

APPENDIX I: MOTIONS FOR APRIL 4 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

a). Council Honorariums:

Be It Resolved That point 16, Article V of GSA Bylaws should now read as follows:

The Council will determine annually the honorarium Directors will be entitled to receive per meeting attended. This amount must be ratified by GSA members through a General Assembly.

b). Motion to amend GSA Bylaws Articles V, XII and XIII to increase the transparency and accountability of the Council of Directors

Current GSA Bylaws	Proposed amendments
<p>Article V -- Council of Directors</p> <p>6. Prior to every Council meeting: a) All Directors shall be given individual notice at least seven (7) calendar days before each Council meeting, unless waived by every Director.</p>	<p>Proposed additions:</p> <p>6. Prior to every Council meeting: a) All Directors shall be given individual notice at least seven (7) calendar days before each Council meeting, unless waived by every Director. All GSA members shall also be informed of the Council meetings.</p> <p><i>JUSTIFICATION: The current by laws mandates council members to arrive 30 minutes before any council meeting to answer questions from members. Members therefore have to be informed of all council meeting to be able to ask council members questions or inform them of their concerns.</i></p>

<p>Article XII -- Budget Committee</p> <p>1. The annual GSA budget shall be prepared for approval and/or amendment by a Budget Committee.</p>	<p>Proposed additions:</p> <p>1. The annual GSA budget shall be prepared for approval and/or amendment by a Budget Committee.</p>
<p>Article XIII -- Finances</p> <p>6. The Budget Committee will be responsible for the creation of Quarterly Financial Statements to be presented to Council in the months of September, January, March and May.</p> <p>8. All GSA accounts shall be reviewed by an external auditor annually. The external auditor shall be approved by a General Assembly as per the recommendations of the Budget Committee.</p>	<p>Proposed additions and changes:</p> <p>6. The Budget Committee will be responsible for the creation of Quarterly Financial Statements to be presented to Council in the months of September, January, March and May. The Quarterly Financial Statements shall also be made available to all members of the GSA.</p> <p><i>JUSTIFICATION: These changes are to ensure that there is more transparency in the GSA. All members contribute an equal amount to the GSA so the finances should be available to all members so that there is no distrust.</i></p> <p>8. All GSA accounts shall be audited by an external auditor annually. The external auditor shall be approved by a General Assembly as per the recommendations of the Budget Committee.</p> <p>9. The audited financial statements shall be received by Council at the end of the financial year and made available to all members of the GSA.</p>

JUSTIFICATION: An audit ensures that there is more accountability and transparency. It also gives an independent opinion on the financial statements which gives assurance to members. A review does not express any opinion on the financial statements while an audit provides a reasonable basis for expressing an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. An audit performs certain procedures ordinarily performed during an audit such as understanding the internal control, as well as testing the accounting records through inspection, observation and confirmation.

c) Motion to amend GSA Bylaws Article XIX.3 regarding roles and responsibilities of the General Assembly Committee (submitted by Council)

Current GSA Bylaws	Proposed amendments
<p>Article XIX — General Meetings</p> <p>3. The Agenda for the General Assembly a) will be created by a General Assembly Committee comprised of: i. The Executive Committee members, ii. Three members of Council representing three out of the four faculties.</p>	<p>Proposed changes:</p> <p>3. The Agenda for the General Assembly a) Shall be drafted by a General Assembly Committee, the latter of which shall consist of the Executive Committee members, and three members of Council representing three out of four faculties. The roles and responsibilities of the General Assembly Committee are: i. to draft an agenda for the General Assembly, ii. to mobilize GSA members to attend the General Assembly, and iii. to manage logistical tasks related to the</p>

Motion regarding GSA stance on Charter of Values (Bill 60)

BIRT the GSA believe in freedom of expression for all regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religion save those statements that perpetuate false stereotypes or incite hatred. As such, we cannot support the Quebec Charter that the Partie Quebecois Government of Pauline Marois is foisting upon Quebec society.

BIFRT the GSA work with other organizations to fight against this policy

Council Decision on Quebec Charter of Values (Bill 60) - Passed 7-2-0

New Funding Policy

WHEREAS funding for individual students to attend conferences is available from the School of Graduate Studies and some faculties, as well as supervisors and departments depending on availability;

WHEREAS the GSA is not financially able to award more than \$50-100 to each applicant for conference funding (at current levels of demand);



WHEREAS the executive and committees of the GSA are not able to evaluate conference proposals for their academic merit;

WHEREAS providing conference funding for graduate students also benefits the university by increasing its stature and reputation;

WHEREAS the limited funds of the GSA should be spent primarily on services that the University cannot or will not provide (ie. advocacy for students in conflict with the university or faculty members, student-led activities and orientation, advocacy against tuition increases, etc.);

Be It Resolved that GSA no longer provides conference funding for individuals