

Minutes

Graduate Students Association

Board of Directors Meeting

November 23rd, 2022

3:00 pm

Teleconference Meeting

Attendees: Caroline Seiler (President), Wei Zhao (VP Services), Shuwen Qian (VP Internal), Letizia Dondi (VP Admin), Ashley Ravenscroft (DoO), Samantha Sada (Executive Assistant), David Moore (Director, Community Member at Large) Jing Zheng (Director, Community Member at Large)

Regrets: Yue Xi (Director, Community Member at Larger),

Absent: Sarah Elshahat (VP External)

Call to order: 3:05 pm

1. **MOTION: Approval of the November 2022 Agenda**

Motion: To approve the November Board Meeting Agenda moved by David Moore, seconded by Letizia Dondi, all in favour, motion carried.

2. **MOTION: Approval of the October 2022 minutes**

Motion to approve the October 2022 Minutes moved by Wei Zhao, seconded by Letizia Dondi all in favour motion carried.

Chair's remarks and updates (10-min)

- Caroline begins her updates by stating that she attended the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies conference in Montreal.
- She explains that there is a push across Canada for an increase in graduate funding and stipends considering inflation.
- Caroline explains that the GSA plans to contact other members of ThinkGrad to discuss these issues further.
- Caroline mentions that the GSA has met with the residence representatives for the Graduate Student Residents and learned positive things, including that the housing will be below market value. However, there have yet to be any specific numbers.
- Caroline hopes to get more details soon, in January.
- Caroline explains that the GSA is getting more information about how to communicate to students what fees they are paying for. The GSA aims to make aware of career and writing services to be utilized.

- Ashley explains that The Phoenix Advisory Committee met, and the GSA shared that the new fiscal year produced a profit of \$ 50,000 for The Phoenix.
- Ashley discusses that the University explained that 1280 restaurant (MSU) did not open as scheduled in September. Moreover, the Faculty Club is now functioning as a small café style lunchroom, and The Buttery is in the basement.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting moved by David Moore, seconded by Letizia Dondi, all in favour motion carried.

Action items:

Item	Action by	Due date	Status