



Graduate Students' Association

Association des étudiant(e)s aux études supérieures

Local 110 of the Canadian Federation of Students

Section 110 de la Fédération canadienne des étudiantes et étudiants

Minutes / Procès-verbal

Executive Meeting / Réunion exécutive

Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017 at 1:00 PM / Mercredi 22 mars 2017 à 13 h

LU Club

1. Verification of Quorum / Vérification du quorum

Shelley

Ramya

David

Yasser (Teleconference)

2. Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour

Moved : Shelley

Second : Yasser

Carried

3. Approval of the minutes from the Executive meeting held on March 8, 2017/

Adoption du procès-verbal de la réunion du 8 mars 2017

Moved : Yasser

Second : Ramya

Carried

4. Office Update

Request to change the office hours to Monday to Thursday from 4 :30pm – 7 :00pm was discussed. The request was approved by the Executives; effective April 3rd, 2017 for the duration of the summer months. Renée will also track hours working outside of the designated office hours for compensation. Renée will send a notice to the membership on Friday.

Spring Formal – Peddler's Pub confirmed for March 31st @ 7 :00pm. Posters advertising the event are up around campus, email notification have been sent – focus on the election for early next week, and more promotional emails of the event to be sent following the election.

Shelley will coordinate the prizes and payments of invoice.

GSA office anticipated move date in April. Renée will inquire further for confirmation. Will also send a request for boxes. David will assist with moving and identifying the GSA property currently within the CUPE office.

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Inquiry to the Canadian Federation of Students was made regarding the the possible theme change to the design of the site. Email was sent and will be followed up.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) handbook order forms to be submitted by next week. Art work and contents should be the decision of the incoming elected Executives.

5. Elections

The GSA Executives confirmed the ballot of candidates for next week's election. David and Renée will set up and implement the online electionbuddy. One of the two executive candidates is currently not a GSA member. It was noted that according to the GSA constitution:

4. Executive Council Members and Student Representatives of the GSA/AÉÉS

iii) Definitions and Restrictions

c) Prospective members of the GSA/AÉÉS may run for office; however, ONLY current graduate students enrolled in a graduate program at Laurentian University with an active membership within the GSA/AÉÉS may hold said office if elected;

Motion: to extend the signing authority, voting authority, and key holding powers of the current executive until a confirmation of GSA membership is established of at least 2 incoming elected executives.

Rationale: to assist with the transition over the summer months, and to not leave the GSA Executive without the ability to move and adopt decisions.

Moved: David

Second: Shelley

Adopted.

It was also noted that according to the GSA constitution:

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d) All positions may be held for a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms. Note each term is one (1) year in duration. Individuals may hold other positions prior to or following their 4-term maximum;

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Whereas David has completed 4 consecutive terms as President, he is ineligible to run for the vacant President position.

6. April Newsletter

Contents to include:

- results of the election
- office moving notification
- change of office hours
- business cards announcement
- Lakeshift thesis writing retreat

7. Queen's University – Thesis Writing Retreat 2017

Renée will inquire with Graduate Studies on the shared amount of costs to be covered between Grad Studies and the GSA, and the remaining cost to the students.

8. Student Fees Meeting

The next Student Fees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd @ 1pm. David and Nathaniel will be attending. This is the final meeting to review the proposed protocol changes, and review the referendum question (Student Mental Health Fee Increase) being posed to all LU students next week. The GSA will work to inform the membership prior to the referendum.

9. Next Executive Council Meeting/ Prochaine rencontre executive

Agreed: Tuesday, April 4th @ 4:30.

Invite the newly elected Executives, Joint Council Members, and the outgoing Joint Council members to serve as a transitional meeting.

10. Adjournment / Levée de la reunion

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