

Council Meeting October 22nd 2014 minutes (CO-20141022)

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

Final Agenda :

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2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Council Business
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 - 3.2 Verification of the signing sheet
4. Approval of Minutes from October 9th Council meeting: Attached
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 GA Agenda
 - 5.2 GSA Twitter
 - 5.3 Increased representation for marginalized groups
 - 5.4 Bylaw changes: Composition of the Council of Directors & BoG reporting
 - 5.5 Connecting with Faculties
 - 5.6 Golden Key International Honour Society
 - 5.7 Finance update
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1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6:08pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20141022-01

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Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul

Amendment-01

Add 3.2 Verification of the signing sheet

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul

Amendment-02

Move GSA Twitter to 5.2

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Laura

Amendment-03

Move 6.1 Apology, 5.3 by-laws and 5.2 before 7:50pm

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Sean

Amendment -04

Add 5.1 GA Agenda

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Jonathan

Amendment -05

6.2 Exec bursary retroactive

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Korosh

Amendment -06

Add 6.3 Accreditation update

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Sindhura

Amendment-07

Add 9.1 Oral report SGS council

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Laura

Motion to omnibus

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Eftakhairul
Noted abstention: Sean
2/3 vote
Adopted

Motion (CO-20141022-01) as amended

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Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul

3. Council Business

3.1 Chair's report & Attendance Sheet

Note : Chairs and Communication manager need to announce the meeting dates for the GSA committees.

Note : The By-law committee need to discuss the BoG rep.

Note : The Faubourg need to stay on the action list.

Motion CO-20141022-02

Be It Resolved That Chair will create the action Item list beginning in June

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Jonathan

3.2 Verification of the signing sheet

Motion CO-20141022-03

Be It Resolved That the by-laws article V-17 be modified to state « Failure to arrive 25 minutes early » replace « 30 minutes early ».

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Korosh
2/3 vote
A Roll call is asked by Keroles
For : Sean, Korosh, Sindhura, Vivek
Against : Keroles, Laura, Jon, Eftakhairul
Failed

Motion CO-20141022-04

Be It Resolved That council approve a 5 minutes grace period for todays meeting.

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul
A Roll call is asked by
Roll call Fails
For : Keroles
Against : Sean, Eftakhairul
Adopted
Opposed : Keroles
For : Sean

4. Approval of Minutes from October 9th Council meeting: Attached

Motion CO-20141022-05

Be It Resolved That the minutes from October 9th be adopted

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Jonathan

Amendment-01

Be It Resolved That Firas document be appended with the title "Firas Interpretation of the Council Proceedings"

Be It Further Resolved That the GSA President be invited to write down the argument she presented to council.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Laura

Opposed: Sean

For: Keroles

Fails

Amendment-02

Add, Be It Further Resolved That this part: "Be It Resolved That the Council commit the BOG representative, their independence, who should fulfill this role to the By-law committee."

Be Changed for:

"Be It Resolved That the Council commit to the By-law committee the question of the independence of the BOG representative and who should fulfill this role to."

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Jonathan

Vote dispose of motion

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Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Jonathan
Adopted

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 GA Agenda

Motion CO-20141022-06

Be It Resolved That the GA agenda be modified:

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of Chair and Secretary
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the past GA minutes
5. Reports
 - 5.1 President
 - 5.2 Finances
 - 5.2.1 Council Honorarium
 - 5.3 Accreditation
6. Motions
 - 6.1 By-law Modifications
 - 6.2 Quebec Austerity
 - 6.3 Endorsing the Student Against the Pipelines (ECO)
7. Elections
 - 7.1 VPs
 - 7.1.1 Candidate introductions
 - 7.1.2 Vote
 - 7.2 Senators
 - 7.2.1 Candidate introductions
 - 7.2.2 Vote
 - 7.3 Councillors
 - 7.3.1 Candidate introductions
 - 7.3.2 Vote
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

Moved by the GA Committee

Abstention: Keroles

Adopted

Motion CO-20141022-07

Add to the GA agenda an item "Financial report"

Moved by: Jonathan

Seconded by: Keroles

Amendment

Add, "Be It Further Resolved That the Financial report should include a broad overview of the finances and a report on the Budget committee."

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Korosh
Adopted

Motion (CO-20141022-07) as Amended
Add to the GA agenda an item "Financial report"

Be It Further Resolved That the Financial report should include a broad overview of the finances and a report on the Budget committee.

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Keroles
Adopted

Action Item: Sean will present the Financial report along with Jawad and Rohit.

Motion CO-20141022-08

Be It Resolved That "Financial report" be item 8 in the GA agenda.

Moved by: Korosh
Seconded by: Eftakhairul
Abstention: Keroles
Adopted

Action Item: Marilou as chair of the GA committee will call the next GA meeting by October 29th.

5.2 GSA Twitter

Motion CO-20141022-09

Whereas transparency, engagement and accountability are high priorities in GSA;

Be It Resolved That the communication manager hours be increased by 5 hours a month to manage the GSA official twitter account according to the following strategy.

- 1) Aim for 1 or 2 tweets a day. (Acknowledging that 2 tweets could be rare)
- 2) Ensure that councilors active on twitter about GSA have some more exposure by retweeting GSA related posts (obviously councilors should tweet mentioning the GSA official account to get that exposure more efficiently than asking the communication manager to fetch)
- 3) Posting policy and principles have to follow the principles of facebook use (in terms of politeness... etc)
- 4) Council to be live tweeted. Motions, motives for and against (and who said what=

accountability) and humor.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Sean

Roll call is asked

Roll call fails

Noted Abstention: Jonathan, Sean, Eftakhairul

Adopted

--- 6.1 Apology is moved to be dealt with now ---

6.1 Apology

Motion CO-20141022-10

Whereas promotion of our night club activities included the phrase "free for ladies," leading to complaints about it being sexist and insulting;

Be It Resolved That the GSA apologize and promise to be more selective with where we host events as to make sure we do not participate nor promote discriminatory policies;

Be It Further Resolved That the GSA team (council and exec) issue this apology in the GSA in the newsletter.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Jonathan

Adopted

Action Item: The Communication manager will do this action.

---5.4 Bylaw changes: Composition of the Council of Directors & BoG reporting is moved to be dealt now ---

Motion CO-20141022-11

Be It Resolved That Council table by-law changes until next council meeting

Moved by: Sean

Seconded by: Jonathan

Adopted

---Back to normal agenda---

5.3 Increased representation for marginalized groups

Motion CO-20141022-12

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 that the GSA will collaborate with other equity groups and offices on campus to achieve the goal of equity;

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

Be It Further Resolved That 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: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul

Motion to table to next meeting

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Korosh
Adopted

---5.4 Bylaw changes: Composition of the Council of Directors & BoG reporting---

5.5 Connecting with Faculties

Motion CO-20141022-13

Whereas graduate students in Arts & Science and Fine Arts are not currently represented by faculty associations, and are dramatically underrepresented on Council;

Whereas the GSA wishes to support and empower the smaller departmental associations that represent students in Arts & Science and Fine Arts;

Whereas the GSA seeks increased dialogue and closer collaboration with and between the departmental associations, which will ultimately lead to their improved representation and participation in the GSA;

Be It Resolved That the VP Mobilization and Departments Manager organize a GSA Arts & Science Congress and Fine Arts Congress in collaboration with Directors from each of these faculties;

Be It Further Resolved That the Congress bring together elected representatives from all departmental associations within a faculty, with each association receiving one vote;

Be It Further Resolved That motions passed at the Congress be non-binding on the GSA, but that Directors from the respective faculties be obligated to attend and use these motions to orient their work on Council;

Be It Further Resolved That a Congress be held for each faculty at least once during the Fall semester and once during the Winter semester, and at least 14 days before or after any General Assembly.

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Sean
Unanimously Adopted

---5.7 Finance update is moved to be dealt with now---

5.7 Finance update

Motion CO-20141022-14

Be It Resolved That GSA will conduct a financial audit for the 2014-2015 fiscal year pending it doesn't cost more than two thousand in addition to the amount we are paying now.

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Jonathan
Adopted Unanimously

Action Item: The Executive Committee is mandated to enact this motion and vote the budget related to it.

---Back to the agenda---

5.6 Golden Key International Honour Society

Motion CO-20141022-15

Whereas many students have received an invitation to pay \$90 to join the Golden Key International Honour Society, in an envelope from the Dean of Students' Office;

Whereas the Dean of Students has reported that invitations to this supposedly exclusive society have been sent to as many as 2344 graduate students this year;

Whereas the Dean of Students has also reported that the mail-out is not handled by his office but by a third party;

Whereas GSA members have expressed concern about the legitimacy of this society, as well as about their privacy and the confidentiality of their personal information;

Be It Resolved That the GSA request that the university stop distributing students' personal information to outside parties without their explicit consent;

Be It Further Resolved That the VP Academic/Advocacy and Advocacy Manager follow up to ensure a prompt resolution to this issue.

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Korosh
Adopted Unanimously

---5.7 Finance update---

---5.8 Students Against Pipelines---

6. New Business

---6.1 Apology---

6.2 Exec bursary retroactive

Motion CO-20141022-16

Whereas the motion relevant to Executive Bursary policy and the changes in Article 4B was drafted in accordance to the Budget projection for the entire Academic year 2014-15.

Whereas the entire “Whereas’es” of Executive bursary policy motion adopted on October 9th council meeting advocates that the discussion was being done specifically under consideration of bursaries being allotted to VP-Academic, VP-Mobilization for 8 months and President, Internal and External for 12 months.

Whereas while discussing the motion on October 9th council meeting, the spirit for retroactivity was present, but since a separate motion stating clearly about the retroactivity was not jotted down the motion is still vague and is leading to different interpretations.

Be It Resolved That The council pass a separate motion stating retroactivity of Bursary

amount difference for President, Internal and External for summer semester.

Be It Further Resolved That The modification adopted on Article 4b of Executive bursary policy be implemented retroactively for the summer semester for the three executives (President, Internal and External), and provide them the honorarium (bursary amount) difference.

Moved by: Korosh
Seconded by: Sindhura
Adopted Unanimously

6.3 Accreditation update

8. GSA Committee Appointments

Gretchen will chair the by-law Committee, Marilou wants to join.

Request for chairs of GSA committee be trained and Gretchen volunteer.

9. Other Business

9.1 Oral report SGS council

10. Adjournment

Motion CO-20141022-17

Motion to adjourn (21:30pm)

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Laura