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GSA Regular Council Meeting, 5pm-8pm on Friday, May 23
Location: GSA House

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to Order (1 min)
2. Adoption of the Agenda (5 mins)
3. Council Business
 - 3.1 Chair Report & Circulation of Attendance Sheet (3 mins)
4. Approval of Minutes from April 25 (5 mins) [See **ATTACHED**]
5. Business Arising from the Minutes (70 mins) [See **Appendix I, pp. 2-3**]
 - 5.1 Follow-up on councillor participation (VP Internal/Carla Farnesi)
 - 5.2 Accreditation follow-up (Accreditation Committee)
 - 5.3 Advocacy Fee Question Amendment (Audrey Dahl)
 - a. Approval of GSA fee increase
 - b. GSA hired accountability to council and members
 - 5.4 Volunteer recognition awards & student scholarship (Vinoth Ramaiah)
6. New Business (15 mins)
 - 6.1 Executive Bursaries Policy [See **ATTACHED**]
7. Reports (30 mins) [See **Appendix II, pp. 4-8**]
 - 7.1 Campaigns/Departments Advocate
 - 7.2 Service Manager
 - 7.4 Other Reports (BoG, Senate, Academic Planning, Bylaw Committees)
 - a. Tabled reports, including March & Special Meeting Packets (See March 21 & Feb. 7th), Report from the Council of the School of Grad Studies (Carla Farnesi), Sustainability Report (Trevor Smith), and the Academic Program Committee (Audrey Dahl).
 - b. May Report from Academic Program Committee
8. GSA Committee Appointments (5 mins)
9. Other Business (5 mins)
10. Adjournment



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Appendix I – Motions

Business Arising

5.1 Follow-up on councillor participation (VP Internal/Carla Farnesi)

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5.2 Accreditation follow-up (Accreditation Committee)

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5.3 Advocacy fee levy question

Motion 1 : approval of GSA fee increase

Whereas a fee levy is the name used by fee levy organization for cotisation (\$) from their members to be able to exist;

Whereas a fee levy organization is a specific type of organization described by fee levy « No campaign » organizers as :

« Fee levy groups are student organizations and initiatives at Concordia University that are student-elected through the referendum process. Fee levy groups are made up of Concordia undergraduate (and sometimes graduate students) as well as community members from wider Montreal communities. Fee levy groups receive all or part of their operating budgets from a per-credit Concordia student fee levy. Fee levy groups are autonomous from the administrations of Concordia University, the CSU, the GSA, and all academic bodies and associations. » (source : <http://www.qpirgconcordia.org/?p=4801>)

Whereas the « virtual advocacy centre » is not run by student-elected through elections;

Whereas the « virtual advocacy centre » is not autonomous from the administration of GSA;

Whereas the fact that the « virtual advocacy centre » may be considered in GSA accounting as a separate column doesn't qualify it to be a fee levy organization. In contrast, the fact that GSA is in charge of the advocacy accounting proves that this « organization » is not autonomous from GSA, which contravene to fee levy organization definition;

Whereas the « virtual advocacy centre » is in fact an advocacy service that GSA provides to its members and not a fee levy;

Whereas a fee levy offer an opt-out option and that it would be almost impossible for GSA to monitor who opt-in and who opt-out the the « advocacy fee-levy » before providing services;

Whereas the disguised of an increase in GSA membership fee is not justified since the increase itself seems justified as stated in the ballot question : advocacy need increase;

Whereas transparency from GSA has been asked by members in different forms in General Assembly and council and that councillors themselves asked other organizations to be more



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transparent (for example CSBC), there is no justified reasons when it comes to our own GSA fees to not be transparent to our membership by calling a cat, a cat;

Whereas council is preoccupied by GSA fee increase that was not properly presented in TWO GSA elections and that this increase was actually billed to student in fall 2013;

Whereas an increase in GSA fee for advocacy purposes is justified and members are likely to accept;

Be it Further Resolved that GSA fee that planned to be charged to members in fall 2014 go back to the amount of fall 2012 and that the total of money collected without proper members approval in fall 2013 be kept aside until proper membership approval;

Be it Further Resolved that this GSA fee increase will be brought by a team of councillors (to be nominated by council during this present meeting) in the next General Assembly to a vote in which the motion specifically state that this is a GSA fee increase and not a fee levy;

Be it Further Resolved that in the case of an agreement from members in General Assembly, the GSA fee increase collected from GSA members without proper approval in fall 2013 could be uses as the one not collected this fall 2014.

Motion 2 : GSA hired accountability to council and members

Whereas that council is preoccupied by the omission of council amendment to the ballot question of 2014 elections and by the previous omission of council ratification of the ballot question of elections 2013 about increasing GSA fees for advocacy;

Whereas this issue resulted in a misrepresentation of council ratification ballot question to our members;

Whereas to go back to this question for a second year takes time to councillors and members, time that could have been used to take care of other important issues;

Whereas CRO and DRO were hired and paid to carry the responsibility of conducting elections and referendum questions properly;

Whereas GSA hired have to be accountable to members and council;

Be it Further Resolved that council motion to censure Simon-Pierre Lauzon (CRO) And Roddy Doucet (DRO) for not having presented the question as ratified by council to GSA members in 2014 elections.

5.4 Volunteer recognition awards & student scholarship (Vinoth Ramaiah)

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New Arising

6.1 Executive Bursaries Policy [See **ATTACHED**]



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Appendix II – Reports

7.1 Campaigns/Departments Advocate

Dear Council members,

At this time of the year, my work revolves mainly on closing the year with department and now with funding.

Most of my time was used exchanging email with associations or funded group and answer their questions. Also, following this year experience, I am revising the Department allocation policy and the funding policy to make sure we can address issues that could have arisen.

Having accumulated overtime, I reduced my work accordingly to use banked hours.

If you have any questions do not hesitate,

David Clos-Sasseville

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Date	Day of the week	Task	Hours
13/04/2014	Sunday		
	Monday	Answering email, Funding follow up, Allocation follow up.	3,75
	Tuesday		
	Wednesday		
	Thursday	Email follow up, Allocation follow up.	1,75
	Friday		
	Saturday		
			5,5
Date	Day of the week	Task	Hours
20/04/2014	Sunday	Emails, Allocation follow up.	1,25
	Monday	Email follow up, Report, Work on document, Preparation for Council, Allocation follow up.	8,75
	Tuesday		
	Wednesday	Email exchange, Preparation for council, staff meeting, Allocation follow up.	6
	Thursday		
	Friday	Email, Council, Funding follow up, Allocation follow up.	8,25
	Saturday		



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Date	Day of the week	Task	Hours
27/04/2014	Sunday		
	Monday	Emails, Work on document, Funding follow up.	5,5
	Tuesday		
	Wednesday		
	Thursday	Email follow up, Follow up on allocation.	5,75
	Friday		
	Saturday		
			11,25
Date	Day of the week	Task	Hours
04/05/2014	Sunday		
	Monday		
	Tuesday	Emails, Follow up on allocation, Follow up on funding, Service for department.	2,75
	Wednesday		
	Thursday	Email exchange, Work on document, Work on policy.	7,5
	Friday		
	Saturday		
			10,25

7.2 Service Manager

Service Manager Report to Council for May 23rd meeting

Hi everyone,

This past month has been one of wrapping up with the current exec team as well as working on events to mark the end of their mandate. We hosted a Bollywood party where 200 students attended and we are about to host a family-friendly trip to the Cirque du Soleil. I've also been working to support student members with their own event planning with the university, as well as being in touch with hospitality to streamline our ways of supporting departmental associations booking space through the GSA.

It's been a pleasure working with you all over the past year and I wish you the best of luck in your studies and the future. Take care!

Liz



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Date	Day of Week	Task	Hours
21/04/2014	Monday		
	Tuesday		
	Wednesday	volunteer letter, party planning	4
	Thursday	hospitality charges follow-up, finance followup, support for MFASASA members	5
	Friday	council and minutes-formatting	6
Date	Day of Week	Task	Hours
28/04/2014	Monday		
	Tuesday	MFASASA support, stock room issues, party details, hospitality cancellation	5
	Wednesday	party planning, minutes editing	3
	Thursday	support for invigilator event	5
	Friday		
Date	Day of Week	Task	Hours
27/01/2014	Monday	SLC committee event planing, party prep	7
	Tuesday	big decisions for SLC, plus Bollywood party	12
	Wednesday		
	Thursday	Staff meeting, kitchen and stock room cleaning, circus planning	4
	Friday		
Date	Day of Week	Task	Hours
27/01/2014	Monday	Cirque du soleil planning	2
	Tuesday		
	Wednesday	Follow-up on everything before medical leave, report	4
	Thursday		
	Friday		

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7.4 Other Reports (BoG, Senate, Academic Planning, Elections, Bylaw Committees)

- a. Tabled reports, including March & Special Meeting Packets (See March 21 & Feb. 7th), Report from the Council of the School of Grad Studies (Carla Farnesi), Sustainability Report (Trevor Smith), and the Academic Program Committee (Audrey Dahl).

b. May Report from Academic Program Committee (APC) report (Audrey Dahl)

Dear councillors,

Here is my report of representation on Academic Program Committee (APC).

Just a reminder of the mandate of this committee : Approve any curriculum changes and new academic program. Also vote on change in regulations, for exemple : change in the deadline of In Progress (IP) notation.

This year we accept several new programs, for example :

- Master in Supply Chain and Business Technology Management
- Diploma in Visual Journalism

The curriculum Approval Process Reform was discussed and finally approved after 2 years of negotiations. I was on APC last year too, so I participate in this reform that was first a very bad proposition and finally became a not so bad one.

Next APC meeting is March 27th

Here are the point discussed in AGENDA concerning grad students curriculum, if you have any issues related to these curriculum changes please let me know!

Course Offerings

6. Graduate Curriculum Proposals (Changes for the Fall 2014 Calendar)

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (for September 2014 Implementation) (ELEC-65.v.2; APC-2014-3-D12)

Doctor of/Doctorate in Philosophy (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Master of/Magisteriate in Applied Science (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Master of/Magisteriate in Engineering (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

Topic Area E48 – Computer Engineering

Course Offerings

Faculty of Fine Arts

Department of Studio Arts (for Fall 2014 Implementation) (ARTG-5.v.5; APC-2014-3-D13)



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Master of/Magisteriate in Fine Arts (Studio Arts)

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Concentration Open Media (Name Change to Intermedia (Video, Performance and Electronic Arts))

Course Offerings

John Molson School of Business

Doctor of/Doctorate in Philosophy (Business Administration) (for Fall 2014 Implementation)
(ADMI-8.v.3; APC-2014-3-D14)

Admission Requirements

Department of Accountancy (for September 2014 Implementation) (CMA-9.v.3; APC-2014-3-D15)

Graduate Certificate in Management Accounting (Program Deletion)

Course Offerings

7. Graduate Curriculum Proposals (Changes for the Fall 2015 Calendar)

Faculty of Arts and Science

Department Economics (for September 2015 Implementation) (ECON-25.v.2; APC-2014-3-D16)

Course Offerings (Diploma in Economics)

APC LAST MEETING : May 22

At the last meeting new issues can be brought by any members of the committee. This year, I'm trying to bring on agenda 2 concerns. One being that students be included in curriculum changes at department level. And to discuss the IP regulations changes that have too strict deadlines that doesn't align with graduate students work.

Please, if you have suggestions or concerns that you want me to bring to APC, contact me before May 21 :

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Merci!