

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRADUATE BUSINESS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017 (5:00PM – 6:30PM)

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Chair: Sarah Lord Ferguson (President)

Secretary: Reena Bains (VP Communications)

Treasurer: Simrat Kanwar (VP Finance)

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 (SFU Student Engagement Manager)

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
- Olivia Song (VP Engagement)- Sent regrets

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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 carries/passes unanimously

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

1. Reminder: Lunch meeting with Dean of Business, Dr. Ali Dastmalchian
 - Taking place on Thursday, March 9 from 1-2pm in Segal 2800
 - Food will be provided

2. Reminder: Cohort events
 - Plan cohort events and spend your allocated budget so you don't lose out on your funding
 - Talk to Simrat if you have any financial questions

3. SFU Wellness
 - Sarah contacted the SFU wellness team to provide feedback on schedule; got a response back
 - They didn't seem very responsive to our requests
 - Sarah told that we would be able to collectively pay for a private class if we needed different timings to fit our cohort's schedules
 - Stephanie wants us to note that the SFU wellness center is not funded by our tuition so we don't have a lot of power over their scheduling
 - Would be better to create a partnership with another fitness facility so we can offer student discounts for them to attend classes on their own time

4. Lunch and Learn Event
 - 10 people interested in acting as speakers according to the survey results
 - 20 "maybes" that could be convinced to speak after getting more information (80% MOT and some PT MBA's)
 - Lots of interest from people to attend this event
 - Olivia will need to use this information to put together the rest of the event details
 - Tentative event frequency: April, May, June
 - Stephanie will cover lunch for the first event

5. GBSA Legacy Gift
 - Byron likes the idea of something functional in the building
 - Leonie mentioned that there is no water fountain on the first floor
 - Stephanie will look into the cost of the 4th floor water cooler to see if its something that we could consider based on our budget
 - Could potentially purchase additional bike racks as a gift
6. Handover Document
 - Reminder to update details on your role in the document by the summer

NEW BUSINESS

1. Summer Sports
 - Byron has organized a rec league for Beedie students to participate in
 - Formed a Sunday softball team
 - 22 people from full-time MBA have already committed (students and significant others)
 - Some interest from MOT cohort for playing rec sports
 - If there is a lot of interest, Byron recommends starting a new team for the MOT players
 - If only a few people interested in MOT, they could be added to the full-time MBA team
 - Not a lot of interest for a volleyball team so that will be put on hold for now
 - Byron will be requesting for funds to be used for this rec team since it benefits half of the full-time MBA cohort
 - Current cost per student is \$80-100; Byron would like to get that down to about \$50 per person (includes registration, t-shirt)
 - Byron will be making a formal pitch at a later date with an exact figure requested
 - Byron will be putting together a sponsorship pitch to obtain financial aid for shirts, etc.
 - This initiative is an external venture and will be managed outside of GBSA; no affiliation with the GBSA except any funding that is provided from cohort budgets
 - Student interests should be prioritized over significant others
2. Whitecaps Game Opportunity
 - One of the PT MBA students works for the White Caps and has come forward with an opportunity to allow Beedie students to attend a White Caps game for a discounted price
 - Tickets priced at \$33-40
 - GBSA could subsidize the price if a lot of people want to go

- Could accommodate 20-25 people
- Potential for a talk and tour prior to the game
- Season will be starting in April; no set date
- Benefit: something to do in the summer, requires little organization, supporting one of our own student's company
- Suggestion to combine two events (Canadians and White Caps) in one advertisement called "Summer Social Events" instead of sending multiple emails
- Best to plan this sort of event in May or June
- GBSA wouldn't have to do much
 - Best to set up a booking link where students can purchase their own tickets using a discount code
 - GBSA would simply be doing the advertising

3. Round Table

- Leonie (MSc Finance)-
 - Leo and Byron are planning a "game" for all cohorts
 - Class reps will get together to plan the details; will present details to the GBSA further
 - Winners will get a prize
- Ingrid (MOT)-
 - Planning an end of semester event for the cohort
 - Found success in doing this last semester
 - Using funds to go out and celebrate end of exams; will purchase food and drinks

NEXT MEETING TIME

Next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 22 from 5:00pm – 6:30pm in Segal 2400 at SFU Segal campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.