

**Council Meeting November 5th 2014 minutes  
(CO-20141105)**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Gretchen King  
**Minutes Taker:** David Clos-Sasseville

**Final Agenda :**

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  - 3.2 Timeline for Action Items
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  - 6.4 Bylaw Change: Ballot Elections
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  - 6.9 GSA & CCR Database
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## 1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 5:00 pm

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

*Motion CO-20141105-01*

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**Moved by:** Korosh  
**Seconded by:** Leili  
**Unanimously adopted**

**3. Council Business**

**3.1 Chair's report**

**3.2 Timeline for Action Items**

*ACTION ITEMS*

*Notes:*

Financial report for GA should include a broad overview of the finances and a report on the Budget committee. Sean will present the Financial report along with Jawad and Rohit.

[Completed] Marilou as chair of the GA committee will call the next GA meeting by October 29.

[Completed] Council to be live tweeted by Communications Manager.

Communication Manager will issue an apology and promise to host events at venues that do not promote discriminatory policies in the next newsletter.

VP Mobilization and Departments Manager organize a GSA Arts & Science Congress and Fine Arts Congress in collaboration with Directors from each of these faculties.

Executive Committee will budget for and conduct a financial audit for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

VP Academic/Advocacy and Advocacy Manager will request of the administration to stop sharing students info to third parties without consent.

Budget Committee will circulate the proposed GSA budget.

Bylaw committee will discuss BOG representative, their independence, who should fulfill this role.

[Completed] GSA Committees: 1) Chair of each committee announce to committee members the date and time of each meeting at least 3 days in advance and submits committee meeting minutes; 2) Communications Director announces publicly committee meetings that are open to the GSA membership; 3) VP External will make a Google drive account be made and shared among all the council members, to have access to all the ongoing committee endeavors as well as previous meeting minutes.

Dept Manager and GSA President will support the inclusion of DOEIGSA members in the DESC Space Committee and monitor the situation to ensure that the Faubourg building is renovated to meet students' needs.

GradProSkills committee, Keroles, Korosh, Trevor, Rohit and Jawad are mandated to negotiate the cost of GradProSkill French classes.

The President and the VP Academic represent GSA on graduate class sizes through monitoring, creating awareness, and advocating for a case by case assessment by Dec GA.

BDS Committee to investigate Concordia's relationship with the State of Israel and its institutions.

the Bylaw Committee will discuss possible amendments that would provide a clearer framework for the creation of new staff positions and the filling of these positions in the future, including a provision for emergency situations.

*Motion CO-20141105-02*

Be It Resolved That the council's master action list also include a time line that can only be extended when the council approves of a good justification given by the lead person on the task.

Moved by: Leili  
Seconded by: Korosh  
**Unanimously Adopted**

### **3.3 Council appointment**

*Motion CO-20141105-03*

Be It Resolved That the following members be appointed as interim councilors:

Shadi Salimi Darestani – Art & Science  
Isabelle Johnston – Art & Science  
Abiraad Ribal – Art & Science  
Deanne Beraldo – Art & Science  
Sean Boivin – Art & Science  
Elise Windsor – Fine Arts  
Marilou André – Fine Arts  
Mathilde Ngo Mbom – JMSB

**Moved by:** Jonathan  
**Seconded by:** Korosh

Note: Item reopened under 5.1 to appoint Keroles Riad, see motion *CO-20141105-06*

#### **4. Approval of Minutes from October 22nd Council meeting**

*Motion CO-20141105-04*

Be It Resolved That October 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meetings minutes be adopted.

**Moved by:** Vivek

**Seconded by:** Sean

**Unanimously adopted**

#### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **5.1 Increased representation for marginalized groups**

*Motion CO-20141105-05*

Whereas the GSA is committed to securing equity for members of marginalized groups disproportionately excluded from full participation in the academy, in the university bodies, in the GSA board of Governors, in the GSA internal committee and the GSA staff;

Whereas the GSA recognized that such marginalized group include but are not limited to Aboriginal people, women, visible minorities, person whose first language is neither English or French, person with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer and 2-spirited persons, Francophones at Concordia University;

Whereas the GSA is supporting the goal of equity which is to achieve inclusiveness and social and economic justice through recognition, respect, numerical representation, accountability, responsibility and the development of balanced, healthy and harmonious working and social environments;

Be It Resolved That the GSA will collaborate with other equity groups and offices on campus to achieve the goal of equity;

Be It Further Resolved That the GSA will organize a Special Council Retreat on Equity and Diversity to be held in January 2015 and that the Council will invite all GSA members, equity groups and offices on campus to participate to the retreat;

Be It Further Resolved That GSA Bylaws committee will revise and create new bylaws upon review of to the propositions that are going to be voted during the Equity and Diversity Special Retreat General Assembly;

Be It Further Resolved That the Equity Special Retreat is accountable to the Event Budget and that the Budget committee will allocate found no later than November 28th 2014;

Be It Further Resolved That the Equality Retreat Committee Meeting is open to the GSA membership at large and be announced publicly by the Communications Director, where possible, through Facebook, the website, Twitter, and the newsletter.

**Moved by:** Marilou  
**Seconded by:** Sean

*Amendment-01*

Replace: “Be It Further Resolved That GSA Bylaws committee will revise and create new bylaws upon review of to the propositions that are going to be voted during the Equity and Diversity Special Retreat General Assembly;”

By: “A committee shall be struck to move forward the propositions voted on during the retreat into the GSA By-laws.”

**Moved by:** Isabelle  
**Seconded by:** Sean  
For: 5 Against: 3 Abstaining: 3  
**Adopted**

*Amendment-02*

Add: “BIFRT the retreat is mandatory for council to attend and tied to council honorarium and attendance protocol.”

**Moved by:** Marilou  
**Seconded by:** Isabelle  
**Adopted**

*Motion (CO-20141105-05) as Amended*

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**Moved by:** Marilou  
**Seconded by:** Sean  
**Opposition noted:** Korosh  
**Adopted**

**-- Agenda pause to reopen item 3.3 Council appointment --**

*Motion CO-20141105-06*

Be It Resolved That Keroles be appointed as SIP rep. by interim on Council.

**Moved by:** Jonathan  
**Seconded by:** Isabelle  
**Adopted**

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**5.2 Bylaw changes: a) Composition of the Council of Directors & b) BoG reporting**

**5.2.a Council Composition**

*Motion CO-20141105-07*

Whereas the GSA acknowledges that the Council of Directors is subordinate to the General Assembly;

Whereas the GSA recognizes that the composition of the Council of Directors must reflect that of its membership, but that larger faculties should be prevented from dominating the Council and that smaller faculties should be afforded a greater voice, in order to encourage the participation of members from those faculties;

Whereas the GSA, recently and in the past, has had some difficulty filling all the seats on its Council of Directors and achieving quorum at Council meetings, which reflects poorly on the association and hinders its ability to serve its members;

Whereas a smaller Council will run more effectively and efficiently, and be able to provide a closer oversight of the work of the Executives and Staff, although there must remain enough Directors to adequately represent the GSA membership;

Whereas the number of students in each faculty has shifted in the past few years, while the number of Council seats designated for each faculty has remained the same;

Be It Resolved That Article V, Section 5 of the Bylaws be amended prior to the 2015 general election to state that -

The allotted seats shall be distributed on a basis of proportional representation according to the following formula:

1-500 students, 1 Director;  
501-1200 students, 2 Directors;  
1201-2100 students, 3 Directors;  
2101-4200 students, 4 Directors;  
and so on

Using the numbers from the winter semester, this would give 4 ENCS; 3 A&S; 2 JMSB; 2 FA; and 1 indi (for a total of 12 Directors).

Be It Further Resolved That all clauses in the Bylaws that require four (4) Directors from different faculties be amended to three (3) Directors from different faculties, considering the smaller overall number of Directors;

**Moved by:** Jonathan  
**Seconded by:** Marilou  
**Noted abstention:** Isabelle  
**Opposition:** Ribal, Marilou, Sean  
**Failed**



*Motion CO-20141105-08*

Be It Resolved That the motion be committed to the by-laws committee.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Sean  
**Failed**

## **5.2.b Board of Governors Reporting**

*Motion CO-20141105-09*

Whereas the bylaws committee has met and approved the following bylaws changes;

Be It Resolved That section IX.1.6 is amended by shifting the responsibility for BOG report to BOG rep.

**Moved by the By-laws Committee**

*Motion CO-20141105-10*

Be It Resolved That the motion be committed to the By-law Committee

**Moved by:** Isabelle  
**Seconded by:** Marilou  
**Opposition noted:** Keroles  
**Adopted**

## **5.3 Budget Committee**

--- The meetings moves directly to reports ---

## **7. Reports**

*Motion CO-20141105-11*

Be It Resolved That all the reports be approved and the executive Bursary allocated.

**Moved by:** Elise  
**Seconded by:** Sindhura  
**Abstention:** Isabelle, Keroles, Marilou  
**Adopted**

### **7.1 President**

### **7.2 VP External**

### **7.3 VP Internal**

Note: A discussion on ECSGA should happen at the next council meeting.

## 7.4 Service Manager

### *Motion CO-20141105-12*

Whereas never in the history of the GSA has the GA been held in Loyola;

Whereas the definition of oppression is the majority discriminating against a minority;

Whereas we have a responsibility to make sure that the minority voices are heard;

Be It Resolved That This coming GA be held at Loyola on Thursday Nov 27th: HC 157;

Be It Further Resolved That the VP mobilization and the GA committee adopt an aggressive mobilization campaign that includes, but not limited to, a phone campaign and providing snacks and refreshments (particularly given the length of the GA);

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Isabelle

### *Amendment*

Replace: "Thursday Nov 27th: HC 157" by: "Monday December first at Loyola".

Add: "Be It Further Resolved That if the Loyola December 1<sup>st</sup> date is not available the general meeting will be held in the EV on the Friday booking."

**Moved by:** Sean

**Seconded by:** Keroles

### *Sub-Amendment*

Add "or Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup>" after "Monday December first"

**Moved by:** Jonathan

**Seconded by:** Keroles

**Failed**

### *Amendment Un-amended*

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**Seconded by:** Keroles  
**Opposition noted:** Korosh  
**Adopted**

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**Opposition noted:** Korosh  
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*Motion CO-20141105-13*  
Motion to Adjourn

**Moved by:** Laura  
**Seconded by:** Elise  
**Opposition noted:** Jonathan

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm**

## Annex 1: Attendance

<b>Council meeting November 5th, 2014 Attendance</b>			
	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Given Name</b>	<b>Attended</b>
<b>Executives</b>			
President	Madnounge	Houda	
VP Internal	Patil	Rohit	x
VP External	Khan	Mohammad Jawad	x
VP Mobilization	Danish	Sheikh	x
<b>Directors</b>			
<b>A&amp;S</b>			
	Summers	Jonathan	x
<b>ENCS</b>			
	Kumar	Vivek	x
	Choudhary	Utkarsh	
	Kolan	Sriharsha	
	Manthapuri	Sindhura	x
	Koochekian Sabor	Korosh	x
	Islam	Md. Eftakhairul	
	Astaneh	Leili	x
	Singh	Harkirat	
	Majumdar	Suryadipta	
<b>JMSB</b>			
	Chen	Longren	x
<b>Directors Appointed at the meeting</b>			
<b>A&amp;S</b>			
	Salimi Darestani	Shadi	x
	Johnston	Isabelle	x
	Ribal	Abiraad	x
	Beraldo	Deanne	x
	Boivin	Sean	x
<b>Fine Arts</b>			
	Windsor	Elise	x
	André	Marilou	x
<b>JMSB</b>			
	Ngo Mbom	Mathilde	x
<b>SIP</b>			
	Riad	Keroles	x

## Annex 2: Observer

<b>Observer</b>	
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Given Name</b>
Vazquez	Javier
Kras	Kevin
A. Sagher	Shada
Kovacenic	Milos
Al Hammoud	Firas