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**MEETING MINUTES**

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|  | **Meeting:** | General Representative Council Meeting |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Date of Meeting:** | 24th 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. Patrick, Mr. Quinn.

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| 3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues |
| Topic | **Discussion** |
| Other Issues   | * All the GSA members have welcomed the new Interim Dean Dr. Patrick and talked about their roles and about how the weekly GSA general council meetings would be.
* Sandeep talked about the GSA elections which are underway and told that we received only one nomination for GSA president position, however the applied candidate is not enrolled till winter 2022, which is a required criterion as per bylaws.
* Dr. Patrick gave an example about how the organizations he is invoked in has structed the positions, he told that for continuity purpose and to keep the history of current happenings the organizations won’t allow the governing body members (President and VP’s) to leave at the same time.
* Mr. Quinn said that he will sending an email to all the graduate students again as a remainder and to inform everyone that nominations close tomorrow.
* However, if we have not received any nominations, we can think of long term options as per bylaws, however during times lie this there is also an option of association going to dormancy for a certain time and then restarting again
* Mr. Quinn added that section 18 of bylaws talks about GSA going to dormancy.
* Sandeep said that dissolution is not a option for us, we should have a short term measure or an extension to have the GSA functioning
* Naga Venkat told about the president Tim Loremans update of CUE having convocation this year by following all the ahs rules.
* He further talked about the elections saying that we should work on plans to continue to the council for next term rather than dissolving and said that he is really hoping for few more nominations from graduate students given the deadline for elections is 25th 4:30 PM
* Bhargava said that he is working on the audit reports along with the auditor which will be done in next few weeks, post that annual returns will be filed
* Dr. Patrick agreed to GSA members opinion of not dissolving the council and told that instead we should find ways to continue the council for next 6 months
* Naga Venkat proposed that if there is a possibility of having a bylaw exemption its better to have the current council extended for another term instead of having a new council just for 1 semester since the transition will take at least two weeks.
* He further told that there is more no. of students from MISSM and MISAM who will be graduating in spring semester so that its better to have a functioning GSA in spring term to have academic sessions, social events and to issue more scholarships.
* Mr. Quinn told extension is another option, however we need special resolution for section 6.16 which talks about the terms council member
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