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Agenda / Ordre du jour

Annual General Meeting / Assemblée générale annuelle

Thursday, April 5th, 2018 at 1:00 PM / Jeudi le 5 avril 2018 à 13 h

Room/Salle C-204

1. Welcoming Remarks / Remarques introductives
2. Verification of Quorum / Vérification du quorum
3. Adoption of the Agenda / Adoption de l'ordre du jour
4. Approval of the minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting / Adoption des procès-verbaux de l'assemblée générale annuelle 2017
5. Adoption of the 2018-2019 budget / Adoption du budget 2018-2019
6. Consideration of Motions/Considération des Propositions
7. Executive Reports / Rapports exécutifs
 - Discussion on 2018-2019 student fees / Discussion des frais d'étudiants
 - Update on business cards / Mise à jour sur des cartes d'affaires
 - Access to resources (personal and sexual health; non-perishable food)
 - Future steps between all Laurentian University Student Associations
8. Other Business / Varia
9. Adjournment / Levée de la reunion

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Who makes up the GSA|AÉÉS?

There are three levels of representation that comprise the GSA|AÉÉS:

Executive Council:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Social Convener(s)

Constituency Commissioners:

- International Commissioner
- Women's Commissioner
- Commissioner Francophone
- Sexual and Gender Diversity Commissioner
- Aboriginal Commissioner
- Union Commissioner
- Mature & Part-time Commissioner

Program Representatives:

- MSc. Computer Science
- PhD. Human Studies
- MSc. S. Orthophonie
- MA. Applied Psychology
- Masters' of Human Kinetics
- MSc. Physics
- Science Communication
- Interdisciplinary Health
- Humanities

These positions are held for one year terms (May 1st to April 31st).

Our involvement extends into many facets of the Laurentian University Community; we hold representation in the following areas:

Senate/Sénat (2), Board of Governors/Conseil des gouverneurs (GSA & CUPE 5011), Graduate Council/Conseil des études supérieures, Joint Committee on Bilingualism/Comite conjoint du bilinguisme, Academic Planning Committee/Comite organisationnel sur la planification academique, Food Services Committee/Comite des services d'alimentation, Archives and Library Systems Committee/Comité des systems de la bibliotheque et les archives, Accessibility Committee/Comite sur l'accessibilite, Committee for English Language Programs (CELP), Bio Hazards Safety Committee/Comite de la security contre les contaminants biologiques, Security and Parking Committee/Comite sur la securite et le stationnement, IT Governance Committee/Comite sur la gouvernance IT, Academic Regulations and Awards Committee/Comite des regulations academiques et de l'attribution des prix, Presidential Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, Teaching and Learning Committee, Teaching Excellence Award Selection

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Committee, University Accounts Committee, Research, Development and Creativity Council, Student Appeals/Appels étudiants, Joint Association Meetings, CFS Provincial Executive Representative/Représentante à l'exécutif provincial de la FCÉE, Alumni Association Board of Directors, Sexual Assault Policy Committee, and LU Club Executive.

Consideration of Motions – Considération des Propositions

Motions Submitted for Constitutional Amendments – Mouvements soumis pour les Amendements Constitutionnels:

1. Be it resolved that the words “Aboriginal Commissioner in Article 4, ii) b) in the *Constitution of the Laurentian University Graduate Students' Association* be amended to read “Indigenous Commissioner”.
Qu'il soit résolu que les mots <<Commissionaire Autochtones>> à l'article 4 ii) b) de la CONSTITUTION DE L'ASSOCIATION DES ÉTUDIANTES ET ÉTUDIANTS AUX ÉTUDES SUPÉRIEURES DE L'UNIVERSITÉ LAURENTIENNE sont modifié a <<Commissionaire Autochtones>>.



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President's report:

- Food services holds a monthly meeting and provides updates on what their future direction intends to be and allows members of a variety of entities within the Laurentian community to provide feedback on their services. The GSA's involvement within this committee has primarily been to provide feedback on concerns our students have raised and their needs. Over the past year we have discussed concerns relating to dietary restrictions and cultural awareness in the food that Chartwell's offers.
- Labour disruption
 - Town Hall facilitated by Graduate Studies to discuss the potential impact that the labour disruption on Graduate Students and their GTAs. Myself and Mia were present at the discussion to answer any questions. At this time we were without an Executive Director, all email correspondence was answered by me and Mia. During student lead movements on campus to interact with and support faculty members, we took to the lines to hear from faculty and gain additional information.



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- Donations:
 - This year for Giving Tuesday, the GSA donated to the Student Food Bank at Laurentian University.
 - LUPSA Cultural Camp (for food and supplies).
 - While not a donation, the GSA made purchases from Ojibway Naturals to hold raffles.



- Fees protocol
 - Once a month, presidents from every student association meet with administration to review past, current, and future auxiliary fees. This year we were asked about the possibility of implementing an increase in fees that would go to the following groups: LUCERT, Pride, the Women's Centre, and ISA. Currently, the SGA and AEF have implemented student fees to be allocated to these groups (approximately \$2.00 per group mentioned). The GSA requested additional information from each of the groups relating to operating budgets and how the implementation of increasing fees would be used. Following the information provided from each of these groups, the committee has discussed the potential for a referendum in the fall which would allow every student to vote in favour or opposition of increasing fees in order to support the four above mentioned groups. We will be reaching out to the four groups in order to put together informational materials that will be sent to our members, as well as holding open discussions prior to referendum.

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- Visits from Ministers
 - On November 14th, 2017 we were visited by Patty Hajdu (Minister of Employment, Workforce, Development, and Labour and Paul Lefebvre (Liberal MP for Sudbury); to discuss youth employment and the Youth Employment Strategy.
 - Kathleen Wynne came to Sudbury on February 12th 2017 to hear from our three post-secondary institutions. Following her public forum period the student associations had the opportunity to speak with her and have their questions answered. During this time she and I had the opportunity to speak about the importance of increasing mental health care in the North for students.
- Executive Directors
 - During the 2017-2018 academic year we have had three Executive Directors in our office. Each brought strength and their own talents to our association. As a result of the high turnover, we have experienced difficulty in moving forward with our website and newsletters. The training period of each Executive Director take approximately a month and a half and requires lots of guidance from both the President and Vice-President. We often have to triage things that come across our desk and our Health Insurance takes priority. Each of our Executive Directors receives hands on training directly from Green Shield (GSC) and is in constant communication with GSC. In the event that an Executive Director feels as though they require any additional training to excel and thrive in their position, we facilitate that training.
- Sexual Violence Disclosure Training (EDHRO)
 - In conjunction with Western University, our Equity, Diversity, and Human Rights Office (EDHRO), we were invited to participate in a focus group for a new program – Sexual Violence Disclosure Training. Over two days, Executives from every student association was invited to attend and provide feedback. We continue to have an open dialogue with EDHRO on a variety of topics and will continue to work with them in regards to this new training.
- Mental Health Awareness Week – Bell Let's Talk
 - During Bell Let's Talk, the GSA facilitated a yoga class in the round room open. While our turn out was small this is a something that we would like to consider doing again throughout the year for students. In partnership with the other student associations, we helped to facilitate a painting activity where all members of the Laurentian Community were invited to paint anything on a giant canvas. The canvas will be put up in the hall way leading to Accessibility. We also hosted a booth in the Atrium were we held a raffle for two baskets from Ojibway Naturals.
- 2018-2023 Strategic Plan
 - During second semester, the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan was unveiled.

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- Wine and Cheese
 - We hosted our annual Wine and Cheese on Thursday January 18th. Attendance for the event was positive; approximately 45 people attended and had the opportunity to interact with our council.

- President's Meeting
 - During second semester, the Executive members had the opportunity to meet with President Pierre Zundel and Administration to discuss issues faced by our students. Items covered included: the impact of the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan on Graduate Students; increasing/enhancing services for International Students; mental health; writing assistance; and office space for Graduate Students.

- Training
 - While some members of our council have received Safe Space training, we are looking to coordinate with Pride to host two training sessions annually for any member of the GSA (council or student), who is interested in receiving the training. Currently both the President (Amber) and the Vice-President (Mia) have received Safe Space Training.

- Policy on Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities
 - This year we were educated on the previous policy and the significant gaps that it created for students. The previous policy had not seen any updates or renewal for 20 years and was in violation of the Human Rights Code legislations and violated rights on accommodation. During the February Senate, student senators from every student association fought for the needs of all students and were able to help get the new policy passed. The new policy reflects the needs to students, is easily accessible, uses correct language, and faces annual renewal.

- Security
 - We are working to enhance the security of the GSA office with the intent of obtaining a spider alert system, removing one of the exterior doors (if possible), discussing adding an additional camera, and creating a safety plan.
 - Over the year we have also encountered issues with the chalk board in the bowling alley regarding the use of inappropriate language and statements. Wanting every individual to feel comfortable writing on and seeing the board to be comfortable, we will be communicating what is appropriate and inappropriate for the board to multiple entities within the Laurentian community to reach as many people as possible.
 - Following statements posted on UMENTIONED Laurentian during the second semester, GSA and AEF had a meeting with one of their administrators about inappropriate content being posted. This meeting was very productive and we talked about ways that we can work together in the future to mitigate the posting of inappropriate content.

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- Resources
 - The GSA has taken the lead this year in developing and providing access to resources for all students. Through the purchase of a shelving unit we have been able to stock the shelves with personal care products (soap, pads, tampons, and condoms), non-perishable food items (and snacks), and lists of resources. Other student associations, as well as student life services have indicated an interest in contributing to our unit. In the near future we will be adding additional items to our shelves.

- Relations between associations
 - At the end of March the Presidents from GSA, SGA, AEF, and LAMPS had a meeting in the GSA office to discuss the issues being faced by all students at Laurentian and in the North. Among the list of issues included: mental health, cost of living, transportation, housing, and access to opportunity. From the discussion, the associations agreed that they all collectively have a role to play to voice the needs of our students. The GSA will be hosting and facilitating a town hall event in the fall of 2018 to bring students and administration together to hear their needs on a variety of topics in order to propel a student lead movement. Together the associations will be putting together a survey that will be sent to all students that will address the struggles of studying in the North.
 - We intend to continue to work with the other students associations and build our relationships.

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