



Graduate Students' Association
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Minutes / Ordre du jour

Executive Council Meeting / Réunion du comité exécutif
October 4th 2017 at 12 :00pm / le 4 octobre 2017 à 12 h
Off Campus

- 1) **Verification of Quorum / Vérification du quorum**
Amber, Mia, Nathaniel, Karolina, Yasser, Roxanne, Shelley, Caitlin, Celisse, Pooja
- 2) **Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour**
Nathaniel moves - Karolina seconds
- 3) **Approval of the minutes from the Executive meeting held on August 17th, 2017/ Adoption du procès-verbal de la réunion du 17 aout 2017**
Mia moves – Nathaniel seconds
- 4) **Office Updates**
 - a) Welcome new and returning members
 - i) Executive Director
Roxanne Langemann has taken the Executive Director role as of Monday, October 2, 2017
 - b) Newsletter – August
BBQ
Elections
Opt in/opt out
 - c) Welcome week update
Executives organized the event and it was a relative success. Location was a challenge.
Swag bags have all been distributed although boxes of promotional items remain and are stored in the GSA office. The overflow can be used for next year event.
 - d) Opt – In/Out
Deadline Oct 13, 2017
Mia keeps sending out reminders and students are coming into the office and continue to opt in/out
There has been communication with Green Shield and Amber will be in office during reading week to meet Opt in/out deadline.
- 5) **Roles and Positions**
 - a) Inter-association Relations
Some members are not clear on their roles.
Handout document “Constitution of the Laurentian University GSA”- Roles of the Executive Committee
Joint accounts, come to the meetings and share ideas
 - b) Media Involvement



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Members of the executive committee showed support for profs during March on Monday. Some were interviewed by the media. Council members are encouraged to check in with CUPE since the GSA has a different collective agreement.

4 Student Unions at LU (AEF, SGA, GSA, MSA)

*Possible use of SGA pub for Country Night

- 6) Strike Update
Daily Meetings
Town Hall
Questions that Remain

Amber and Mia have weekly meetings with Chris Mercer and David (part of the Administration) for updates.

Member of GSA participated in the March on Monday from 12-5pm

Meeting with Dean of Graduate Studies yesterday, October 3, 2017

David and Linda are to be contacted for issues around funding for GTA. Currently, funds are on hold.

Suggestion to send email to Graduates Students informing them that if they are eligible and have not received funds, to contact Linda.

Is GSA getting information from LUFA? Emails, flyers, and social media

- 7) Parking
Some member of the Executive Committee would like to have their parking passes paid.
Amber: Would like to Vote on the issue
Parking passes range in prices \$400-\$800
Discussion - Arguments (executives are volunteers, it is the students' money, GSA members are the only ones in Canada that are not paid, cost is expensive \$3000/year, we can use funds for bursary, have not increased the student's fees, purpose is to serve the GSA, working for free is good to a certain extent)
Discussion on hold until up-to-date budget is made available to committee members.

- 8) Group Calendar
Exploring various options. Will send out new system to committee when established.

- 9) CUPE
GTA members are part of CUPE
As a member of CUPE or GSA, can represent self, but be careful what is said when representing CUPE and GSA.

OTHER

Looking for Graduate Students to represent LU and/or GSA at various events

Ontario Grad Dean's Meeting, Toronto (Yasser and Shelley)

Canadian Association of Graduate Students, 5 days (Mia and Karolina)

Spirit of the North, U of S, Oct 20-22 (Mia and Amber)

CFS, 1 representative, TBD



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10) Next Meeting

One Month. Will send out doodle poll.

11) Adjournment / Levée de la reunion

Nathaniel Moves – Pooja seconds