

# February 10, 2011

## GSA Council Meeting Minutes

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**Attendance**

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



## **1.0 Call to order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm

## **1.1 Approval of the agenda**

Motion- Louise- BIRT we approve the Agenda for the January Council Meeting. 2nd Rushdia. All in Favor. PASS.

The items regarding Nazanin's resignation, calling of election and public accountability of GSA executives were added to other business.

## **1.3 Approval of Minutes**

Present councilors wanted to have a look at the minutes before approval and later it was not possible as the meeting lost quorum.

## **2.0 Reports from Executives and Managers**

### **President:**

Adnan presented his report. This included report on the distribution of departmental allocation cheques, review of GSA budget and follow up of GSA daily activities.

He informed the council the background of the unfortunate and unintentional delay in distribution of the departmental allocation cheques. Emily and Rushdia informed that they were unable to attend to the queries from the departmental representatives and they feel that the GSA should apologize to the associations formally for the situation. It was also discussed why it took so long after the VP External assured in the last council meeting that the cheques would be ready in a day. Adnan informed that one of the main reasons for the situation was that the responsibility to process the applications was not mentioned in the job descriptions of any of the Managers and Executives. The other main reason was that the GSA had to transfer funds from internal account to the external account which takes a couple of weeks. He also mentioned that a line in the application form should inform students about expected processing time, and the experiences should be passed on to the next GSA team so that it does not happen again.

Motion- Louise- BIRT the hiring committee looks into the process of departmental allocation and recommend to the council by April. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mathew. All in favor. PASS.

There was a discussion regarding hiring of a new finance manager and suggestions were to go to the JMSB chartered accounting classes for replacements and going through CAPS. There was an argument regarding appointment of CA students while GSA's requirements seem to be mere book keeping.



Motion- Louise- BIRT we go to the Concordia Career and Placement services (CAPS) to hire the finance manager. For 9. Absent 1. PASS.

There was a discussion regarding absence of VP External. It was expected that in case of absence, executives and managers must submit the monthly report.

Motion- Robert- BIRT VP External has to show up in next council meeting with February and March minutes or face serious consequences. 9 for. 1 abstains. PASS.

### **Service Manager:**

Roddy presented Anna's report. The report informed the various orientation activities and informed the council that a detailed report would be submitted soon. It also informed the council of the proposed event titled 'Pecha Kucha of Sustainability'.

### **3. GSA General Assembly**

There was a discussion regarding appointment of the chair and the secretary for the GA.

Motion- Rushdia- BIRT Adnan chairs the GA if he is willing to and Aurup take up duty as secretary. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mathew McDonald. All in favor. PASS.

#### **3.1 Approval of questions:**

The GA questions were presented to council and a discussion followed.

Motion- Mathew- BIRT the point 5 in proposed agenda regarding Board of Governors is the following:

"BIRT the GSA calls for the chair of the Board of Governors, Peter Kruyt, and the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors to step down immediately.

BIFRT the GSA fully supports the Concordia University Senate's resolution that the nominations to the community-at-large seats on the Board of Governors be approved by a 2/3 majority in a joint Senate/Board of Governors committee consisting of 50% of Senators appointed by senate and 50% of members appointed by the Board of Governors."

2<sup>nd</sup> Louise. All in favor. PASS.

Corrections were proposed to the point 6 in proposed agenda regarding Charest government's proposed tuition hikes. The version adopted is

"BIRT the Concordia Graduate Students' Association actively opposes all tuition and fee hikes and calls upon the Quebec Government to reinvest heavily in post secondary education."



There was a discussion regarding academic amnesty for students who wish to attend the GA.

Motion- Robert- BIRT the GSA calls the Provost for academic amnesty of students who miss academic activities due to the GA. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mahmood. All in favor. PASS.

## **5. Meeting with Dr. Lowy- February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Adnan informed the council that he and VP external would meet Concordia President on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February.

## **8. GSA support for non Aux Hausses- Pan provincial action March 12<sup>th</sup> against fee hike in health, education and social services.**

Rushdia gave background of the alliance of several hundred associations all over Quebec which is protesting the move by the Government.

Motion- Rushdia- BIRT the GSA endorses and is part of the coalition. 2<sup>nd</sup> Louise. All in favor. PASS

**The meeting lost quorum at 8:50 pm.**