



MINUTES OF MEETING

GRADUATE BUSINESS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017 (5:00PM – 6:30PM)

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Chair: Sarah Lord Ferguson (President)

Secretary: Reena Bains (VP Communications)

Treasurer: Simrat Kanwar (VP Finance)

Social Coordinator: Olivia Song (VP Engagement)

Class Representatives:

- Byron Seef (Full-time MBA Class Representative 2016)
- Leonie Wilcke (MSc Finance Class Representative 2016)
- Ingrid Lindner (MOT MBA Class Representative 2016)
- Stephanie Reimer (Student Engagement Manager)
- Andreas Skjold Fick (MOT Class Representative 2015)
- Troy Sinclair (Part-time MBA Class Representative 2017) – Via phone

REGRETS

- Mehrdad Ghods (Part-time MBA Class Representative 2016)- Sent regrets
- Matthew Burns (EMBA Class Representative 2016)- Sent regrets
- Susan Chappell (EMBA Class Representative)- Sent regrets
- Sarah Dickie (EMBA Aboriginal)- Sent regrets

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm in Room 2400 of the Segal Building (Simon Fraser University, Granville campus).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Sarah L.F. (President)

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Reena B. (VP Communications)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to adopt the agenda.

Moved by: Reena B.

Seconded by: Byron S.
Decision: Motion carries/passes unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved to approve the minutes from our last meeting.

Moved by: Reena B.
Seconded by: Byron S.
Decision: Motion passes unanimously

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

1. Student Kitchen

- Sarah has created some memes to post in the kitchen to remind students to keep the kitchen clean
- Some class reps feel that it's not GBSA's responsibility to clean the kitchen; should not be babysitting the students
- Stephanie will find out regarding the policies for preventing kitchen use if cleanliness continues to be less than satisfactory
- GBSA has agreed that we will not clean the kitchen or be responsible for maintaining it
- Class reps will speak directly with their cohorts (in person) rather than sending the message via email
 - Class reps will aim to approach their cohorts prior to the next GBSA meeting
- If all else fails after the next reminder, GBSA is prepared to remove all cutlery and glassware from the kitchen so students have to bring their own
- Will need to emphasize that the kitchen will not continue to be available if students don't listen to the warnings

2. Equinox Free Yoga Event

- Will take place tomorrow evening at 7:30pm
- Katie (Equinox coordinator) has informed Sarah that many people have RSVP'd to the event
- Class reps need to remind their cohorts about the event

3. Round Table:

a. GBSA Website/newsletter (Reena):

- Merhdad and Troy's profiles have been added to the website
- Reena requests for class reps to send details on any events or content specific to their cohorts if they would like it posted on the website

b. Financial updates (Sim):

- Semester budgets can be used all at once, but the reason for the event must be specified by March
- Grants cannot be applied for until we have an exact amount of money needed for the Kurdi speaking event
 - Grants can be applied for at any time
 - It is a three week process to receive the grant money

c. Student engagement (Olivia):

- Olivia is in approval for the Net Impact event
- She has asked class reps to assist her in advertising the Kurdi speaking event
- She plans to coordinate a “lunch and learn” event for our Spring semester main event (all cohorts)
 - Instead of bringing in outside speakers, she would like to allow students and faculty the opportunity to speak on their field of work
 - Peer-to-peer format
 - Choose topics and industries that people are most interested in; receive input from cohorts by conducting a survey on which topics they are most interested in
 - Set up tables/booths with different industries where people can visit the booths that they have an interest in
 - More of a networking event than a speaking event

d. Cohort updates (Class reps):

- None to report

NEW BUSINESS**1. Welcome Troy (New part-time class rep 2017)**

- Troy has joined us at the new part-time rep
- Could not join us in person today but as introduced via telephone

2. Speaker Event: Tima Kurdi

- Jeff (Net Impact President) sat in on this GBSA meeting
- Overview: Jeff was contacted by Adam in mid-December regarding a proposed speaking event for the Kurdi Foundation
- Net Impact has agreed to host the event
- Jeff has had calls with Tima Kurdi regarding the details of the event
 - Tima is a Syrian refugee; Her nephews were Alan and Ghalim, who died trying to escape Syria
 - She is a high-profile, public speaker who is trying to raise awareness for the Syrian refugee cause
- He has a rough estimate of what type of event they are hoping to host at this point

- Speaking presentation with the potential for a fundraising aspect
- Tentative date for event: May 26
- Evening event
- Get Faculty and other community members to give a short introduction; Tima gives her keynote presentation; Reception to end the night
- Planning to sell tickets, for which all proceeds will go towards the fundraiser
- Would be open to all cohorts and university
- Jeff has reached out to various organizations to see if there is possibility of collaboration
 - Trying to reach undergraduate and graduate communities
 - SFU Vancouver is assisting
 - EMBARK- a sustainability organization
 - SFU Working Group
 - SFU Public Square
 - Institute of Humanities
 - School of International Studies
- Jeff wishes to learn what GBSA is looking for in terms of assisting with this event
- Byron sat in on the call with Tima on Monday to be the ears for GBSA
- Jeff is looking for a representative from the GBSA to be part of the organizational team to host this event
 - Byron (see motion below) will be the GBSA representative; Reena will also assist with planning for the event on a personal level
- Need to decide as a group how much we will get involved in this event
- GBSA would be paying for the catering costs
 - Exact amount is yet to be determined
- Stephanie is looking into obtaining a space in Segal for free to host the event
 - Would include a cash bar
- Any person who is interested in assisting with planning for this event can contact Jeff at jeffreya@sfu.ca

3. Emails

- Students (all cohorts) are feeling that we are getting too many emails
- Becoming difficult to keep up with
- This is why our newsletters and kitchen cleanliness reminders are not effective, since many people are not regularly checking their emails
- Stephanie recommends sending Ian an email if the emails are becoming a problem for communication
- Andreas suggests a summary email which outlines multiple things in one email rather than having numerous separate emails

4. Lunch Meeting with Dean of Business (Dr. Ali)

- Dr. Ali is fairly new (one year); would like to have more of a student voice in the governance
 - Wants to get to know the GBSA and hear our thoughts on how we can get students involved in the decision-making process within the university
- Would be an informal, council-wide meeting
- He most likely will not be able to attend one of our meetings
- Will arrange a separate meeting downtown on Monday, Tuesday or Friday; likely during a lunch period
- A great opportunity to share your opinions and get to know the Dean

OTHER MOTIONS

Motion 1:

Motion to have Byron represent the GBSA for the planning of the Net Impact Kurdi Event/Fundraiser.

- Moved by: Sarah L.F.
- Seconded by: Simrat K.
- Decision: motion carries unanimously

NEXT MEETING TIME

Next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5:00pm-6:30pm in Segal 2600 at SFU Segal campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.