



Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
Graduate Students' Association

OISE GSA Council Meeting

Date: Friday, May 31st

Time: 6:00PM – 7:30 PM (Eastern Time, US and Canada)

Location: Zoom

<https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/86448861214>

Password: 396277

Attendance



OISE GSA President	Aytaj Pashayeva
OISE GSA VP Academic	Dareen Fatimah
OISE GSA VP Finance	Willis Opondo
OISE GSA VP Internal	Matthew Plaskett
APHD DSA Rep	
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CTL DSA Rep	
CTL DSA Rep	
CTL DSA Rep	
LHAE DSA Rep	Henry Ssali
LHAE DSA Rep	
LHAE DSA Rep	
SJE DSA Rep	Purity Kimayo
SJE DSA Rep	Usha Sharma
SJE DSA Rep	
SAS PSA Rep	
SAS PSA Rep	
SAS PSA Rep	
ELP P/T-F/T PSA Rep	
ELP PSA Rep	
ELP PSA Rep	
AECD PSA Rep	Stephanie Chartrand
CIDE PSA Rep	
CIDE PSA Rep	
CSE PSA Rep	
CSE PSA Rep	



DPE PSA Rep	
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ISA PSA Rep	Aliya Mustafina
ISA PSA Rep	
MTSA PSA Rep	
GSA General Member	Lynne Alexandrova
GSA General Member	
GSA General Member	
GSA General Member	
Guest Alumni	
CUPE 3902 Union Unit 7 Lead Steward	

Agenda	
1. Meeting Called to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The meeting was called to order by Matthew at 6:15pm
2. Welcome & Introductions (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief introduction of name, program, and organization that you represent
3. Vote to Approve the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The agenda for the meeting was presented to the attendees. - Motion: Aliya - Second: Steph - Vote to Approve: Steph, Willis Aytaj, Aliya, - Vote Against: None - Abstentions: None
4. Executive Reports (10 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The OISE GSA Constitution Article 3, Section 6 states, "Each Executive member shall present a report at every Council meeting, or provide a written report if unable to attend in person." The reports can be found below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President - VP Internal - VP Academic - VP Finance - Vote to receive the executive reports - Motion: Steph - Second: Aliya



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Vote in Favour: Steph, Aliya, Purity, Aytaj, Henry, Willis- Vote Against: None- Abstentions: None
5. Standing Committee Registration (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Standing committee descriptions & overview<ul style="list-style-type: none">-  Standing Committee Descriptions- Standing committee sign-up form<ul style="list-style-type: none">-  GSA Standing Committee Sign-...- Executive will also send out an email via the listserv to recruit general OISE students who are interested in volunteering- If council members or students have any questions, inquiries, or concerns regarding the committees, they are encouraged to reach out to VP Internal- Post will also go out on social media in the coming weeks
6. 2024/2025 Financial update (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Financial update from VP Finance<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We are still in 2023/2024 budget- Willis is currently working on 2024/2025 budget, which will start on August 31st
7. Summer picnic (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our first planned event of the year will be a “Summer Picnic”<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tentative date: July 6th or July 27th (might change)- If members have any previous knowledge or experience of good picnic locations, they are encouraged to let the executive team know- Inviting/collaborating with alumni- More information, invitations to come<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Invitations 3 weeks in advance- Purpose of picnic is to start an “OISE GSA Picnic” tradition as a way to build community with OISE students across all departments and degree types- Introducing new team



8. Reinstating the OISE GSA (10 minutes)

- Brief update regarding UTGSU
 - Matthew provided update regarding the DSA letter sent to UTGSU executive team
- Strategizing next steps
 - Following up and being strict with timelines
 - See if there are any bottlenecks or concerns that they want to raise
 - Thinking of next steps *if* things do not work out in our favour
 - Invite people to join a strategic group with OISE GSA
 - Lynne available to help support with logistics
 - Determine which UTGSU executive members are in charge of coordinating OISE GSA reinstatement
 - Having a contact on the UTGSU B.O.D. will help provide insight on what is going behind the scenes, encouraging OISE student(s) to apply
 - Push for meeting with UTGSU ASAP
 - Strategies for negotiations, being prepared, knowing all the facts and our ultimate goal
 - Defending why we deserve to be reinstated, why we deserve to receive our funding of over \$100,000
 - Sharing that we are now a registered nonprofit → don't share prior to meeting, but wait until we are in negotiations
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an important document to reference in our meetings → *needs* to be honoured
 - Issues that led to the suspension of the OISE GSA have been fixed



9. Regular council meeting time (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Currently, the third Thursday of the month in the evening works best for everyone- Form if you have not yet filled it out GSA Council Meeting Preferences
10. Other Business (5 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attendees had the opportunity to raise any additional matters or concerns.
11. Next meeting date and time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The next meeting is to be scheduled based upon results of the GSA Council Meeting Preferences form
12. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Motion to adjourn the meeting- Motion: Willis- Second: Usha- In favor: Everyone- Against: None- Abstentions: None- The meeting was adjourned by Matthew at 7:14pm