

Board of Directors
Special Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2020

Special Meeting

Date: March 3, 2020
Time: 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Place: BMH 3119

Board Secretary: Tyler B. Hampton, Corporate Secretary
Minutes Taker: Tyler B. Hampton



ATTENDENCE

Name and Position	Present	Regrets*	Absent
	[“X” if present / “R” if calling or skyping]	[“X” if absent with regrets / time of arrival if late with regrets]	[“X” if absent w/o regrets / time of arrival if late w/o regrets]
Rebecca Stirling, Chair of Board	X		
Phillipe Bériault, Director			Arrive 10:03
Daniel Grimmer, Director	X		
Tyler Hampton, Director, CoSec	X		
Jason Luong, Director			Arrive 10:11
Dmitrii Marin, Director	X		
Kareem Mostafa, Vice Chair	X		
Jen Reid, Director			Arrive 10:02
Nick Revington, Director	X		
Twesh Upadhyaya, Director			X
Naima Samuel, Director, President	X		
David Billedeau, Vice President, acting chair of Council	X		
Kevin McKay, General Manager	X		

*A time in the Regrets or Absent column indicates a director arriving at that time, after the meeting was called to order

Other	Present with notice	Present
Jeff Casello, Associate Vice-President, Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs	X	
Chris Read, Associate Provost, Students	X	

Current Committees	Committee Members
Board Executive (Winter)	Stirling (Chair), Samuel, Mostafa, Hampton, Marin, Revington, Upadhyaya
Joint Policy Review	Reid (Chair), Marin (deputy chair); [Robbins, Parker]
Audit and Financial Risk	Mostafa (Chair), Samuel, Upadhyaya
Governance Oversight	Revington (Chair), Stirling, Samuel
Presidential Nominating	Stirling (Chair), Samuel, McKay, [Uher, Lamorea (council)]
Recruitment Task Force	Grimmer, Revington, McKay, Hampton

AGENDA

1. Welcoming Remarks
2. Conflict of Interest
2.b Travel
3. Discussion Items
Items:
1. University Administrators: Jeff Casello and Chris Reid
2. Confidential Discussion

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:00

Stirling takes the Chair and calls the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Hampton acts as secretary and records the minutes.

3. Discussion Items

a) Discussion with University Administrators

Jeff Casello discussed the relationship between the UW GSA and University Administration, and various settings where the two parties interface, including University Senate, GSPA committees and taskforces. Participation with GPSA allows for the GSA to have access to graduate student email addresses. Our partnership works to foster graduate student community. Chris Read spoke about services for graduate students from their perspective in the Provost's office. Chris mentioned the high usership of the family health clinic by graduate students.

Both were asked to comment on what they view as their greatest successes in providing services to graduate students. Jeff discussed the upcoming revisions to Policy 30 and the more collegial rather than adversarial approach in the new policy. Specifically, the lack of an ombudsperson incentivises conflict resolution before a high-tension situation develops. There are offices within the University that can be independent and strongly advocate for students. Chris discussed the new graduate student orientation, and the growth of the relationships with the GSA, WUSA, and the University.

Both were asked what challenges they see moving forward and how the GSA can be of assistance. Improving the graduate student experience is challenged by the variety of experiences within it, and

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the different programs (course/research). Jeff argues that funding for graduate students is high relative to peer Universities, with several notable exceptions where funding in some programs is certainly not meeting student needs.

b) Confidential Discussion

10:30

Motion to enter confidential session (Stirling/Samuel) Approved unanimously.

Motion to leave confidential session at 11:15 (Stirling/Samuel) Approved

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:15