
Minutes of GSA Council Meeting held on 11 March 2010 at GSA House
(10th Council Meeting, 2009-10)

Members Present:	Mahboubeh Khani	(President)
	Mohammad Faisal Uddin	(VP - Services)
	Manu Jain	(VP - Advocacy)
	Altayeb Qasem	(VP - Finance)
	Eric Chevrier	(VP - External)
	Roddy Doucet	(Director - Arts)
	Natheer Alatawneh	(Director - ENCS)
	Svetla Turnin	(Director - Arts)
	Nadia Hausfather	(Director - Arts)
	Zachary Kenny	(Director - Fine Arts)
	Sussan Dolatshahi	(Director - JMSB)
Members Absent:	Mathew Tziritas	(Director - Science)
	Shikui Wu	(Director - JMSB)
	Peipei Shi	(Director - ENCS)

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1. Chair's remarks
 - 1.2. Approval of the Agenda
 - 1.3. Approval of Minutes
2. Presentation on Nowruz Event funding Application
3. Appointment of CRO
 - 3.1. Candidate's presentation
 - 3.2. Discussion and voting process
4. Deciding on co-op bookstore funding process.
5. Report on CFS
6. Support for MSATI (*added later*)
7. Other Businesses
8. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm. Chair informed that new by-laws were approved in the General Assembly held today afternoon and praised the good work done by Campaign Committee.

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was unanimously approved after addition of following topic: Funding for MSATI.

3. Approval of Minutes

Tabled till council meeting.

4. Appointment of CRO

Both the candidates' (Amos and Roddy) resumes were reviewed by Council. Roddy was not part of any discussion for CRO hiring.

Presentation by Amos: My history in student affairs goes back to undergrad years form 1993-98 where I worked as secretary of student union. Then, I was employed as Manager in law enforcement specially in cyber crimes. During Masters I was grad representative in Senate. I believe that, given my background in student politics and law enforcement, I can run fair and smooth elections, if given the opportunity.

Presentation by Roddy: I have been involved in student organizations , labour organization etc for many years and quite aware of the mechanics that go behind student elections. I have experience with university, so I know whom to talk to in university. Also, this year the elections are crucial as the new by-laws have been approved. I'm fully aware of the election by-laws and good at conflict resolution.

After presentation from candidates there were discussion among the council members about candidates.

MOTION - Altayeb - BIRT the council appoints Roddy as CRO and recommends Amos as DRO. Zak second. All in favor. Motion PASSED.

5. Nawruz Funding Proposal

Nawruz committee presented their proposal and tentative budget. Nawruz is New Year according to Persian Calendar. Every year it is celebrated in Loyola Campus for last 7-8 years and Dean of Students also supports the event. In this ceremony, over the years all the grad and undergrad students, professor, members of parliament from all nationalities are invited. Approx 500 people will be there for this year's event.

MOTION - Zak - BIRT the Council supports Nawruz celebration event for \$750. Erik seconded. All in favor. Motion PASSED.

6. Election Judicial Committee

Svetla pointed out that according to By-Laws Judicial Committee should be comprised of 5 directors.

MOTION - Mah - BIRT the council appoints Svetla, Zak, Mah, Sussan and Manu to the Judicial Election Committee. Altayeb seconded. all in favor.

7. Co-op Bookstore fee levy

Tabled till next meeting.

8. Report on CFS

Erik informed that the lawyer informed to have two members from GSA for the Defederation Overseeing Committee (ROC). Roddy and Manu volunteered to be part of this committee.

9. Support for MSATI

Nadia informed that the MSATI (Montreal Students against Tution Increase) will soon launch an independent website to make Montreal Universities' students better aware and its name will also be changed. Nadia requested that GSA should officially support this group.

MOTION - Svetla - BIRT the GSA officially supports the MSATI group. Manu seconded. All in favor. Motion PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.