



Board of Directors

Notice of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Place: COM 130

AGENDA/Minutes

Time	Item
4:00 p.m.	1. Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks
	2. Board Development
4:05 p.m.	3. Approval of Minutes a. Regular Meeting November 22, 2017
4:10 p.m.	4. Officer Reports a. President's Report i. Consultancy Update b. Treasurer's Report i. Audit Update
	5. Committee Reports**-deferred
4:30 p.m.	6. Council Report**-deferred
	7. Special Orders**-none a. Investment performance and strategy Reviewed and adjusted in November
4:40 p.m.	8. Unfinished Business a. Approval of the Confidential Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 25, 2017- <i>deferred</i> b. Update on GSA-UW/UW HR Relationship c. Ratify the GSEF-GSA Memorandum of Agreement
4:45 p.m.	9. New Business a. Consideration of CASA Membership b. AGM i. Scheduling ii. Report iii. Recruitment

6:15 p.m.	10. <i>In camera</i>
6:30 p.m.	11. Adjournment

Norman M. Kearney
Chair | Board of Directors
Graduate Student Association | University of Waterloo

January 10, 2018



Board of Directors Meeting
 Minutes
 January 18, 2018
 4:00 pm- 6:30 pm
 University of Waterloo, Com 130

Present:

Name and Position	Present	Regrets	Absent
Norman Kearney, Chair	X		
Robert Bruce, President	X		
Evan Andrews, Director	skype		
Julie Cook, Director	X		
Sondra Eger, Director	X		
Amanda Joynt, Director	X		
Matthew Morison, Director		X	
Richard O'Brien, Director	X		
Allison Sachs, Director	X		
Serxho Selmani, Director	X		
Ramy Tannous, Director		X	
Beth Timmers, Director	X		
Lindsey Daniels, Council Chair	X		
Max Salman, Vice President	X		
Kissan Mistry, Councillor, guest	X		
Clay Dasilva, Councillor, guest	X		
Rose Vogt, General Manager, minutes	X		

Quorum was present and the Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.
 Vogt recorded the minutes.

1. Chair's remarks
 Chair welcomes the directors and councillors Clay Dasilva and Kissan Mistry as guests to the meeting.
2. Board Development-none to this meeting.
3. The minutes of the November 22, 2017 meeting are adopted by consent.
 (Joynt/O'Brien)
4. Officer Reports
 The Officer reports are tabled to the confidential session.
 The Chair invites councillors to bring items for discussion if they wish. Councillors

confirmed they intended to be silent observers.

5. Committee Reports-*deferred*

6. Council Report-*deferred*

7. Special orders-*none*

8. Unfinished Business

a. Approval of the confidential for the Aug 25, 2017 meeting – *deferred*.

b. Update on GSA / UWHR Relationship

Full-Time employees are regarded as UW employees and the GSA is obliged to comply with UW policies.

Seasonal (casual) staff are considered internal to the GSA. In this case GSA can abide by its own policies.

UW HR handles all the payroll services for the GSA free of charge.

If the GSA wants to decouple, then it can explore an option similar to the affiliated colleges. The affiliated colleges have independent policies but use the payroll services of HR for a fee.

c. GSA/GSEF Memorandum of Agreement

Motion to adopt the amendments to the draft agreement of the GSA-UW/GSEF. (Robert/Julie) Carried unanimously.

O'Brien abstains due to declaration of conflict as board member of GSEF.

9. New Business

a. Consideration of CASA membership

Notice was given to CASA and they received the notice. If Board and Council both vote yes then the motion to exit will move forward.

Directors discussed the background, budgetary implications, and how to best serve Waterloo members.

Directors perceive CASA too far removed from provincial government's role on PSE and expect more results from focusing on provincial lobbying.

GSA-UW will review external advocacy in general and will clearly articulate what graduate students need.

Information:

- i. Evaluation over two years, to develop an advocacy strategy and an internal/external strategy needs to be developed based on need identified by Council.
- ii. The CASA Graduate Council folded and merged into the Federal Policy Committee. There was no headway made for graduate students yet.
- iii. OGSA has not folded yet – it is slowly deflating.

- iv. ThinkGrad – an example of alternative network of GSAs.
- v. GSA-UW is going to incur costs that haven't accounted for yet. Until an approach is developed, the money is much better used to support Waterloo graduate students.

The Board of Directors approves of withdrawing from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), this withdrawal will take effect immediately upon the approval of the GSA-UW Council of a similar motion to withdraw from CASA.

(Kearney/Bruce) **10 for: 0 opposed: 0 abstained. Carried.**

By April 30th 2020, the GSA-UW will have developed a lobbying strategy and the GSA-UW will have determined wither to resume membership in CASA or to join any other organization with a similar mandate to advocate to government on behalf of graduate students.

(Kearney/Eger) **10 for: 0 against: 0 abstained. Carried**

b. AGM - *tabled*

10. **Board moves to Confidential Session at 4:56** (Kearney/Bruce)

Move that the Vice President was invited to stay for the confidential session and Vogt is excused from the Confidential Session. (Kearney/Joynt) **Carried by consent.**

11. In Camera.

12. Meeting is adjourned at 6:31 pm.