Graduate Students' Association
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Minutes

GSA Regular Council Meeting

14 October 2011
GSA House, 2030 Mackay, Montreal

Attendance

Voting Directors:	Adnan Abueid (ENCS), Natheer Alatawneh (ENCS), Vinith Anand (ENCS), Mohammad Nurujjaman Beajon (ENCS), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS), Erik Chevrier (Arts and Science), Roxanne Desforges (Arts and Science), Richard Hinton (Arts and Science), Mohammed Khader (ENCS), Eric Martineau (JMSB), Hossain Maleki (JMSB), Nadia Hausfather (Independent), Nathan Williams (JMSB), Emily Paige (Fine Arts)
Non-Voting Directors:	Phalpinder Singh Gill (Vice-President Internal), Holly Nazar (Vice-President External), Robert Sonin (President, Acting Chair)
Observers:	Mark Schilling (Services Manager), Andy Yuen (Finance Manager), Golam M Aurup (Secretary)
Regrets:	Edyta Niemyjska (Arts and Science), Roddy Doucet (Advocacy Manager), Daria Saryan (Arts and Science), Matthew MacDonald (Arts and Science), Manu Jain (ENCS)
Absent:	Fred Giard (JMSB)

Documents

CD-111014-01 Notice of Meeting

CD-111014-02 Agenda

CD-111410-03 Addition to the preamble of GSA bylaws

CD-111014-04 BoG resolution 20110607-updated version

CD-111014-05 Motion to form GSA Activities Committee

CD-111014-06 Report of the President

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2.20 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda

- 4.3 Erik Chevrier's motion for the Board of Governors
- 7. 1 Poster policy at GSA
- 7. 2 Health insurance plan for family of international students
- 7.3 Extra-curricular record for GSA Directors
- 7.4 Committee to oversee student activities

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Abueid, Martineau), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-111014-01 The Agenda (CD-111014-01) be adopted as amended.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Tabled

4. Council Business

4.1 Appointment of Chair

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Williams, Hinton), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-111014-02 Mr. Nico Contreras is appointed the Chair of GSA Council Meetings until 31 May 2012.

4.2 Interpretation of GSA Objectives

After some discussion it was decided that the proposed addition to the preamble to the GSA Bylaws (CD-111410-03) should be revised by H. Nazar, R. Sonin, N. Williams, and N. Hausfather and brought back to next council meeting.

4.3 Erik Chevrier's Motion for Concordia BOG meeting

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Hausfather, Desforges), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-111014-03 Revised motion (See Document CD-111014-04) is approved

5. Executive Reports

5.1 President

See Document CD-111410-02

5.2 VP Internal

The VP Internal reported verbally.

5.3 VP External

The VP External reported verbally, and presented the need to hire someone to coordinate mobilization among graduate students.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Chevrier, Williams), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-111014-03 3500$ be allocated from budget line for campaigns for the purpose of hiring a campaigns coordinator for a period of 6 months.

The VP External reported that a province-wide mobilization was underway for a day of action against tuition increases on 10 November 2011. In order to help mobilize graduate students a General Assembly where the issues could be discussed and a motion of support put forward would be helpful.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Hausfather, Maleki), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-111014-04 A Special General Assembly is hereby called for 3 November 2010.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Abueid, Hausfather), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-111014-05 A committee is struck to oversee the Special General Assembly, with of A. Abueid, N. Hausfather, and R. Desforges as members.

5.4 Advocacy Manager

The Advocacy Manager was absent with regrets.

5.5 Finance Manager

The Finance Manager reported verbally.

5.6 Services Manager

The Services Manager reported verbally.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Orientation Committee

Tabled

6.2. CUTV Negotiation Committee

Tabled

6.3 Representatives of University Bodies

The president reported that despite several efforts, including multiple mass emails, not all seats on University Bodies have been filled. The President will email councillors about the vacant positions. In addition, he will inform H. Maleki, E. Chevrier, and E. Paige about meetings with Dean of Graduate Studies.

7. Other Business

7.1 Poster policy at GSA house:

N. Alatawneh asked about posters and leaflets being posted or distributed at the GSA house without sufficient knowledge of their contents, as they are in a variety of languages. The Services Manager undertook to look into the issue.

7.2 Health insurance plan for family of international students:

Z. Briqech reported that the health insurance plan for family members of international students at Concordia University are much more expensive than that at McGill University, and that this forces some members to go without health insurance for their families. The VP External asked him to provide documentation so that she can follow up with the International Students Office.

7.3 Extra-curricular record for GSA Directors

M. Beajon reported that "GSA director" is not currently on the list of activities that can claim co-curricular records with the university. The President will look into the matter.

7.4 Committee to oversee student activities

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

CDR-111014-06 *Orientation committee continues work to oversee student activities at the GSA (See Document CD-111410-5 for full motion).*

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on Friday 11 November 2011, location to be announced.

9. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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Golam M. Aurup

Secretary