

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRADUATE BUSINESS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 (5:30PM – 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)

REGRETS

- Andreas Skjold Fick (MOT Class Representative 2015)- Sent regrets
- Troy Sinclair (Part-time MBA Class Representative 2017) – Sent 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 5:01 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: Simrat K.

Decision: Motion carries/passes unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved to approve the minutes from our last meeting.

Moved by: Reena B.

Seconded by: Ingrid L.

Decision: Motion passes unanimously

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

1. Cohort Event Reminder-

- A reminder to class reps to schedule their cohort events and spend the cohort budget prior to the deadline (March 31st)
- All event planning forms can be submitted to Sarah/Simrat
- If any financial questions, talk to Simrat

2. White Caps Game Opportunity-

- Looking into dates for late May or early June
- Two potential dates on the table (June 3 or June 17)
- Can get into the Southsider's area
- Would be a discounted rate for students to attend the games
- Looking into doing a pre-program info session; Sarah will organize the speaker before the game
- Also looking into BC Lions and Canadians, as well

3. Summer Sports Update-

- Beedie students are welcome to join the rec league
- Thank you to the class reps for sending out the survey
- Softball team has been created
- Most common questions are regarding the level of skill in each sport
 - More of a social gathering than a competitive one
- No updates on funding at the moment
 - Byron will wait until he has a good balance of people from a variety of cohorts before requesting funds from the GBSA
 - Might be able to secure some funding from Beedie

4. Lunch and Learn (TED) Event-

- Byron will send Olivia the list of people who are interested in presenting

- Olivia will send a timetable to the interested applicants so they can select dates that they would like to attend
- Will likely schedule the time slots on Wednesday's at 5pm so all cohorts can join
 - Need to make sure that it doesn't conflict with CMC events
- Will most likely begin the TED talks in May
- Should arrange small gifts to give to the speakers

5. Legacy Gift-

- Need to figure out what we would like to give as a legacy gift
- Water fountain on 4th floor cost \$3,600.02; GBSA paid half and school paid half for the 2014 legacy gift (for reference)
 - Also placed a plaque that shows GBSA contribution
 - This could be a potential option for a legacy gift if we place a water fountain on the 1st floor
- Byron did a survey about the bike lockers to see how many people in the full-time MBA cohort are interested in using them
 - There is already a formal proposal for the new bike lockers, initiated by Maria
 - Proposal will have more strength if it has the support from the cohorts
 - Would like class reps to reach out to their cohort to see how many people are supportive
 - Cost is approximately \$3000; Maria has said we can contribute whatever amount we wish if we decide to use this as our legacy gift; will have a plaque to show our contribution
 - May be a good idea to use this since it allows us to partially contribute rather than having to solely cover the cost
 - Even if all students don't use it, it still sends a good message of lowering carbon footprint
 - Also a lot safer to park bike in the lockers rather than outside; might entice more people to ride their bikes to school
 - Important to remember that its not specifically for our current cohorts; more a gift to benefit the school moving forward

6. Round Table-

- Communications (Reena)-
 - Newsletter no longer relevant as no one is reading it
 - Making a decision to veto the production of a newsletter this semester
 - Instead of a newsletter, could post blogs on "A few good minds"
 - Reena will talk to Stephanie about this
- Finances (Simrat)-

- Nothing new, but reminder to class reps to submit their forms
- Student Engagement (Olivia)-
 - Olivia will be working with the class reps to arrange the TED talks event

NEW BUSINESS

7. Summer Event-

- GBSA should host a cohort-wide BBQ in the summer
- Select a meeting spot on the beach instead of needing to book a venue
- GBSA could cover food costs

FINANCIAL MOTIONS

Motion 1:

Moved that Graduate Business Student’s Association designate Ingrid Lindner to spend \$210.00 from core caucus funds for MOT MBA cohort social gathering (see details of purchase below)

- Moved by: Sarah L.F.
- Seconded by: Byron S.
- Decision: motion carries with Ingrid Lindner and Simrat Kanwar, abstaining from vote.

Details of purchases: April 5, 2017 pub night for MOT MBA cohort

Motion 2:

Moved that Graduate Business Student’s Association designate Byron Seef to spend \$100.00 from core caucus funds for Full-time MBA cohort social gathering (see details of purchase below)

- Moved by: Sarah L.F.
- Seconded by: Ingrid L.
- Decision: motion carries with Byron Seef and Simrat Kanwar, abstaining from vote.

Details of purchases: March 14, 2017 pub night for full-time MBA cohort

OTHER MOTIONS

Motion 1:

Motion to veto the newsletter for the Spring semester.

- Moved by: Sarah L.F.
- Seconded by: Leonie W.
- Decision: motion carries unanimously



NEXT MEETING TIME

Next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 from 5:00pm – 6:30pm in Segal 2400 at SFU Segal campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.