Dinner and Networking - 4:30 PM

Social Work: Madeleine Haber
Social Planning: Heather Hills
Public Administration: Lelia Benjamin
Law: Ann Novak
German and East European Studies: Tessy Cuddy
Exercise Science: Stephen Fiddian-Lither
Economics: Teri Vun (Articled)
Electrical & Computer Engineering: Bryan Vaneen
Civil Engineering: Falmour Aziz
Chemistry: Cherie Devine
Art History and Visual Studies: Lindsay Keeble

Abstract:

Dinner: Jane Hinchliffe
Physics and Astronomy: Mark Hunt
Neuroscience: Chad Williams
Linguistics: Mike Asman
English: David Easman
Community Development: Mike Butler
Business Administration: Harriet Kandtana
Biology: Louisa Marshman, Welfare Coun
Biotechnology & Microbiology: Emily Noble, Karen Lilley

Refer:

Office Coordinator, Governance: Karen L. Potts
Executive Director: Gray Chappell
Director of Services: Vanessa Mathews
Director of Student Affairs: Samuel Latham
Director of Finance: Carla Orsone
Director of Communications: Kelly Clark

CSS Executive and Staff:

Guest: CSS Past Chair, Susan Kim

Department of Psychology: Penny Mair

Psychology: Penny Mair

Philosophy: Brian McEwan

Theoretical Ergonomics: Mark Sontum

Mathematics and Statistics: Joseph Ford

Environmental Studies: Tony Turner

Educational Psychology & Early Years: Court Bayliss

Anthropology: Lieke Kermes

Meeting Minutes:

University of Victoria Graduate Students Society

July 24th, 2018, 5-7 PM

Graduate Representative Council

University of Victoria Graduate Students Society
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

RESOLVED

M/S MOORE/OSBORNE

MOTION: RESOLVED that the agenda is approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

RESOLVED

M/S TRACY/RAMHINI

MOTION: RESOLVED that the agenda is approved as amended.

RESOLVED

IN FAVOR: 10, OPPOSED: 4, ABSTENTION: 0

M/S BALDWIN/GRUNFELT

OVER discussion: 35 minutes for Student Survey presentation.
Amendment to the motion: RESOLVED to change the agenda time allocation to 30 minutes for discussion of enrollment.

RESOLVED: Several GRC members expressed interest in more time on the agenda being allocated to the discussion.

This request to the committee.

RESOLVED: The question was referred to the Student Affairs Committee.

MOTION: RESOLVED that the agenda is approved as presented.

STANDING ITEMS

Call to Order

Land Acknowledgement

Quantum Achieved: Yes

CGS Graduate Representative Council Minutes

July 27, 2018
DISCUSSION:

who would be retiring the work forward, and more financial information would be known.

2. To table the motion further, until the fall when there would be a new complement of GRC members

For the GRC to vote on the March 20, 2018 tabled motion:

Suggested the options at this point would be:

CLARK also reported that the GRC should make the final decision. Therefore, the Executive

CLARK reported that the board voted unanimously that now was not the time for G5 to join GAVT. However

workload priorities changed to the 2018-19 board, including the RA utilization drive:

- how GAVT memberships fits with the strategic plan; and
- the current G5 brand position.

The executive board specifically looked the GAVT membership proposal in the context of:

At the close of the last GRC meeting, after a group was lost, the remaining attendees asked the executive board

C. GAVT MEMBERSHIP - DISCUSSION TIME EXTENDED TO 30 MINUTES

HORAN asked for volunteers to host the Welcome Weekend events Sept 14/15.

MAHRA will circulate a signup sheet in a few weeks looking for volunteers from other departments.

HORAN for Mathematics and Statistics

KERMAN for Anthropology

TIAN for Environmental Science

GOULD for Computer Science, Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Civil)

orientation. The following GRC attendees volunteered:

Following past years’ practice, the director of services, Maria Mahra, will take the lead for orientation

B. ORIENTATION VOLUNTEERS

Representations, ISAPOUR asked for any members with feedback to email him directly, asscharr@uw.ca.

ISAPOUR expressed appreciation for the work done by all GRC councillors who served in 2017-18 and

A. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

MEETING BUSINESS

TRAN/GNUFKE volunteers

ASSIGNMENT OF TMEKEEPER

July 4th, 2018
discussion recommended regarding the wording and content of an acceptable motion. It was decided to return

CARDED

M/S HOBAN/RAHMAN

Motion: To further extend the discussion time for this item by 5 minutes.

The extended time for the GAVT approached the end.

The financial obligation and future executive and GRCs are extensive, and a substantial number of members were想念 which was expected with re-launching the restaurant and cafe.

However, what was unexpected was the large drop in enrollment this year, which has cut GSS with $20,000 less expected that incomes are very tight this year. This was expected with re-launching the restaurant and cafe, and asked about the specific membership fees. BALDWIN responded that the fee for the first year is $700. After

for GSS to be involved with GAVT other than through membership. Represented, while GAVT does good work, McCracken suggested there were other, more affordable ways of participating. While GAVT does good work, McCracken suggested that if the financial obligation and future executive and GRCs, and asked about the specific membership fees, BALDWIN responded that the fee for the first year is $700. After

on these issues, there would be multiple tangible benefits. However, as membership in GAVT would offer tangible benefits to GSS members, BALDWIN and TRAN

TRAN recognized that any cost would require the money to be shifted from other spending.

be raised to an acceptable level in the interim to raise funding, etc. No time/movement is required.

SONNEMAN asked about national student organizations.

with larger organizations of its kind and other regional student organizations, exceeding the scope, and the organizations being informed of the policy that GSS continues to support collaborative affiliations.

McCracken spoke about GAVT's broader scope in relationship building, not only work on social justice issues.

HOBAN asked if membership in GAVT would offer tangible benefits to GSS members, BALDWIN and TRAN

on these issues.

if there is a delay, it is the executive board that is responsible with budgeting and long-term strategic plan for membership.

Approaching GAVT regarding a modified membership to accommodate any financial concerns, or

past GSS Chair, Susan Kim, suggested there were other options including:

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July 24th, 2018
MAULVAIC expressed appreciation for the work on the findings presentation making the findings readable and
ethical commitments made to the respondents.

MAILER reminded the GRC that raw data cannot be circulated and shared amongst all members due to
received the full findings presentation in advance to study and prepare.

SOMERFIELD suggested that one member would be more prepared for a discussion on actions if they had
members' lack of knowledge about CSS and the health and dental insurance.

RAHIMI expressed interest in discussing what actions, strategies to take regarding basic findings such as
that the GRC use this time to discuss the implications and next steps to work with and respond to the findings.

After the initial slides were presented, GRC members expressed concern that due to the reduced agenda time
their knowledge about CSS and participation in services and events
the demographic breakdown of the 65 members who participated
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In addition to presenting the updated findings presentation, slides, including:
As per the June 26th GRC request to view the presentation of the student survey findings, once a second
D. SURVEY RESULTS’ ANALYSIS – 35 MINTUES (REDUCED TIME)

ISAPOUR reconvened the meeting at 6:12 pm.

Meeting recessed at 6:05 pm.

CARDED
M/S GRIHALDE/CLARK
Motion: That the GRC meeting adjourn for a 5 minute recess.

In Favor: 10  Opposed: 4  Abstention: 1 (CLARK)

THAN/HORAN
membership dues model
FURTHER RESOLVED that the finance committee provide recommendations for the most feasible
coalition as a partner organization for one year.
Motion, with friendly amendment: RESOLVED the GSS join the Greater Victoria Action Together
Discussion: members were supportive of supporting the motion to commit CSS to joining GAT for 1 year at

HORAN/MAULVAICE
model
BRIEF the finance committee provide recommendations for the most feasible membership dues
coalition as a partner organization.

Motion (as tabled from March 20, 2018): BRIEF the GSS join the Greater Victoria Action Together

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

M/S: CLARK/MARTIN
Motion: RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNED

Next GSS Meeting: September 25, 2018, 5 pm

September, please ensure a process happens for your department.
Departments will need to hold elections for representatives to the 2018-19 GSS in early weeks of September. Please volunteer and help to welcome our new members.

Department orientations begin last week of August. GSS welcome events will be held the first

Upcoming GSS Deadlines and Events:

IMPORTANT DATES

CLOSING ITEMS

M/S: GURKHET/O'SBORNE
and/or relevant committees and staff.

Motion: To refer to the results of the Graduate Student Survey back to the Student Affairs

unmitigating GSS had been set as a GSS priority for 2018-19.

MICRA/CEN asked for work on the findings regarding Research Assistants be prioritized given that the

Conventions and responsibilities are adhered to.

Chapier emphasized the importance of ensuring the GSS members within the specifics in social science

plan for use and sharing.

proposed, she suggested that the findings are referred back to the Student Affairs Committee to determine a

July 26, 2018

KLP

Approved, Chair

Approved, Executive Director