



The August Council meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2023. The meeting started at 5:30 pm and ended at 7:46 pm. The meeting was attended by 22 Councillors and was held in a hybrid mode. The meeting began with the land acknowledgement, declaration of interest, adoption of July meeting minutes, and adoption of the August agenda.

After the opening session, Farah Mohammad Fadzil and Sana Shah introduced themselves as representatives from the newly renamed Centre for Career Development. They gathered feedback through menti.com, addressing services, communication preferences, career content needs, further education assistance, and challenges related to career identity.

During this session, the VP of Communications discussed the recent GSA branding, highlighting creative direction, brand elements, colour palette, typography, and the new logo. Additionally, concerns regarding colour accessibility and alternatives for visual impairments were thoughtfully addressed.

An update on recent developments was provided by the VP Admin, including the hiring of new VPs, ongoing coordinator recruitment, and the resignation of the GSA General Manager. Additionally, preparations for the GSA orientation on September 5<sup>th</sup> were highlighted, accompanied by endeavors to enhance participation in the service fair. The council engaged in discussions about potential collaborations and opportunities for student representatives.

The Board Chair delivered a comprehensive update, which encompassed Director removal, Director resignation, proposed by-law changes, and current vacancies. The proposed changes will be meticulously reviewed by JPRC.

The OUW representative shared insights into a series of summer events and workshops designed to support effective preparations for the upcoming Fall term.

The council deliberated on Fall term meeting times, with a consensus emerging for evening sessions from Monday to Thursday. Furthermore, the session explored thematic considerations for the year ahead, underscoring the significance of data-driven conversations with the University. The prospect of forming subcommittees to specifically address crucial issues was raised and warmly received.

As part of the remaining business, a planned walkout advocating for Graduate student funding was introduced. The council engaged in a comprehensive discussion about the GSA's potential

support for this initiative, considering the ongoing transition and imminent orientation in September.

The meeting concluded with a formal adjournment.