

**Graduate Student Association UW**  
**Council Meeting Summary**

**May 9, 2024**

**Primary Meeting**

Date: May 9, 2024

Time: 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Place: GSA Boardroom (Hybrid)

**Council Speaker:** Abhishesh Homagain  
**Minutes Taker:** Natalie Lok Yee Tong



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The meeting started with the introduction of the new Council Speaker: Abhishesh (Abh) Homagain and their update on Council engagement and attendance. Councillors were reintroduced to Policy CP 4.3 to ensure attendance and responsibilities of members of council were understood by all. Council also discussed the removal of monthly social events for a large end of term social event instead due to declining attendance.

Council also elected VP Esteban Salazar for the position of Deputy Speaker for the remainder of their term.

The yearly agenda was also presented by the speaker and presented to the council highlighting the upcoming decisions and issues that require council approval and acknowledgement such as changes to budget, GSA fees, and various GSA subcommittees. The general manager and speaker also introduced the possibility of remuneration for councillors for \$25 per meeting paid termly, with conditions for attendance and participation. Involvement in subcommittees will also have an additional remuneration benefit.

Following the discussion of remuneration, council also elected new members for the CEC (Council Executive Committee) who are jointly responsible for approving the council agenda prior to each council meeting (among other responsibilities).

After a quick break, council was given an update on dGSAs and how fee increases can be made by dGSAs without approval of council, however dGSAs (and their respective councillors) should inform the council when any fee increases do occur. The president then gave an update to council, informing of the appointment of the new Dean for the Faculty of Arts, updates from the UWaterloo Senate meeting, updates from UW Freedom of Expression Task Force.

Board update from the Board Chair followed the president where they informed council that board had passed the second reading of GP-8.

The meeting then was adjourned following the update of the Board Chair.