

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Meeting:</b>	General council Meeting		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	<b>Time:</b>	7:00PM– 8:00PM
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	GSA VP Academic & External Relations - Ramya Nekkanti	<b>Location:</b>	GOOGLE MEET
<b>1. Meeting Objective</b>	General Council Meeting		

### 2. Attendees

**Council Members:** Khalid Iqbal (President), Ramya Nekkanti (VP Academic Affairs and External Relations), Shihab Sharar Isa (VP Finance & Services), Kavya Sathya (VP Student Life)

**Management:** None

3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues	
Topic	Discussion
General Council Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shihab initiated the meeting stating that he spoke to a few professors regarding the training and certifications, and they advised contacting the dean to inquire about additional funds if the dean approves of the proposal.</li> <li>As per the bylaws, we must give notice of the AGM meeting at least 21 days in advance, so we are planning to organize the meeting in the second week of December.</li> <li>Khalid stated that he and Shihab were present at the chancellor's dinner.</li> <li>Khalid represented GSA at the minister's meeting and provided information on the housing issue brought up by graduate students. In response, the Minister said she will discuss the housing issue brought up by GSA with the federal government to secure funding for the University.</li> <li>Khalid informed the team that although the IC2 club does not need financial support from GSA, all money raised by the group will be deposited into GSA accounts.</li> <li>Khalid sent an email to Jessica, the chair of abGPAC, inquiring about the fees that GSA must pay; he has not heard back yet and informed the team that we don't to pay anything as of now.</li> <li>By next week Khalid will talk to the Dean regarding the vouchers for training.</li> <li>Ramya emailed the chair of the MSc IT department to inquire about the credentials and training required for the students, and she is awaiting the response.</li> <li>Kavya and Shihab suggested giving the vouchers for students on a first come first serve basis if we have a restriction of providing the vouchers to only few people, Ramya and Khalid also agreed to that.</li> </ul>

- The department of MISSIM and GSA covered half of the cost of the Fortinet training last year, and they paid some amount to the instructor as well Shihab mentioned. We intended to do the same this year.
- Ramya and Khalid need to finalize the documents for the AGM meeting.
- We are planning for COBIT training and certification for MISSIM and MISSAM students and we have set aside some budget, and we will check if it works.
- Khalid needs to check with Dr. Patrick regarding the budget for scholarships.
- Kavya will be checking with ISACA President regarding the budget required for training.