**Minutes**

Graduate Students Association

**Board of Directors Meeting**

July 6th, 2022

4:00 pm

Teleconference Meeting

**Attendees:** Caroline Seiler (President), Wei Zhao (VP Services), Shuwen Qian (VP Internal), Letizia Dondi (VP Admin), Ashley Ravenscroft (DoO), Sarah Elshahat (VP External), (Director, Community Member at Larger), David Moore

**Regret:** Yue Xi (Director, Community Member at Large), Jing Zheng (Director, Community Member at Large)

**Absent:**

Call to order: 4:05 pm

* 1. **Motion: Approval of July Agenda 2022**

**Motion to approve the July 2022 Agenda moved by Wei Zhao, seconded by Letizia Dondi, all in favour motion carried.**

* 1. **MOTION**: **Approval of the June 2022 minutes**

**Motion to approve the June 2022 Minutes pending the inclusion of Dave’s edits moved by Letizia Dondi, seconded by Wei Zhao all in favour motion carried.**

**Chair's remarks and updates (10-min)**

* Caroline begins the meeting by stating that the GSA is having discussions with the MSU and University about the HSR bus pass negotiations.
* Caroline explains that the GSA has sent out a survey to other Ontario Student Unions and is still thinking of our negotiation techniques.
* Caroline mentions that the GSA is conducting preparations for Welcome Week and that Shuwen has made great progress by finalizing Club Fest, Yoga Session, Resource Fair, Phoenix BBQ, and Campus Tour.
* Caroline notes that the GSA is planning to have some airport transportation for the new incoming Graduate Students.
* Caroline also states that the GSA is having more frequent meetings with the Student Success Center. Especially as they had new grants approved. The GSA is providing feedback on our services and specific areas we think should be prioritized.
* Caroline mentions the GSA has also met with the MSU in the past week and is thinking about some joint projects, specifically stimulating sustainability.
* Caroline notes that the GSA is also finalizing healthcare opt-out dates for students
* Caroline continues her updates by stating that the GSA has scheduled EDI (Equity Diversity Inclusion) training for early October for members of the Council and the GSA executives.
* Lastly, Caroline explains that the July Council meeting will have a representative from CUPE attend the meeting to discuss raising the minimum funding level for graduate students.

**Phoenix Updates**

* Ashley begins The Phoenix updates by stating that the Phoenix’s rent was reinstated for the April period.
* However, Ashley states that the Phoenix is seeing pre-pandemic numbers. The Phoenix also had its first wedding event of the season which was about $20,000.
* Ashley explains that Conrad is preparing for the upcoming audit, which consists of looking at the books, writing off some of the House accounts that have been stale or aged, and preparing some of our inventory.
* **New Business** 
  + In camera

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting moved by Letizia Dondi, seconded by Sarah Elshahat, all in favour motion carried.**

**Action items:**

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