**MEETING MINUTES**

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|  | **Meeting:** | GSA General Meeting |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Date of Meeting:** | 14th February 2024 | **Time:** |  |  1:00- 2:00 pm |
|  | **Minutes Prepared By:** | GSA VP Finance – Shihab Sharar Isa | **Location:** |  | CUE Campus |
|  | **1. Meeting Objective** |  |  |  |  |  |

 GSA General Meeting

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| **2. Attendees** |

**GSA Council Members**: Khalid Iqbal (President), Shihab Sharar Isa (VP Finance & Services), Kavya Sathya (VP Student Life), **GRC**, **GSA students**

 **Management** : Patrick Kamau (Dean of Graduate Studies)



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| 3. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues |
| Topic | **Discussion** |
| GSA Biweekly meeting | * Khalid mentioned that we had a meeting with the FSC committee, and we passed an amount of $1554 to Alex to be paid as a cheque.
* One event is going to be the mock interview on the 22nd February.
* Another event we are going to do is on the dinner event sometime in the beginning of March.
* Khalid mentioned that they are planning to have a research event and they had a meeting with Carla.
* Shihab mentioned that he is working with Graeme the auditor, and he will deliver cheques this Friday.
* Khalid mentioned that Abgpac there is a dispute going on, and other universities are planning to pull out. Other universities are not in line with this, as this is kind of an unimportant aspect and there is no other activity going on with this.
* For the GSA elections we will have it soon with ERO and DRO to have to do their jobs soon.
* Bylaws we are going to have a quiz and the students should have a complete idea of all of them for the students. Dr Patrick mentioned that we should know the Bylaws inside out. Dr Patrick mentioned when he sent out the email, the Bylaws were crafted in 2017, now lot of changes need to be made.
* Dr. Patrick mentioned the next council will need to adjust all the bylaws.
* Dr. Patrick mentioned the way to change the bylaws would be to work with the membership, the GRC meets, and then they will all decide. No one would oppose to change the Bylaws, as they have been pretty old.
* Khalid mentioned we only got 2 GRC members last election, so putting an emphasis on that would be good. Dr. Patrick mentioned that reaching out to the graduate program directors would be great.
* May 1st the new council would take over, and March 15th the elections would be underway. So from April we will have a handover process.
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