December 2, 2010

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

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GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION – Concordia University



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Attendance

Chair	
	Roddy Doucet
Executives	
President	Adnan Abueid
VP Internal	Nazanin Hazrati
VP External	Mathew Tziritas
Council Members	
Arts and Science	Ali Halawi
	Louise Birdsell Bauer
	Robert Sonin
JMSB	Mohammad Sabr
	Mahmood Salehi
ENCS	Nayeem Ninad
	Mohammed Khader
	Yuhang Luo
	Natheer Alatawneh
	Mohammad Beajon
	Ajay Pooni
Fine Arts	Emily Page
Absent	Parastoo Naghavi (JMSB)
	Matthew Macdonald
	Holly Nazar (Art and Science)
	Rushdia Mehreen (Art and Science)
	Nadia Hausfather (Interdisciplinary)
Managers	
Manager advocacy	Roddy Doucet
Manager Finance	Trevor Nelson
Absent	Anna Chigo (Manager services)
Minute taker	Golam M Aurup

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1.0 Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm

1.1 Approval of the agenda

Motion- Robert- BIRT we approve the Agenda for the December Council Meeting. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in Favor. PASS.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Louise mentioned that the motion of point 8.0 should be 'BIRT an ad hoc committee is formed to help Mathew performing his duties.' And, in the attendance page, the name of faculty should be 'Arts and Science' instead of 'Art and Science'.

MOTION – Mohammad Beajon - BIRT we approve the minutes from the last council meeting with the above mentioned corrections. 2nd Ninad . All in favor. PASS

2.0 Report from Executives and Managers

President:

Adnan presented his report. No discussion.

VP Internal:

Nazanin presented her report. No discussion.

VP External:

Mathew presented his report. No discussion.

Advocacy Manager:

Roddy presented his report to the council. No discussion.

Finance Manager:

Trevor presented his report and submitted quarterly budget analysis. He also explained the need for an allocation for audit which is missing in the proposed budget.

Motion- Mohammad Sabr- BIRT an allocation of \$2000 is added to the budget for audit purpose. 2^{nd} Ninad. For 9, abstain 1. PASS

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3.0 Report from Orientation Team

Tabled to next council meeting

4.0 Approval of the GSA affiliation of the PhD Students' Forum on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

Motion- Louise- BIRT that the GSA affiliates the PhD Students' Forum on Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. 2^{nd} Robert. All in Favor. PASS.

5.0 GSA Stance on BOG reconfiguration

There was a discussion on the issue.

Motion-Robert- BIRT the GSA takes an official stance against reduction of faculty and student representation in the BOG. 2nd Mohammad Sabr. All in favor. PASS.

6.0 CSU motivational petition endorsement

Motion- Louise- BIRT the GSA endorses the letter to motivate CSU efforts to fight tution increase. 2^{nd} Emily. For 7, abstain 3. PASS.

7.0 Electronic communication policy

Motion- Mohammad Sabr- BIRT the council approves the proposed electronic communication policy. 2^{nd} Louise. For 8, abstain 1. PASS.

8.0 GSA House usage policy

Motion- Robert- BIRT the council approves the proposed house usage policy. 2^{nd} Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. PASS

9.0 December 6 Education protest endorsement and General assembly to endorse Student day of action on February 14, 2011

Motion- Robert- BIRT the GSA endorses the 6 December protest. 2nd Ali. All in favor. PASS.

It was decided that calling a general assembly to endorse 14th February as student day of action would be tabled in next council meeting.

10.0 Setting date for January Meeting

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Motion- Beajon- BIRT the next meeting be on January 13th. 2nd Natheer. All in favor. PASS

11.0 Other Business

Roddy presented the advocacy center proposal and requested all to have a look and provide feedback on the issue.

12.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.