**Gateway Student Journalism Society**
**Meeting Minutes**
**May 20, 2026**

**Present**
Lee CRAIG
Evan CRUICKSHANK
Teren HAZZARD
Leah HENNIG
Braiden JANES
Davis MALONEY
Ione NIXON-HERMANSEN
Katie TEELING
Logan WEST

**Absent**
Areeha MAHAL

**Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by TEELING.

**Motion to Approve Agenda**
TEELING moved. HAZZARD seconded. Unanimous vote.

**Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes**
Meeting minutes include minutes from April 15 and May 2,.

CRUICKSHANK moved to approve the May 2 meeting. CRAIG seconded. Unanimous vote. JANES and MALONEY abstained.

WEST, CRUICKSHANK, JANES and David abstained from voting on April 15 minutes. HENNIG moved. HAZZARD seconded. Unanimous vote.

**Special Orders**
Selection of New Officers:

- Chair: HAZZARD nominated TEELING for chair. TEELING accepted. CRAIG seconded. HENNIG abstained. Unanimous vote.
- Secretary: TEELING nominated HAZZARD. HAZZARD accepted. HENNIG seconded. Unanimous vote.
- Treasurer: JANES nominated himself. HENNIG seconded. Unanimous vote.

Selection of Committee Members:
- TEELING explains committee duties. HENNIG explains the Governance Committee.
- Finance Committee: following nominated themselves and seconded by HENNIG. Unanimous vote.
    - CRUICKSHANK
    - TEELING
    - HAZZARD
    - HENNIG (automatic)
    - JANES (automatic)
    - MALONEY (automatic)
    - WEST (automatic)
- Human Resources Committee: following nominated themselves and seconded by MALONEY. Unanimous vote.
    - HAZZARD
    - TEELING
    - CRAIG
    - WEST
- Governance Committee: following nominated themselves and seconded by MALONEY. Unanimous vote.
    - CRUICKSHANK
    - HAZZARD
    - CRAIG
    - HENNIG (automatic)

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

EiC Report: HENNIG
- New staff settling in.
- Publishing consistently once a day.
- Possible splitting of space with the Landing… but HENNIG will keep the board updated.

Executive Director Report: MALONEY
- Preparing the budget for next month's meeting.
- In conversation with ATB and researching investment opportunities.
- Finalized upcoming formal contract of $7100 in revenue.
- There are advertisers who have yet to pay that MALONEY is in contact with.
- Beginning to work on a deal with the Golden Bears about an ad space deal.

Managing Editor Report: CRUICKSHANK

- Speaking with TEELING and CRAIG about meeting with staff about reviewing internal processes, the Code of Conduct, getting in contact with the board, and the complaint process.

Finance Committee Update: MALONEY
- Covered in Executive Director report.

Grievance Committee: CRAIG and HAZZARD
- CRAIG shared how the complaint was filed on March 25. Grievance Committee has existed with Unees, CRAIG, and HAZZARD since April. The committee is coming to the end of interviews and will be considering testimonies. The committee will have a decision or resolution by the next board meeting or at a meeting before that. HAZZARD confirmed this information.

**For Discussion**

EiC Vision: HENNIG
- Building on last year's progress
- Invest on smaller items including SD cards, lights, batteries, battery chargers, and camera equipment.
- Continuing monthly print editions and fine-tuning process.
- Continue building short-form videos, inviting more staff and volunteers to be involved.
- Cultivating a volunteer community with monthly mixers, bi-weekly workshop hours, and involvement in non-writing opportunities.
- Continue to build community presence to establish trust with the public and find new stories with publicly-geared seminars/panels/events and reaching out to campus organizations early to introduce *The Gateway.*
- Build a library of long-term resources for staff and volunteers.
- Expand by adding a beat reporter position on a specific topic/area of interest with five to ten articles. Applicants can bring an area of interest.
- Comments from Board Members:
    - HAZZARD asked about volunteer involvement in the print edition and communication on piece selection. HAZZARD shared how he was not told when his article was printed and wished he was. HENNIG said volunteers should be informed if their piece is being put in the print edition and HAZZARD was supposed to be told by their line editor.
    - JANES asked if short form content could be adapted to other forms. HENNIG shared how it could be adapted fairly simply to YouTube shorts. CRUICKSHANK shared that they hope to expand it to longform YouTube videos

    as well. CRUICKSHANK shared how their main idea is looking for how they can expand and if live streams were possible.
    - JANES asked about how we have connected with campus organizations in the past. HENNIG spoke to club turn over and how by building contacts with individuals, we can build connections with larger groups, and take feedback to better ourselves.
    - CRAIG asked about what the hold up with CJSR could be, whether they are too busy or not. HENNIG shared that they have struggled to get an email response from them.

TEELING looked favourably to move in camera. HAZZARD motion to be in camera. JANES seconded. Unanimous vote. MALONEY abstained.

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**For Approval**
Special status for Grievance Committee members no longer a part of the GSJS, Unees HUSSAIN.

- HUSSAIN would not have voting rights, but special status to be on the board until the Grievance Committee finishes their work. HAZZARD suggests we give a hard cut off of July for special status. TEELING clarified that he would not fill in the Undergraduate Student Representative role. JANES clarified if this is for continuity of knowledge on the issue of the Grievance Committee. CRAIG, TEELING, and HAZZARD confirmed that it was for this complaint and not a continual committee.
- HAZZARD moved motion. JANES seconded. HENNIG abstained. Unanimous vote.

Candidates for Board Positions

- TEELING asked to move in camera. JANES moved. MALONEY seconded. Unanimous vote. TEELING shared their screen and read aloud the applicants.
- Candidates for Undergraduate Student-at-Large Representative position
    - Applicant: Lila Assif
    - TEELING asked for a motion to vote for Undergraduate Student-at-Large Representative. JANES motioned. CRUICKSHANK seconded. Unanimous to vote. Unanimous to vote for Lila Assif.
- Candidates for Graduate Student-at-Large Representative position
    - Applicants: Mohsen Gholizadeh and Riya Dilman
    - TEELING asked for a motion to vote for Graduate Student-at-Large Representative. HAZZARD motioned. CRAIG seconded. Unanimous. Unanimous votes for Mohsen Gholizadeh.

- Candidates for Community Representative position
    - Applicants: 2 missed the deadline and no one else applied. TEELING suggests we extend the deadline and remind people.

HAZZARD moved to move out of camera. JANES seconded. Unanimous.

**For approval**

Lila Assif was voted for Undergraduate Student-at-Large Representative and Mohsen Gholizadeh Student-at-Large Representative was voted for out of camera. TEELING asked for a motion to extend job posting for 2 weeks for the Community Representative position. JANES motioned. CRUICKSHANK seconded. Unanimous vote.

**Adjournment**

WEST moved to adjourn. JANES seconded. Unanimous vote. TEELING adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Teren HAZZARD