

**Council Meeting February 7th 2014 minutes
(CO-20140207)**

Meeting Facilitator: Gretchen King

Minutes Taker: Vignesh Shankar

Voting Directors: Marie-Hélène Vanier (Arts and Science), Juliette Lees (Arts and Science), Trevor J. Smith (Arts and Science), Poya Saffari (Arts and Science), Monique Boudreau (JMSB), Audrey Dahl (Arts and Science), Vinoth Ramaiah (ENCS), Tariqul Amin (ENCS) [Asks to discard is Honorarium], Marilou André (Fine Arts), Genevieve Moisan (Fine Arts), Holly Nazar (Arts and Science), MJF Rupom (ENCS),

Non- Voting Directors: Shewetaank Indora (Vice-President Academic), Vignesh Shankar (Vice-President External), Robert Sonin (Vice-President Mobilization), Nassim Changizi (Vice-President Internal)

Observers: David Clos-Sasseville (Department Manager and Campaigns Advocate), Firas Al Hammoud (Senate Student rep.), Roddy Doucet (Advocacy Manager & Communication).

Absent: Arundeeep Malapati (ENCS), Mohit Kumar (President), Jamie Goodman (Finance Manager), Karthikeya Nadendla (ENCS), Nishant Walia (ENCS), Vivek Wadhwana (JMSB), Biagina-Carla Farnesi (Independent), Liz Colford (Services Manager).

Final Agenda:

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 - 5.1 Follow-up point about CJLO
 - 5.2 Follow-up from Jan 30 GA
 - 5.3 VP Mobilization
 - 5.4 Elections
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 - 6.4 VP Academic
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- 6.7 Campaigns/Departments Advocate
- 6.8 Other Reports
 - a. Best Practices Report 2012-13
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 - c. Board of Governors Report
 - d. Sustainability report and other report

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 - 7.1 LGBT
- 8. GSA Committee Appointments
 - 8.1 Nomination of graduate student representatives to the appraisal process
- 9. Other Business
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1. Call to Order

Call to order 10:15 AM

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20140207-01

Be It Resolved That The following agenda be adopted for todays Council meeting:

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Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Poya

Amendment – 01

Be It Resolved That the item “5.3 VP Mobilization” be added to the agenda.

Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Juliette

Note: Chair needs to add VP Mob and VP academic under the Item “Report” in the agenda.

Amendment – 02

Be It Resolved That the item “5.4 Elections” be added to the agenda.

Moved by: Monique
Seconded by: Trevor

Amendment – 03

Be It Resolved That the item “6.8 d Sustainability report and other report” be added to the agenda.

Be It Further Resolved That the item “7 New business” with “7.1 LGBT” be added to agenda. The numbering will be adjusted accordingly.

Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Audrey

Amendment – 04

Be It Resolved That the item “6.4 VP Academic” be added to the agenda.

Moved by: Geneviève
Seconded by: Holly

The adoption of the agenda with the amendments all together is put forward.

Motion as amended (CO-20140207-01)

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Moved by: Audrey

Seconded by: Poya

Adopted Unanimously

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion CO-20140207-02

Be It Resolved That the attendance sheet be included in the January 24th (CO-20140124) minutes. The adoption of those minutes will be tabled Until next council meeting.
Vignesh will ask Aurup and David to add attendance to the minutes

Moved by: Trevor

Seconded by: Geneviève

Adopted Unanimously

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Follow-up point about CJLO

Motion CO-20140207-03

Be It Resolved Minutes Audrey and David will talk to Mohit and bring report to Feb council

Moved by: Audrey

Seconded by: ???

Adopted Unanimously

D 14-2-10 12:24

Commentaire [1]: Who seconded?

5.2 Follow-up from Jan 30 GA

Trevor : Bylaw literacy

Juliette : Not representative and calling the question, strange election

Marie-Helene : calling the question and being disrespectful to people who are willing talk and debate, not deciding about what they are voting for, confusing election

Good: Quorum for long time, Mood watcher was useful, Preference for secret election and election with show of hand was chaotic

Indora: Happy

Holly : interesting election, senate and university bodies in GA, but no elections in GA for councillors. Quorum standards for each faculty representation.

Mood watcher was not effective, chair should engage with mood watcher and make sure its smooth.

Geneviève: Not able to reach silence and too much sound. People voting not to hear from president. Time could have been saved. Congrats to GA organiser

Marilou: next council meeting . i will give updates

Firaz : prepare packet about how they can act in GA and what they are supposed to do and print material with rules of preceding in GA . Meeting to prepare for the GA. Be quite and respect and culture of participation in GA.

Audrey: "one of the best GA I assist too since 2 years. There is a GA culture to develop, I don't believe you can build a GA culture by preparing documents its more by experiencing a GA many times. We are getting there with GSA. The GA was well prepared.

Some points: we need more packets and voting cards we have 6000 members how come we do only not even 100.

Also microphone was missing.
Student list and registration need to be look at also.
I suggest a special meeting with all councillors to prepare GA because
councilors were not ready to motivate for the council motions.”

Monique: Make name in GA electronic. Print with larger fonts and make it a easy
process to find members.

Motion CO-20140207-04

Be It Resolved That the GA will happen on Tuesday afternoon April 1st at 2 PM.

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Trevor
Adopted Unanimously

Motion CO-20140207-05

Be It Resolved That the Council *Call for second meeting in March to work on the agenda,
prepare task and mobilization for the next General Assembly.*

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted Unanimously

Suggestion: *The GA council meeting will happen on Monday march 3, 5 PM*

Motion CO-20140207-06

Be It Resolved That, Gretchen will send doodle to all councillors, managers and execs.

Be it Further Resolved That all councillors will answer doodle and will decide when this
special meeting will happen and will review dates for remaining winter council meetings.

Moved by: Genevieve
Seconded by: Marilou
Adopted Unanimously

Motion CO-20140207-07

Be It Resolved That Roddy and liz will book a room for the GA on Friday(April 4th 2014)
at 3pm and will search room availability for the Tuesday (April 1st 2014).

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Marie-Helene
Adopted Unanimously

Note : This motion came after Roddy checked availability for room and was not able to find a
room at that point of the day.

Note: Follow up on next council Article 19: Bylaw change, will be discussed in Feb 17 meeting.

D 14-2-10 12:26

Commentaire [2]: Most of those notes
aren't clear we should ask people to send us a
small paragraph which would summarize their
intervention to replace this.

5.3 VP mobilization report

Motion CO-20140207-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA pursue accreditation per Chapter A 3.01, An Act Respecting the Accreditation and Financing of Students' Associations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GSA authorize the Accreditation Committee a maximum of \$20,000 in funds allocated to the campaigns, funds and subsidies, and elections budget, as well as the legal contingency fund, for this purpose, in amounts decided in consultation with the Finance Manager, and re-allocate unused funds from the summer campaigns and winter orientation funds to this purpose;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the GSA hire a not-for-profit organization with proven experience in accreditation campaigns to act as liaison with the Government of Quebec and agents thereof, and to manage the logistics of the accreditation poll;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if said organization deems the holding of a poll in the spring 2014 term to be unfeasible or unlikely to succeed, that the poll be delayed until the fall 2014 term.

Moved by: Trevor

Seconded by: Juliette

Questions and Answers regarding *Motion CO-20140207-08*:

Vinoth : Reduce Price?

Poya: What would be the cost of the poll

Bob; It is a voting poll,

Bob: **Available BUDGET** :campaign budget, CFS and winter orientation.

Bob : kokobi- organisation name

Amendment - 01

Be It Resolved That The GSA Have the accreditation vote done in fall

Moved By: Monique

Seconded By: Marilou

Amendment – 02

Be It Resolved That Council contracts a non-profit agency to work with accreditation of GSA. The council allocates maximum of 20000 from this year

budget to accreditation. Divert funds from various sources and put it to the accreditation budget.

Be It Further Resolved That the Council Invite kokobi to present to council feb 17.

Moved By: Trevor
Seconded By: Juliette

Note: Both amendment 01 and 02 were adopted together and replace the previous motion (CO-20140207-08)

Motion to call the question

Moved By: Juliette
Seconded By :
Adopted with 2/3 Majority,
Abstain 2

Motion as amended (CO-20140207-08)

(A-01) Be it resolved that the GSA Have the accreditation vote done in fall. (A-02) Council contracts a non-profit agency to work with accreditation of GSA. The council allocates maximum of 20000 from this year budget to accreditation. Divert funds from various sources and put it to the accreditation budget.

Be It Further Resolved That the Council Invite kokobi to present to council feb 17.

(A-01)
Moved By: Monique
Seconded By: Marilou
(A-02)
Moved By: Trevor
Seconded By: Juliette
Adopted

Motion CO-20140207-09

Be It Resolved That the council approves Bylaw changes [See Council minutes CO-20140207 Annexe 1] proposed by Robert, excluding article 19. Article 19 will be tabled to Feb 16 council meeting and revised according to bylaw changes proposed Jan GA.

Moved by: Marie-Helene
Second by: Juliette

Amendment - 01

Removed the word elected executive from the Robert proposal (See Article 10 of [Council minutes CO-20140207 Annexe 1])

Moved By :
Seconded By :

GSA 14-2-12 16:07

Commentaire [3]: Who seconded? Do we nede a seconder?

GSA 14-2-12 17:08

Commentaire [4]: Who moved and seconed?

Adopted

Motion CO-20140207-10

Be It Resolved That Robert Bylaw changes will be tabled to Feb 3 week meeting.

Moved By :

Seconded By :

Adopted

Abstention Noted Trevor

GSA 14-2-12 17:09

Commentaire [5]: Who moved and seconded?

5.4 Elections

- 1) External CRO
- 2) Election in GA
- 3) Make a committee

Motion CO-20140207-11

Be It Resolved That the council will create an election committee.

Be It Further Resolved That the election committee will appoint an external CRO with council approval.

Be It Further Resolved **That the committee organises GA elections and report back if it is feasible**

Moved by: Juliette

Seconded by: Audrey

D 14-2-10 12:41

Commentaire [6]: Not clear. Either they are effectively organizing election in GA or they check if it's feasible... But both in the same sentence doesn't make sense.

Motion to split the motion (CO-20140207-11)

Be It Resolved That the motion be split into three different motion.

Moved By: Poya

Seconded by: Juliette

Motion carries

Abstention Noted: Audrey

Motion CO-20140207-11a

Be It Resolved That the council will create an election committee.

Moved by: Juliette

Seconded by: Audrey

Adopted

Motion CO-20140207-11b

Be It Further Resolved That the election committee will appoint an external CRO with council approval.

Moved by: Juliette
Seconded by: Audrey
Adopted

Motion CO-20140207-11c

Be It Further Resolved That the committee organises GA elections and report back if it is feasible

Moved by: Juliette
Seconded by: Audrey

Motion to table Motion CO-20140124-XXc

Moved by: Marie-Helene
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted

Motion CO-20140207-12

Motion to adjourn.

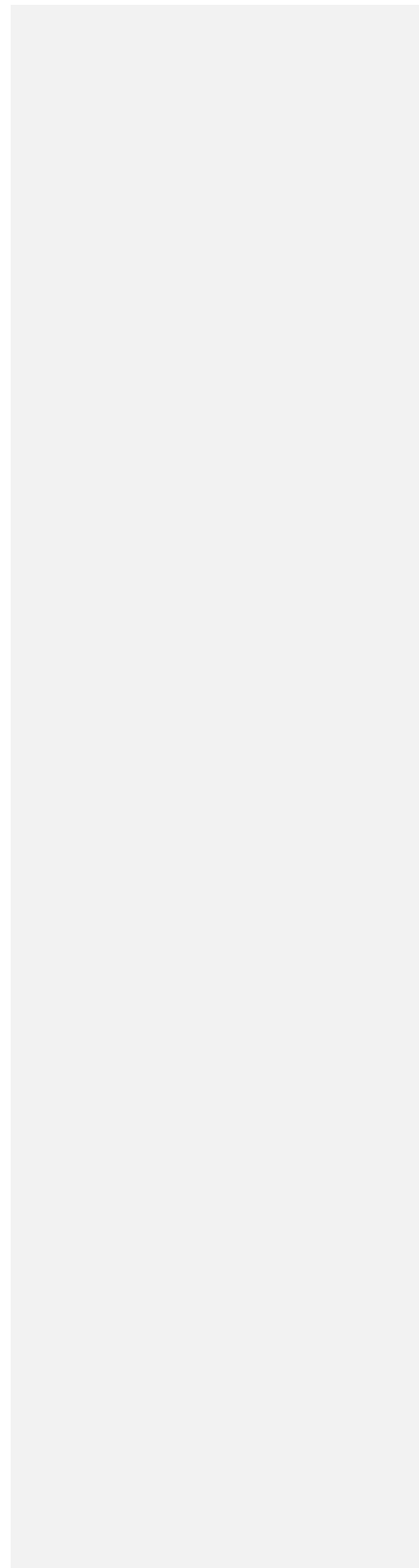
Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

D 14-2-10 12:57

Commentaire [7]: Not clear. Either they are effectively organizing election in GA or they check if it's feasible... But both in the same sentence doesn't make sense.

Annexe 1





Proposed Bylaw Changes

I propose that the following Bylaws amendments be made by the Board of Directors pursuant to the *Companies Act* (Chapter C-38) s.91 (2) (g), and that these amendments be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Bylaws of the Graduate Students' Association of Concordia University are hereby amended as follows:

Current

Amended

Amended parts are highlighted.

Article VIII – Executive

2. The G.S.A. Executive shall be comprised of:

[delete]

- a) The President.
- b) The Vice-President Internal.
- c) The Vice-President External
- d) The Vice-President Mobilization
- e) The Vice-President Academic\Advocacy

Article IX – Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive

Rename Article IX to “Roles and Responsibilities of Executives”

Article X – Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following three members:

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected executives of the GSA.

- a) The President, who shall be Chair of the Executive Committee.
- b) The Vice-President Internal.
- c) The Vice-President External.



2. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called at least twice a month by the President. Its members shall be given individual notice of a meeting at least seven (7) calendar days before the meeting takes place, unless this stipulation is waived by every member.

3. Quorum shall consist of all three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

2. *The President shall call and chair meetings of the Executive Committee at least twice per month. Its members shall be given individual notice of a meeting at least seven (7) calendar days before the meeting takes place, unless this stipulation is waived by every member.*

3. *Quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.*

Article XI – Staff Positions

3. The Hiring Committee shall be composed of:
a) The Executive Committee.
b) Four members of Council comprised of one member from each faculty.
c) Quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Hiring Committee.

3. The Hiring Committee shall be composed of:
a) The Executive Committee.
b) Six members of Council comprised of one member from each faculty.
c) Quorum shall consist of seven (7) members of the Hiring Committee.

Article XII – Budget Committee

2. The Budget Committee shall be composed of:
a) The President – who will be chair.
b) The Vice-President Internal.
c) The Vice-President External.
d) Four current council directors representing separate faculties and appointed by Council
e) The Finance Manager shall be the secretary of the Budget Committee. The Finance Manager will have ex-officio status (non-voting member) at Budget Committee meetings.
f) The secretary shall attend all open meetings of the Budget Committee.

3. Quorum shall be composed of four (4) voting members.

2. The Budget Committee shall be composed of:
a) The members of the Executive Committee;
b) Six current council directors appointed by Council, with at least one member from each faculty;
c) The Finance Manager, who shall have no vote

3. Quorum shall be composed of seven (7) voting members.



[Addition]

6. The President shall chair the Budget Committee.

[Addition]

7. The Finance Manager shall be secretary to the Budget Committee.

Article XIX – General Meetings

3. The Agenda for the General Assembly

- a) Will be created by a General Assembly committee comprised of:
 - i. The Executive Committee Members.
 - ii. Three members of Council representing three out of the four faculties.

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- a) Will be created by a General Assembly committee comprised of:
 - i. The Executive Committee Members.
 - ii. Five members of Council with at least one member from each faculty.

If you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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VP Mobilization
Graduate Students' Association of Concordia University