigate next steps for international student visa policy

BIRT the GSA-UW Council delegate to the Council Executive Committee that the committee investigates, determines, and recommends to the association next steps on the international student visa policy change.

10d Motion to offer support to York University

BIRT the GSA-UW Council offer its support to the striking graduate students of York University.



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Table of Attendance

1. Daniels took the Chair and Vogt acted as secretary. Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Council adopted the agenda with amendment to move confidential session to the beginning of the meeting. (Goyal/Freure) Carried.

Council moved to confidential session at 4:12 pm (Kearney/Wass) **Carried** Tadayon abstains

Confidential session ended at 4:34 pm (Kearney/Tadayon) **Carried**

3. No declarations of interest were made.
4. The approval of the March 21 minutes is deferred.
5. No consent items were submitted.
6. Nothing to report on Council Membership.
7. Nothing to report on University Committees.
8. Delegation:
 - a. International Student Resource Office, Darlene Ryan
Federal Policy Change: The regulations did not change, but the application of the regulations changed. Regulation 186: work Change became in effect on March 12th. There was no prior knowledge until the info was posted on their website.

Debrief:

-Need clearer details.

-Ask the university to create a status that is continuous enrolment.

-GSA could develop a lobby position for this.

-Council could create an End. Urge Council to adopt a strong position on this.

-Urge GSPA to have information in one place.

b. York University

Harshida made a presentation electronically and provided an overview of the requests by the union. These are equity seeking groups and York has not come to the bargaining table in good faith. Student life movement to support and to create a better workplace.

UWaterloo would send a signal that we support their fight, presents a morale boost, understand how important the issues are.

There is a case to be made for solidarity and encourage support for colleagues at York U.

BIRT the GSA-UW Council offer its support to the striking graduate students of York

University. (Wass/Hagedorn) **Carried**
Empower the Chair of Council to write an open letter to the union.
(Kearney/Sawatsky). **Carried.**

Whereas working conditions are relevant to all graduate students. (Wass/Kearney)
Carried

BIFRT Council empowers the Chair of Council to consult the membership about interest
in the potential of a flying pickets. (Kearney/Wass) **Carried:** Tadayon opposed.

Motion to vote on every paragraph of the amended motion separately.
(Tadayon/Kearney) Carried

c. June Provincial Election is deferred.

9. Update from the Board:

a. GSA Policy Manual was updated with Council input. Ask for support at the next meeting.
The Terms of Reference for the initiation of a Committee of the Board/ Council policy
review committee were submitted.

10. Motions

a. **BIRT** the GSA-UW Council ratify the appointments as detailed in the report for
item 7. (Tannous/Spasov) Carried

b. **BIRT** the GSA-UW Council meet on Wednesday May 9, 2018 from 4-6 pm.
(Goyal/Freure) **Carried.**

c. **BIRT** the GSA-UW Council delegate to the Council Executive Committee that the
committee investigates, determines, and recommends to the Association next steps
on the international student visa policy change. (Tadayon/Samuel) **Carried.**

11. Members discussion.

Recommend to include “New Business” on the agenda next year to allow for motions from the
floor.

12. Notices of motion:

a. Continue CEC
b. Board/Council Policy committee
c. Continuance of Council

13. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 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)			1		
	AT-LARGE IQC	Arash Ahmadi			1	
Voting	General Manager S/T	Rose Vogt		1	1	1