



## ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Abhishek Somanagoudar, Sam Kenston, Violeta Fabini, Stephen Odoi, Isha Gill, Fiana Kawane, Olivia Tsihlias, Alexandre Babin, Tonje Molyneux, Firoozeh Gerayeli, Daemon Cline, Simar Nagpal, Shishir Nurul.

**Regrets:**

**Absent:**

**Quorum:** 16 Councillors. This meeting did not reach quorum.

## CALL TO ORDER AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

### 1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting will be called to order at 6:20 pm.

### 1.2 AGENDA ADOPTION

**BIRT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Mover:**

**Second:**

**Result:**

## TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**President:**

## INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions.

## 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 2.1 GSS COUNCIL MINUTES

**BIRT** the following GSS Council minutes be approved:

[July 20th, 2023](#)

**Mover:**

**Second:**

**Result:**



## 2.2 COMMITTEE MINUTES

**BIRT** the following GSS Committee minutes be approved:

<b>Academic &amp; External Committee:</b>		<b>Human Resources Committee:</b>	
<b>Code &amp; Policy Committee:</b>		<b>AMS Caucus:</b>	
<b>Engagement &amp; Elections Committee:</b>		<b>Graduate Council:</b>	
<b>Executive Committee:</b>		<b>Health and Dental Plan Caucus:</b>	
<b>Executive Oversight Committee</b>		<b>All-Chairs:</b>	July 14, 2023
<b>Governance &amp; Accountability Committee:</b>		<b>House Finance Committee:</b>	Jul 18, 2023; August , 2023

**Mover:**

**Second:**

**Result:**

## 3 SEATINGS

### 3.1 NEW COUNCILLORS

**BIRT** the following Seating of new Councillors be approved:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>
Maryann Rogers	Population and Public Health
Kathleen Gill (reseated)	Institute for the Ocean and Fisheries

**Mover:**

**Second:**

**Result:**



## 3.2 EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES SEATINGS

All GSS Councillors are required by the bylaws to sit on at least one committee.

[Committee descriptions and meeting times can be found here.](#)

**BIRT** the seating of the following external representatives be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee	Position	Vacancies
Faculty of Arts Council		Representative	1
Graduate Council Caucus		Representative	3
AMS Caucus	Aroshi Senayake, Binura Senavirathna, Vignesh Krishnamoorthy	Representative	3
Health & Dental		Representative	0

**Mover:**

**Second:**

**Result:**

## 3.3 COMMITTEE SEATINGS

All GSS Councillors shall endeavor to sit on at least one committee as per Policy 6.2.2.

[Committee descriptions and meeting times can be found here.](#)

**BIRT** the following Committee seatings be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee	Position	Vacancies
Academic & External		Councillor	2
		Ordinary Member	1
Code & Policy		Councillor	3
		Ordinary Member	2
Engagement & Elections		Councillor	4
		Ordinary Member	2
Executive Oversight		Councillor	5
		Ordinary Member	2
		Councillor	5



Governance & Accountability		Ordinary Member	0
House Finance		Councillor	3
		Ordinary Member	3
Human Resources		Councillor	3
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**Mover:**

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**Result:**

### 3.4 COMMITTEE CHAIR SEATINGS

**BIRT** the following Committee Chair Seatings be approved:

Committee/Caucus	Nominee
House Finance Chair	Atul Aravindakshan

**Mover:** House Finance  
Committee

**Result:**

## 4 MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 4.1 AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION

**WHEREAS** the following organizations have submitted a petition for recognition as an Affiliate Organization,

**BIRT** the following organizations be recognized as Affiliate Organizations for one year, ending at the meeting of Council in August 2024:

Name of Affiliate Organization	Representative
BMEGA	John Price



**MOVER:** VP Students

**SECONDER:**

**RESULT:**

## 4.2 HONORARY MEMBERS NOMINATIONS

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**WHEREAS** the following members have contributed significantly to the Graduate student society in the groups of their term

**WHEREAS** they satisfy the conditions stated in Bylaw 3.2.1.

**BIRT** The following members be conferred honorary membership in accordance with Bylaw 3.2.1.

Devarsh Bhonde

**BIFRT** the GSS Council directs the Code and Policy Committee to update the list of Honorary Members in the Policy manual.

**MOVER:**

**SECONDER:**

**RESULT:**

## 5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

### 5.1 YEAR END ACTUALS VS BUDGET PRESENTATION

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**Presenter:** Abhishek Somanagoudar (FO)

**Time:** 20 minutes

**Description:** Presentation about GSS Finances

**Objective:** To present a general overview of the year end actuals vs budget

**Relevant materials:** [Presentation](#)



## 6 MATTERS TO NOTE

Time reserved for questions regarding updates below.

### 6.1 EXECUTIVES

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#### 6.1.1 President:

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#### 6.1.2 Financial Officer

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- In talks with a new accountant (Zoho Books) – Proposal to be sent
- (Point of contact person – Zack)
- Zoho books – multiple individual accounts who use the platform (4-5 proposals to be presented in the meeting)
- Meeting with Enkel on Thursday – to get a revised invoice for maintaining our accounts.
- Approval is needed before sept – to keep Enkel on board for one month
- August is the end date for the current contract with Enkel
- Following up with Scotiabank representative for GLC of \$150,000
- Health and Dental Plan moved from refund model to full funded model

#### 6.1.3 VP University & Academic Affairs

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#### 6.1.4 VP External Relations

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- Completed SMART goals in accordance to our retreat meetings
- Met with ABCS , SFU , UVic and GSSBC to discuss plans for the virtual roundtable with the Minister of Advanced Education
- Met with Charlotte and prepared surveys for tailored networking events and to gather data to present to the government
- Researching and drafting of information to support our case in the virtual roundtable
- Arranged meeting with the Federal Government
- Met with different stakeholders interested in participating in networking events

#### 6.1.5 VP Students

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- Planning and coordinating Gradstart and orientation related events/activities
- Participating in weekly GLC governance/planning and programing meetings



- Interviewing candidates for GSS work learn positions (Events Production Assistant, Electoral and Student Engagement Officer, and IDA (Information Desk Attendant))

## 6.2 COMMITTEES

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### 6.2.1 Academic & External Committee

### 6.2.2 Code & Policy Committee

### 6.2.3 Engagement & Elections Committee

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### 6.2.4 Executive Committee

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### 6.2.5 Executive Oversight Committee

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### 6.2.6 Governance & Accountability Committee

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KPI surveys and midterm/final reports on SMART goals

### 6.2.7 House Finance Committee

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Approved CPIF Funds for Equipment and Furniture purchase

- Discussion related to the accounting services provider ongoing
- Banking Services provider for GSS ongoing
- Upcoming discussions:
- Reviewing food vendors contracts for GLC
- Review Financial procedure manual updates

### 6.2.8 Human Resources

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## 6.2.9 AMS Caucus

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## 6.2.10 Graduate Council Caucus

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## 6.3 SENATORS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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### 6.3.1 Senators:

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### 6.3.2 Board of Governors Representatives:

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## 7 NOTICES

### 7.1 NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

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**Date:** Thursday, September 21 2023 at 5:30 pm

**Location:** Michael Kingsmill Forum

### 7.2 NOTICE OF UNSEATINGS

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Victoria Barclay was unseated as Ordinary member of the Code & Policy Committee

Ruby Anderson was unseated as Ordinary member of the Human Resources Committee

Tej Shah was unseated as Ordinary member of the Human Resources Committee

Chijioke was unseated as Ordinary member of the Human Resources Committee

Nick Phin was unseated as Ordinary member of the Human Resources Committee

Teesha Luehr was unseated as Councillor of the Human Resources Committee

Jimin Jung was unseated as Ordinary member of the Governance & Accountability Committee

Devarsh Bhonde was unseated as Chair of the House Finance Committee

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## 8 ADJOURNMENT

**BIRT** there being no further business the meeting be adjourned at 6:21 pm.

**Mover:** Tonje

**Second:** Daemon

**Result:** Carried