**MEETING MINUTES**

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|  | **Meeting:** | General Representative Council Meeting |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Date of Meeting:** | 10th February 2021 | **Time:** |  |  12:00 PM to 1:00 PM |
|  | **Minutes Prepared By:** | GSA Secretary- Naga Venkat Palaparthy | **Location:** |  |  Individual home via Google Meet. |
|  | **1. Meeting Objective** |  |  |  |  |  |

General Council Meeting

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| **2. Attendees** |

Executive Council Members: Sandeep Bonagiri (President), Naga Venkata Palaparthy (VP Academic Affairs and External Relations), Deepthi Gudapati (VP Student Life), Bhargava Sai Nakkina (VP Finance).

Management: Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Barb, Mr. Quinn.

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| 3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues |
| Topic | **Discussion** |
| Other Issues   | * Sandeep started the session by asking everyone about any questions or concerns regarding the GSA elections schedule sent.
* Mr. Quinn replied saying that everyone looks fine apart from the nominations period mentioned schedule.
* He added that it was mentioned in the schedule that nomination period only last for four days, but it has to be for nine days as per bylaws.
* Mr. Quinn further added that as per the current schedule the nominations should be till 26th February as per the bylaws.
* Sandeep said that as informed the schedule will be revised according to the bylaws and send it to you and management by EOD.
* Mr. Quinn said that he is having a meet with Sai and Shakoora i,e ERO and DRO to discuss regarding the documents for the elections.
* He further asked all the members about the nomination requirement form which has few points highlighted about the GPA requirement for the GSA President position.
* Mr. Quinn asked council how those changes have been processed.
* Dr. Schmidt said that it was the previous GSA council who established by them and are not formally approved by the GRC team, so those requirements are not necessarily apply at this time.
* He added unless there is a formal approval of those by GRC team
* Deepthi said that if we put the GPA `requirement for the current elections the criteria my not be applied to the currently enrolled students (winter intake).
* She added if we put that criteria, we may not have complete participants for the upcoming elections.
* Mr Quinn said all the members to have the above requirements to formalize in the GRC meeting.
* He added that he will reach out to ola to inform that nominees will be contacting her about their registration status and GPA.
* Mr Quinn told that as per the GSA bylaws, the schedule is well on track and asked all the members to do the mentioned necessary changes to it.
* Dr. Schmidt agreed for removing the GPA requirement for president position and said that there will be number of graduate students who are eligible to be till the end of winter term.
* He added that they can be from different programs other than MISSM/MISAM, even though there is a restriction for parttime students there will eligible students from Psychology, environmental science and so on.
* Dr. Barb told everyone that total of graduate students enrolled for winter intake are 18. Three from GDIS, five from GD and 10 in GCEL
* Mr. Quinn said that often parttime students from psychology, GCEL and Med are working professionals
* Dr. Schmidt said as per the bylaws there something called by election for the people who cannot complete their term, but it has to be done case by case.
* Deepthi talked about the tax for the student fee being revoked starting this year, she added that she is yet top receive more information regarding the same.
* Bhargava told that he is currently working with the bookkeeper for issuing T4 forms to all the current and former employees.
* Dr. Schmidt informed everyone that effective February 22nd he will be stepping out of dean of graduate studies position to focus more on faculty of education.
* He added that Dr. Patrick who is current dean of science will be replacing him as an interim dean for now.
* Dr. Schmidt told that in the end of June, Vice president of academic and provost, Dr. Henna tuck will be conducting a search for fulltime dean of graduate studies and told that next week’s General Council meeting will be his last meeting as dean of graduate studies.
* All the GSA executive members thanked Dr. Schmidt for his constant support and inputs throughout the term and wished him all the best going further

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| Action Items | * Sandeep has to revise the GSA elections schedule by extending the nomination period to nine days instead of five.
* Naga Venkat has to send the GRC meeting minutes to dean of graduate studies which says the approval of mentioned GSA election nomination requirements.
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