

Graduate Student Council

GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 4th, 2019 **TIME:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

PLACE: Cardinal Room, Student Centre East

1. Welcome & Dinner
2. Elections: Conducted by President Anna (Voting done by raising hands)
 - a. Presidential Candidate – Sai Siva Kare
 - i. Started with his background with GSC.
 - ii. Currently serving as the Treasurer of GSC
 - iii. Believes GSC purpose is bigger and wants to make it possible.
 - iv. Was asked future plans with GSC:
 - Wants to strengthen various ongoing GSC projects:
 - a. bringing maps inside a few buildings for better navigation,
 - b. making women washrooms fully equipped with sanitary services,
 - c. develop Graduate experience academically.
 - v. Leaves the room for voting.
 - vi. Voted as the President with majority votes.
 - b. Vice President Candidate – Biswajeet Maharathi
 - i. Started with his Background with GSC
 - ii. Serves as Executive Committee member as well as Representative
 - iii. Serves as the Student Senator at UIC senate
 - iv. Wants to integrate administration with graduate students
 - v. Appeals the representatives to join UIC senate
 - vi. Was asked future plans with GSC:
 - Wants GSC to be more involved in academic activities
 - Talks about involving Graduate students with the UIC administration and his plans to do so
 - vii. Leaves the room for voting
 - viii. Voted as Vice President with majority votes.
 - c. Treasurer Candidate – Sivaraman Lakshmipathy
 - i. Explains his brief history with GSC
 - ii. Served as the Executive Committee member
 - iii. Wants GSC to be the voice of Graduate Students
 - iv. Was Asked future plans with GSC and about the recent GEO strike
 - Is dedicated to serve GSC with economic point of view as well as managerial
 - Wants to come up with a contingency plan to uplift GSC
 - Intends to help the Graduate Student Employee community
 - v. Leaves the room for voting
 - vi. Voted as Treasurer with majority votes

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- d. Secretary Candidate – Ritesh Jagatramka
 - i. Serves as a GSC Representative since September 2018
 - ii. Shares his views about promoting GSC and all the events
 - iii. Leaned towards letting the Graduate Students know about how GSC is serving the student community
 - iv. Dedicated to help the Committee
 - v. Was asked about his take on GSC and as a fairly new addition to the officer's position, what would he want to change as a Secretary.
 - He spoke more about his plans in promoting GSC as a whole and publicizing all its events.
 - Wants to come up with various ideas to reach out and help Students on personal as well as academic levels.
 - He wants to serve the Graduate Student Community by connecting them to the right person as and when required
 - vi. Walks out for voting.
 - vii. Voted as the Secretary with majority votes.
3. Tingting Ding - GSC Representative from Department of Political science
 - a. Spoke about UIC senate and urges student to consider a post in the UIC senate.
 - b. Spoke about the Safety Issues on UIC campus
 - c. Shared her views about GEO strike. Says it's a major attraction and would want to try to resolve the matter by joining the Budget Planning and Priority committee.
 - d. She requests GSC reps for participation in the monthly meetings
4. Heidi Smith - English Department
 - a. Spoke about event organized on 16th April at the SCE Tower.
 - b. "How millennials became the burnout Generation"
 - c. Invited everyone for the event and gives out handouts with the event details.
5. Biswajeet Maharathi – Brief talk about UIC senate
 - a. Explained various leadership roles which are open for Graduate Representatives
 - b. Spoke briefly about workload involving in each of the positions
 - c. Encouraged everyone to consider the positions
6. Representatives Sign In and Adjournment of the General GSC Meeting

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