



# Minutes

## GSA Regular Council Meeting

18 August 2011

MB-14.250, 1450 Guy, Montreal

### Attendance

*Voting Directors:* Adnan Abueid (ENCS), Natheer Alatawneh (ENCS), Vinith Anand (ENCS), Mohammad Nurujjaman Beajon (ENCS), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS), Roxanne Desforges (Arts and Science), Richard Hinton (Arts and Science), Mohammed Khader (ENCS), Daria Saryan (Arts and Science), Matthew MacDonald (Arts and Science), Eric Martineau (JMSB), Nadia Hausfather (Independent), Nathan Williams (JMSB), Hossain Maleki (JMSB), Manu Jain (ENCS), Emily Paige (Fine Arts), Erik Chevrier (Arts and Science)

*Non-Voting Directors:* Phalpinder Singh Gill (Vice-President Internal), Holly Nazar (Vice-President External), Robert Sonin (President, Acting Chair)

*Observers:* Anna Chigogidze (Service Manager), Mark Schilling (Service Manager), Andy Yuen (Finance Manager)

*Regrets:* Fred Giard (JMSB)

*Absent:* Roddy Doucet (Advocacy Manager), Edyta Niemyjska (Arts and Science), Golam M Aurup (Secretary)

### Documents

CD-110818-01 Notice of Meeting  
CD-110818-02 Agenda  
CD-110818-03 Agenda (long form)  
CD-110818-04 GSA CUTV Collaboration Proposal  
CD-110818-05 General Assembly Agenda  
CD-110818-06 Report of the President  
CD-110818-07 Report of the Vice-President Internal  
CD-110818-08 Report of the Vice-President External  
CD-110818-09 Report of the Advocacy Manager  
CD-110818-10 Report of the Finance Manager  
CD-110818-11 Report of the Service Manager

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

It was proposed to amend the Agenda as follows:

- 4. Council Business
  - 4.1 School of Graduate Studies Collaboration
  - 4.1 Appointment of Temporary Secretary
  - 4.3 Hiring of Services Manager



4.2 CUTV Presentation

4.2 Appointment of Chair

4.3 September General Assembly

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Beajon, Saryan), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

*CDR-110818-01 The Agenda (CD-110818-02) be adopted as amended.*

### 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of 7 July 2011

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Beajon, Saryan), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

*CDR-110818-02 The Minutes (CD-110707-M) be adopted.*

## 4. Council Business

### 4.1 School of Graduate Studies Collaboration

There was a discussion about a potential collaboration with the School of Graduate Studies. It was decided that the President would report back to council in September with news on this subject.

### 4.1 Appointment of Temporary Secretary

Maya Hajdu was appointed as secretary for the meeting.

### 4.2 Hiring of Services Manager

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Eric, Nadia), it was RESOLVED:

*CDR-110818-03 The GSA appoints Mark Schilling as Service Manager.*

### 4.3 CUTV Presentation

CUTV representatives presented a proposal to the council that included a business contract in the amount of \$10,000 annually. CUTV would offer broadcasting services of all GSA meetings, elections, and referendums in exchange for this investment, which it hopes to use to purchase new equipment. Several council members asked CUTV representatives questions concerning logistics, budget, market data, and the benefits to graduate students.

See also document CD-110818-04.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Erik, Roxanne), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

*CDR-110818-04 A committee made up of Erik Chevrier, Emily Paige, Hossain Maleki, and Phalpinder Gill, is hereby struck with a mandate to look into negotiating a contract with CUTV based on the needs of the GSA, and within a maximum budget of \$5,000.*

### 4.4 Appointment of Chair

There was general agreement that the GSA should attempt to recruit a Chair in time for the next Council meeting.

### 4.5 September General Assembly

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Erik, Eric), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

*CDR-110818-05 A General Assembly is called for 9 September 2011 with the Agenda as set forth in Document 110818-05.*

## 5. Executive Reports

### 5.1 President

See document CD-110818-06.

### 5.2 VP Internal

See document CD-110818-07.



The VP Internal presented his verbal report. Clarification was requested with regards to the hiring of new Administrative Assistants.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Nathan, Nadia), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

The GSA will create a small committee to look into the organization's hiring practices.

### *5.3 VP External*

See document CD-110818-08.

### *5.4 Advocacy Manager*

See document CD-110818-09.

### *5.5 Finance Manager*

See document CD-110818-10.

### *5.6 Services Manager*

See document CD-110818-11.

There was a discussion of the upcoming Orientation events. It was proposed that there be an event specifically geared towards the issue of tuition fee increases.

## 6. Appointments

### *6.1 University Bodies*

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Erik, Vinith), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

*CDR-110818-06 Daria Saryan, a graduate student in good standing, is nominated to the School of Graduate Studies.*

### *6.2 GSA Committees*

#### *6.2.1 General Assembly Committee*

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Matthew, Nadia), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

*CDR-110818-06 Hossain Maleki is appointed to the Campaigns Committee*

#### *6.2.2 Finance Committee*

The discussion was tabled.

## 7. Other Business

There were no issues to be discussed.

## 8. Next Meeting

The GSA decided to create a *Doodle* document to determine to most convenient time for the next council meeting.

## 9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Maya Hajdu  
Secretary