

GSA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 28th August 2024 4:00pm – 7:00pm Room 198-L1-102| Zoom

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Chair	Ethan Chou (President)	
Board Members in attendance	Jesse Gardner-Russell (General Secretary) Yingchen Zhao (Treasurer) Junyi (Johnny) Zheng (Vice President) Amin Abedini Bolor Jamiyandagva Deli Zhou	
Staff Members in attendance	Sajal Goundar (CEO) Kelvin Hoang (Manager, Business Operations & Finance) Kavisha Garg (Governance & Executive Officer, Minute Taker)	
Absent	None	
1 – FORMAL MATTER	S	Presenter, Time allocated
1a. Welcome & Acknowledgment		
The President opened meeting at 4:05pm with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcome to all members.		President 15 min
1b. Attendance		
All members are prese	ent for the meeting and the quorum is achieved.	
1c. Declarations of In	terest	
A declaration was ma	de by one of the members.	
1d. Minutes & Follow	-up log actions	
with no amendments.		
Moved: Ethan Chou (I		
	ner-Russell (General Secretary) bstaining, no one against. Motion carries.	
1e. Other Items		
 Circular resolut No circulars for ra 	tions for ratification: utification.	
1f. Procedural Motion	n: That the meeting move in camera.	
All in favour, no one a	bstaining, no one against. Motion carries.	
2 – BOARD REPORTIN	IG	Doord Marchan
2a. President's Report		Board Members To Be Noted
2b. General Secretary	r's Report	
2c. Vice-President's F	Report	

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2d. Treasurer's Report	
2e. Bolor Jamiyandagva's Report	
2f. Amin Abedini's Report	
2g. Deli Zhou's Report	
3 – MATTERS FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE & FACULTY COUNCILS	
3a. Minutes of Representative Council Meetings	To Be Noted
 Meeting held on 21st August 2024. 	
3b. Recommendations from the Representative Council for Board consideration.	
Outcome: Board discussed the recommendations from RC Meeting.	
 The Environment and Sustainability officer joined the meeting to provide an overview on the E&S Management Plan discussing the seven key areas of waste management. The CEO highlighted that due to GSA's size and status as a non-profit, it is not required under economic legislation to include an environmental and sustainability report. However, GSA plans to include a voluntary environmental and sustainability report in the annual report. After two years, when reviewing with the new Environmental Sustainability Officer, GSA may establish targets and measures for improvement, such as reducing environmental impact by 10% or 15%. Motion: That the GSA Board endorses the E&S Management Plan as endorsed and recommended by the Representative Council. Moved: Ethan Chou (President) Seconded: Bolor Jamiyandagva All in favour, no one abstaining, no one against. Motion carries. Minutes of Faculty Council Meeting No Meeting held in August. 3d. Recommendations from the Faculty Council for Board consideration. 	E&S Officer 5 mins
No recommendations from FC Meeting.	
4 – MATTERS FROM WORKING GROUPS	
Outcome: Board informed about the work and recommendations from the working groups.	
4a. Minutes & Recommendations from Grad Group Working Group	
 No Meeting held in August 2024 	
4b. Minutes & Recommendations from Strategic Plan Working Group	President
 Meetings held on 5th August 2024 and 27th August 2024. 	

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 The President highlighted two recommendations: revising the vision and mission statements and restructuring the new strategy. The updated strategy will focus on no more than five themes, with programs becoming less action-specific and more of a guiding framework to allow operational flexibility. Consultations will be part of Stage 2, with the schedule to be announced. The President encouraged all board members to attend these consultations. 			
4c. Minutes & Recommendations from International Graduate Students Working Group	President		
 Meeting held on 15th August 2024 There were discussions about inviting the University mascot or potentially having a GSA mascot at events, especially during O-Week, to drive more engagement. No questions were raised. 			
4d. Minutes & Recommendations from Electoral Regulations Review Working Group	Treasurer		
 Meeting held on 16th August 2024 The working group appointed lawyers to make changes to the electoral regulations. The working group reviewed the feedback received by the tribunal and the returning officer. Two consultations will be organized in September, open to all graduate students for feedback. 			
5 – OTHER BUSINESS			
5a. Questions and other business.	President		
 A Food Security Working Group has been formed by the university, chaired by the DVC of Academic. The President will represent GSA as a member of this group. No other matters were discussed. 			
5b. Meeting to move in camera.			
Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera.			
All members in favour, no one abstaining, no one against. Motion carries.			
Close of Meeting 8:00 PM			
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