



Council

Notice of Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: NH 3308 & NH 3318

AGENDA (Draft)

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. January 10, 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 a. GSPA/Associate Provost, Students Jeff Casello and Chris Read b. Council Reform Working Group	For Information
5:00 pm	9. Update from the Board	For Information
5:10 pm	10. Motions a. Motion to ratify the University of Waterloo Committee Appointments b. Motion to create at-large seat for IQC GSA	For Approval

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Motion to Withdraw from CASA d. Motion to adopt GSA-UW reform positions e. Motion to recommend delaying GSA-UW reforms 	
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

February 8, 2018

DELEGATIONS

Graduate Students and Post Doctoral Affairs/Associate Provost, Students
Jeff Casello and Chris Read

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

The GSPA is responsible for graduate studies, including recruitment, admissions, financial bursaries and awards, records, professional development, degree completion, and community engagement.

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.

10b Motion to create at-large seat on Council for IQC GSA

BIRT The GSA-UW Council approves the creation of an at-large seat for the Institute of Quantum Computing Graduate Student Association.

10c Motion to Withdraw from the Canadian Alliance of Student Association

WHEREAS pursuant to Policy 16 Section 7 states that The GSA Board of Directors and the GSA Council shall have joint and sole authority over decisions on whether to enter into or exit from membership in external organizations; and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors have already passed a motion to withdraw from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations;

BIRT The GSA-UW Council approves of withdrawing from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. This withdrawal from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations will take effect immediately.

10d Motion to adopt GSA-UW reform positions.

WHEREAS the GSA Board of Directors is in the process of adopting and adapting the Carver Policy Governance Model, in accordance with Policy 5.1; and

WHEREAS the Chair of the Board outlined the Board's proposed reforms to Council in November; and

WHEREAS an online survey about areas of improvement in the organization was conducted in December; and

WHEREAS a Draft Policy Manual was circulated by the Chair of the Board in January; and

WHEREAS a World Cafe was held in January to discuss areas of improvement and potential solutions; and

WHEREAS a Council Reform Working Group (CRWG) was established at the January meeting of Council; and

WHEREAS the CRWG has reviewed all pertinent information on reforms, and

WHEREAS the CRWG feels it is important that Council have autonomy over its own governance; and

WHEREAS the desire for a student president as the political leader representing Council and independent of the Board has been expressed many times; and

WHEREAS the CRWG has presented its findings and recommendations to Council; therefore

BIRT GSA-UW reforms adhere to the following:

A) Council:

1. Council is comprised of graduate student voting members representing graduate students at the department/program level.
2. Council has autonomy over its policies, procedures, and processes, provided that they are consistent with the organization's articles of incorporation and do not expose the organization to unreasonable risk.
3. Council establishes a policy of regular meetings, and special meetings are the discretion of the Chair.
4. Councilors receive training.

B) The President:

1. The President is an elected student leader. The election procedures will be defined in a policy developed by Council.
2. The President will be a paid position at approximately 30 hours per week at the current TA rate.
3. The President represents and advocates on behalf of UW graduate students to all bodies¹, except for issues relating to staff and operations.

¹ Including, but not limited to, advocating on behalf of the Association to the University through seats on the Senate, the Senate Executive Committee, the Graduate Student Relations Committee, the Graduate Student Support Advisory Committee, the Student Services Advisory Committee, the Senate Graduate & Research Council, and the University Tenure & Promotions Committee; advocating on behalf of the Association to the University, directly or through a designate, on policy-drafting committees, search and hiring committees, and other senior level ad-hoc committees; advocating to the Kitchener-Waterloo Town & Gown Committee and other advocacy organizations outside the University as directed by Council; and nominating, for consideration by Council, graduate students to advocate on behalf of the Association to the University through seats on University committees and other University bodies that make decisions or that advise on decisions that affect graduate students.

4. The President, upon election, shall be Chair of Council² and may choose to appoint a Speaker³ to preside over meetings and/or have Council appoint a Speaker.
5. The President is monitored by Council, who authorizes the President to represent in good faith the wishes of members.
6. The President receives training.
7. The President has a standing invitation to the Board in order to report on Council activities.
8. Neither the Board nor the CEO/COO/ED⁴ shall direct the President; the President shall not direct the CEO/COO/ED; the President and CEO/COO/ED will work collaboratively for the benefit of members.

C) Ends:

1. Council develops the Ends⁵ of the GSA-UW.
2. Council's Ends are reported to the Board via the President, and provided that the proposed Ends are consistent with the organization's articles of incorporation, are clearly written, and do not expose the organization to unreasonable risk, the Board approves said Ends.
3. Operational/logistical needs of Council and General Membership are provided to the Board via the President, and the Board directs the CEO/COO/ED to achieve them.

D) Fees:

1. By-Law 3 is preserved.

10e Motion to recommend delaying GSA-UW reforms

WHEREAS the GSA-UW Board of Directors have been working on GSA-UW reforms since May 2017; and

WHEREAS the GSA-UW Council was only first made aware of the content of these proposals at the November 2017 meeting of Council; and

WHEREAS the Draft Policy Manual was not made available to Councilors until January 2018; and

² **Chair of Council:** Responsible for administering the affairs of Council.

³ **Speaker:** Responsible for presiding over Council meetings.

⁴ **CEO/COO/ED:** Head Manager / Chief of Staff & Operations

⁵ **Ends:** Goals of the organization to be achieved by the President (responsible for social, political, and academic goals) and/or the CEO/COO/ED as appropriate.

WHEREAS the Council Reform Working Group was not established until January 2018 to review the proposals and feedback from surveys and the World Café; and

WHEREAS the CRWG has recommended positions that will require major revisions to the Draft Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS such positions have been adopted by Council; therefore

BIRT the GSA-UW Council recommends to the GSA-UW Board of Directors that adoption of the reforms be delayed, giving Council the opportunity to develop its policies.