**MEETING MINUTES**

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|  | **Meeting:** | General Council Meeting |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Date of Meeting:** | 10 Dec 2019 | **Time:** |  | 12:00PM to 01:00PM |  |
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|  | **Minutes Prepared By:** | GSA Secretary | **Location:** |  | AW118 |  |
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|  | **1. Meeting Objective** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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GSA General Council Meeting

**2. Attendees**



Council Members: Rajat Wason (President), Sushant Sharma (VP Internal and External Affairs), Akash (VP Finance), Jasmine Kaur Gill (VP student Life)

Management: Dr Barb, Mr. Quin. Dr Edgar

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| 3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues |
| Topic | **Discussion** |
| Referendum & Resolutions | * All resolutions are signed and up-to-date saved in the google drive.
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| Finance Issues | * GSA insurances have been done and policy copies sent to management.
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| Orientation Winter 2020 | * Dr Shaun and Dr bobby will be presenting for 15 mins slot in a session.
* Dr Edgar will be in the orientation as well as an interim Dean of Graduate Studies.
* GSA has placed an order for the bottles as well for the orientation.
* Dr Barb told the council - As of Nov 29th, 2019, 345 students have been accepted, 203 have paid registration deposit and 89 have registered. Dr barb gave this figure.
* As of Dec 9 – 285 graduate students registered for winter 2020.
* Dean Colin has handed some of the documents to Quin to hand it over to GSA council.
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| Other Issues  | * ERO and DRO selection process – GSA council wanted to have it with an integrity and transparency.
* Rajat requested Dr barb and Dr Edgar to shortlist the candidate and pick for the suitable candidate for this role during upcoming elections.
* Regarding Referendum Question – Rajat suggest getting a U Pass during elections which is the important.
* Dr barb told the council about food bank usage in which majority is from MISSM and MISAM.
* Dr Edgar asked the council what %age of students is using public transit.
* There will be a fee associated for students to pay if we get the U Pass in place for students.
* The city of Edmonton needs a minimum percentage to place things in place for the U-Pass.
* Dr Barb told the council that there is a subsidized price bus pass from recreation center, for further information on this – anyone can contact Amanda from administration office.
* GSA will donate some money to food bank in Concordia in our next budget.
* Sushant will work on the election policy to elective representatives for the upcoming elections for GSA.
* Adam from Master of education is currently the program rep, for which he will stay for longer period of time for the position.
* Rajat told the council that GRC can meet 7 times a year as per by laws.
* There was a question that whether we should go for election to select Program Reps?
* Dr Barb and Edgar agreed on conducting an election for program representative.
* There will a cap for each representative for upcoming elections as in the ratio of students to program rep.
* Rajat told the council about the Ab-GPAC advocacy week – Rajat attended some meetings with MLA.
* GSA will Create a contract for Krishna for GSA website updating, she has some experience in web site development.
* GSA will organize a meeting with her soon.
* Dr Edgar asked the council to contact CUE marketing department as well before making change in GSA website in terms of look and feel.
* Sarabjit is the person to conduct before signing the contract with Krishna.
* GSA has designed the card to send within management to circulate it during the Christmas.
* The photo booth during the Christmas – Jasmine spoke with revolution entertainment for a rental photo booth.
* Jasmine spoke to digital photo booth at 125$ per hour for Christmas party.
* Christmas party is at the tree amigos on 12th Dec 2019.
* Coat Rack for the venue will be important to place coats during the party.
* 50 tickets have been sold so far for the Christmas party.
* Dr. Loreman will be attending the Christmas party with GSA.
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| Action items | * GSA will conduct a meeting with Krishna for the GSA website contract and for updated website.
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