

MINUTES OF MEETING

GRADUATE BUSINESS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017 (5:00PM – 6:00PM)

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 2015)- Sent regrets
- Sarah Dickie (EMBA Aboriginal)- Sent regrets

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 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: Leonie W.

- 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. Whitecaps Soccer Event-

- Confirmed for Saturday, June 3 (two weeks from now)
- Agenda:
 - Meet group at Gate A at 12:30pm
 - Presentation and Q/A in McMillan club lounge at approx. 1:30pm
 - Speaker will be Colby Fackler, VP Sales and Service – will give talk on the industry
 - Will bring group to their seats before the start of the same at 2:30pm
- 35 seats blocked off
- Booking link available for people to book directly online
- Reena will create a poster for advertising the event and send it out to class reps next week

2. Communications Update-

- Leonie has provided two new events that have been posted on the website already
- A reminder to all other class reps to email Reena photos and descriptions of their cohort events or any other events going on at Beedie
- Also a reminder to class reps to post blogs on “A few good minds”

3. Kurdi Event-

- Scheduled for Friday, May 26 from 7:00 – 8:30pm
- Taking place at SFU Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
- All class reps are encouraged to help promote the event to their cohorts immediately via facebook, other social media channels and in person
- Reena will send an email template a few days before the event for class reps to send out to their cohorts as a last minute reminder
- It may be worthwhile to email the event to the mentor-in-business mailing list
- At this time, there is no financial need from GBSA for this event

4. Budget Update-

- Budget from last semester is posted on the Google doc
- Some cohorts have already used their full funds from last semester
- Sarah Dickie lost her receipt for her cohort purchase; will submit some other form of documentation to get her reimbursement
- \$545 available from last semester to be used this semester
- Stephanie R. (on behalf of Ph.D students) brought up the prospect of bridging the gap between Ph.D students and grad students so they can share their research
 - Possibility of Ph.D students giving TED talks at the upcoming BeedieTalks event
- Application for grant due on June 1

5. Beedie Softball team-

- 35 members enrolled
 - Mix of full-time MBA's, MOT MBA's and friends/family; currently no MSc. Finance
- Obtained logo Beedie t-shirts for the team with help from Stephanie R.
- Need funding for equipment; will be used as a legacy gift for Beedie
 - Emphasis that the equipment will be an investment for future years, not just for use for this year's team
- Equipment will be stored in the vault for future cohorts
- Requesting \$400 at this time, to cover equipment costs
 - Simrat recommends taking money out of the trust funds; will not effect

6. BeedieTalks Event-

- TEDx-style talks
- \$200 of pizza from Stephanie for the first event
- Olivia sent out survey in April; only 6 responses
 - Sent out the survey again this month only to the people who expressed interest on doing a presentation
 - Only three people responded; backed out from presenting
 - Olivia is asking class reps to bring up the event to their cohorts to promote the event and gain more speakers
 - Olivia will also reach out to the interested speakers again, one-on-one
 - Would be easy to get second floor rooms in June and July
 - Not likely to host any event in May; will have to get it started in June
 - Would be best to book the dates and rooms first and then confirm the speakers later
 - Should aim for 3 speakers per event; each speaker gets 15 minutes max (10 minute presentation and 5 minute Q&A)

- Tentative date for June event is Monday, June 19 at 5pm – 7pm
 - Olivia will book second floor room and confirm three speakers
- Possibility to hold one big event instead of two separate events
- Olivia will send class reps an email with list of names to follow up on

7. GBSA Legacy Gift

- Fourth floor water fountain was \$3,600.00; GBSA paid half and Beedie paid half
 - We could purchase one for the first floor
 - There is a room near the catering kitchen for the water source
 - Could partner with Beedie events to fund this water fountain since it also benefits them (50-50 or 75-25)
- Byron has confirmed that the bike lockers will not be a project that will be ready for this year’s cohort; will most likely be brought to the table next year
 - No longer an option for a legacy gift
- The softball equipment will also now be another legacy gift from the GBSA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Succession Planning

- To be discussed during next meeting

FINANCIAL MOTIONS

Motion 1:

Moved that Graduate Business Student’s Association designate Byron Seef to spend \$400.00 from core caucus funds for softball equipment (see details of purchase below)

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

Details of purchases: Equipment for Beedie softball team to be used as legacy gift

NEXT MEETING TIME

Next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2017 from 5:00pm – 6:30pm in Segal 2400 at SFU Segal campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.