

**Council Meeting March 24th 2015 minutes  
(CO-20150324)**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Andrea Figueroa

**Minutes Taker:** Liz Colford

Voting Directors: Ribal Abi Raad, Md. Eftakairul Islam, Abhijit Joshi, Korosh Koochekian  
Sabor, Vivek Kumar, Sapandeep Singh Randhawa, Longren Chen,  
Stas Khanutin, Mathilde Ngo Mbom, Sean Boivin

Non-Voting Directors: Houda Madnounge, Danish Sheikh, Rohit Patil, Jawad Khan

Observers: Anthony Gavin, Jon Summers, Caarine Oaedraogo, Pempho Kamwendo, Trevor  
Smith, Alex Snow, Firas Al-Hamoud

Meeting called to order at 6:20pm

DRAFT AGENDA 0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm

1. Call to Order (1 min)
2. Adoption of the Agenda (5 mins)
3. Council Business (5 mins)
  - 3.1 Chair's report (see Action Items and motion over ruled by chair)
  - 3.2 Update from Bylaws Committee (see draft bylaws for discussion at April MCM)
4. Approval of March 6th & 9th Council meeting minutes (attached)
5. Business Arising from the Minutes, Appendix I (90 mins)
  - 5.1 Elections campaigning and the GSA FaceBook Page
  - 5.2 GSA rep on external bodies getting honorarium
  - 5.3 Exec/staff reports due 48 hours before Council agenda
  - 5.4 GA anti-mobilization investigation and report
6. New Business (40mins)
  - 6.1 Re-opening the Call for Applications for a Finance Manager (Isabelle)
  - 6.2 Elections budget
  - 6.3 Accreditation appeal accusation
  - 6.4 Endorsement of BDS (Ribal, seconded Korosh)
7. Reports, Appendix II (15mins)
  - 7.1 Service Manager
  - 7.2 Advocacy Manager
  - 7.3 President
  - 7.4 VP Mobilization
  - 7.5 VP External
8. GSA Committee Appointments (5 mins)
  - 8.1 GA Planning
  - 8.2 Equity Retreat
  - 8.3 Student Life
  - 8.4 election judicial committee
9. Other Business (5 mins)

## 10. Adjournment

Motion *CO-20150324-01* Approval of Agenda

Moved Longren

Seconded Mathilde

Approved Unanimously

### 3. Council Business (5 mins)

3.1 Chair's report

Welcome Andrea

3.2 Update from Bylaws Committee

Motion *CO-20150324-02* to table until later in agenda (after new business)

Moved Trevor

Seconded Mathilde

Motion carries

### 4. Approval of March 6th & 9th Council meeting minutes (attached)

Motion *CO-20150324-03* to approve minutes

Moved Mathilde

Seconded Korosh

Motion carries

### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes, Appendix I (90 mins)

5.1 Elections campaigning and the GSA FaceBook Page

Motion *CO-20150324-04*

BIRT the GSA prevent students from campaigning for elections on the GSA's official facebook group's page

Moved Md Eftakairul

Seconded Longren

Motion carries

5.2 GSA rep on external bodies getting honorarium

Motion *CO-20150324-05*

BIRT GSA representatives on external bodies receive an honorarium of an agreed amount decided upon by council

Moved Korosh

Seconded Mathilde

Motion fails

5.3 Exec/staff reports due 48 hours before Council agenda

Motion *CO-20150324-06*

BIRT Exec/staff reports shall henceforth be submitted via [gsaconcordia@lists.resist.ca](mailto:gsaconcordia@lists.resist.ca) a minimum of 48 hours before council motions are due so that motions can address items in reports.



Moved Ribal  
Seconded Mathilde

Amendment:

**BIRT Exec/staff reports shall henceforth be submitted to the chair/meeting facilitator a minimum of 48 hours before council motions are due and the chair should send the reports a minimum of 24 hours before motions are due.**

Moved Sapandeeep  
Seconded Korosh  
Amendment passes

Motion carries unanimously (Words in bold)

5.4 GA anti-mobilization investigation and report  
Motion *CO-20150324-07*

Whereas the GSA has failed to meet quorum at the last two General Assemblies;

Whereas some GSA members have reportedly been actively encouraging members not to attend GSA General Assemblies;

BIRT the VP Mobilization be mandated to investigate the motivations behind this antimobilization campaign;

BIFRT that the VP Mobilization shall investigate the other reasons why quorum has not been met at the last two General Assemblies;

BIFRT that the VP Mobilization shall include his findings in his next report to council along with his proposed solutions to these issues.

Moved Sapandeeep  
Seconded Sean  
Motion fails.

6. New Business (40mins)

6.1 Re-opening the Call for Applications for a Finance Manager (Isabelle)  
Motion *CO-20150324-08*

**Whereas the GSA is funded by its members and is therefore accountable to its members;**

**Whereas the GSA can best serve its members through responsible spending, sharing budgets and financial reports with its members in a timely manner in accordance with our bylaws, and being as transparent as possible about its finances;**



**Whereas the Finance Manager plays an important role in carrying out the aforementioned practices and therefore requires a person with the competence, knowledge, and integrity necessary to perform these functions, and furthermore, as per article 11.1 of the GSA bylaws "staff positions shall be made available exclusively to members of the G.S.A.";**

**Whereas the call for Finance Manager went unnoticed by many of our members;**

~~**BIRT the call for Finance Manager shall be re-opened for a period of 5 days;**~~

Amendment:

**BIRT the callout to hire a new finance manager will be reopened from Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March to Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April**

Moved Sean

Seconded Korosh

Amendment carries.

**BIFRT the call for Finance Manager shall be sent out in a separate email with the subject line "The GSA is Hiring a Finance Manager";**

**BIFRT this call shall be posted on social media in order to better reach members who may not be on our email list;**

Moved Ribal

Seconded Sean

Motion carries with amendment

Abstentions: Ribal, Sapandeeep

#### 6.2 Elections budget

Motion *CO-20150324-09*

**BIRT the election budget be increased by 2500. This will cover the additional costs of having so many candidates campaign as well as having to print far more ballots than usual**

**BIFRT the CRO be remunerated for an additional 30 hours of work at 20\$ per additional hour as stipulated in his contract. This will ensure that he has the time required to guarantee the proper running of the election.**

Motion *CO-20150324-10*

**BIRT we move to closed session – directors only**

Moved Mathilde

Seconded Longren

Motion *CO-20150324-11*

**Move to open session**

Moved Sean

Seconded Ribal

Motion carries

Motion *CO-20150324-09* now appears as follows:

**BIRT the election budget be increased by 2500. This will cover the additional costs of having so many candidates campaign as well as having to print far more ballots than usual**

**BIFRT the CRO be remunerated for an additional 30 hours of work at 20\$ per additional hour as stipulated in his contract. This will ensure that he has the time required to guarantee the proper running of the election.**

**BIFRT the interim finance manager find the appropriate funds from the following expense items: GA**

Moved Ribal

Seconded Sean

6 in favour

3 abstentions: Korosh, Ribal

Motion carries

#### 6.3 Accreditation appeal accusation

Motion *CO-20150324-12* to move into closed session for directors, executives, and staff

Moved Korosh

Seconded Sean

Closed session carries

Motion *CO-20150324-15* to move back to open session

Moved Korosh

Seconded Sapandeeep

Motion carries

#### 6.4 Endorsement of BDS (Ribal, seconded Korosh)

Motion *CO-20150324-16* to table 6.4 and move on to reports

Moved

Seconded

Motion carries

Return to

3.2 Update from Bylaws Committee (see draft bylaws for discussion at April MCM)

Motion *CO-20150324-17* to table this and move directly to reports

Moved Mathilde

Seconded Korosh

Motion carries unanimously

7. Reports, Appendix II (15mins)



Motion *CO-20150324-18*

BIRT we approve all staff and exec reports in one motion for February and March, therefore ensuring that the executives can receive their bursaries

Moved Korosh

Seconded Mathilde

Motion carries unanimously

Motion *CO-20150324-19 to adjourn*

*Moved Mathilde*

*Seconded Korosh*

Motion passes unanimously