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**GSA Regular Council Meeting -- Monday, February 16, 6:00PM to 9:00PM,  
PLACE: Hall Building H-769 / **PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN COPY****

DRAFT AGENDA

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm
1. Call to Order (1 min)
2. Adoption of the Agenda (5 mins)
3. Council Business (5 mins)
  - 3.1 Chair's report (see Action Items/ Time Frame)
  - 3.2 Motion to update action items (Isabelle)
  - 3.3 Council appointment (Isabelle)
4. Approval of Nov. 18th Council meeting minutes
5. Business Arising from the Minutes, Appendix I (90 mins)
  - 5.1 GSA Career Fair
  - 5.2 GSA Policies
  - 5.3 FB policy
  - 5.4 Waste and recycling at GSA events
  - 5.5 BYLAW CHANGE: No elections in GA
  - 5.6 Elections campaigning and the GSA FaceBook Page
  - 5.7 GSA rep on external bodies getting honorarium
  - 5.8 GradProSkill
  - 5.9 Executive Action Plan
6. New Business (40mins)
  - 6.1 Amending the GA agenda (Keroles)
  - 6.2 Senator appointment (Keroles)
  - 6.3 Funding
  - 6.4 Elections
  - 6.5 Hire a new Finance Manager
  - 6.6 Exec/staff reports due 48 hours before Council agenda (Isabelle)
  - 6.7 GA anti-mobilization investigation and report (Isabelle)
7. Reports, Appendix II (15mins)
  - 7.1 Department Manager and Campaigns Advocate
8. GSA Committee Appointments (5 mins)
  - 8.1 GA Planning
  - 8.2 Equity Retreat
  - 8.3 Student Life
9. Other Business (5 mins)
  - 9.1 Oral report SGS council
  - 9.2 CCR Update (see memo from Dec Packet)
10. Adjournment



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### 3. Council Business

#### 3.1 Chair's Report

*ACTION ITEMS:* ([Link to Google Sheet: http://tinyurl.com/k2qgray](http://tinyurl.com/k2qgray))

#### 3.2 Motion to update action items (Isabelle)

**BIRT Action item #9 could be done via email prior to the next GA, as well as in person, by the Chair at the start of the next General Assembly that meets quorum.**

#### 3.3 Council appointment (Isabelle)

**BIRT Council appoint Anastasia Llewellyn to council (director for Arts and Science).**

### Appendix I – Motions

#### *Business Arising*

##### 5.1 GSA Career Fair

Whereas building engineering students have a lower hiring ratio among other engineering students;

Whereas every time that Concordia prepares a career fair, there are few relevant companies that building engineers and all GSA members can refer and ask their questions;

Whereas many GSA members are international students and may not have enough information about the employment market;

**Be it resolved that the VP Internal survey GSA members about their interest in participating in a GSA Career Fair;**

**Be it further resolved this survey ask what companies GSA members would like to see participating in a GSA Career Fair (such as building engineers, architects, construction managers, etc.);**

**Be it further resolved the VP External act on the survey results by inviting the suggested companies;**



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**Be it further resolved the survey be completed by January 15 so the VP External can act quickly to contact companies;**

**Be it further resolved the VP Internal prepare an informal and informative event to let students mingle and ask their questions;**

**Be it further resolved that if many GSA members express interest, the VP Internal and External will prepare for two GSA Career Fairs before the end of Winter semester.**

## **5.2 GSA Policies**

**BIRT the VP Internal work with the staff to centralize all GSA policies on the GSA website by April 1, 2015.**

## **5.3 FB policy**

**BIRT the GSA Council approves the following policy statement:**

Welcome to the Facebook group of Concordia's Graduate Student Association (GSA)! We encourage the active participation of all grad students in our community. In order to keep this a friendly and respectful space for our members, the following rules have been put in place:

- no racist, sexist, homophobic, or otherwise discriminatory comments
- no slanderous accusations, personal attacks, or insults against anyone in our community
- no advertising for large, for-profit businesses, for those not managed by GSA members, or for those not in line with GSA mandates
- no "spamming" or frequent posting of the same thing

FIRST OFFENSE: the offending post will be deleted. SECOND OFFENSE: post deleted and the user will be removed from the group. THIRD OFFENSE: post deleted and the user will be permanently blocked.

(This policy was approved by the GSA Council of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_.)

## **5.4 Waste and Recycling at GSA Events**

**BIRT that the VP Interval and Services Manager work towards limiting waste and recycling as much as possible at all GSA events.**



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## **5.5 BYLAW CHANGE: No elections in GA**

**BIRT that the GSA Bylaws be modified to remove all elections from the GA.**

*Requires supermajority (two-thirds vote)*

## **5.6 Elections campaigning and the GSA FaceBook Page**

**BIRT Electoral candidates running for any position at the GSA are barred from campaigning on the GSA FaceBook page.**

## **5.7 GSA rep on external bodies getting honorarium**

## **5.8 GradProSkill**

## **5.9 Executive Action Plan**

### *New Business*

## **6.1 Amending the GA agenda**

Whereas council has passed a bylaw change on Jan 19 coded "Motion CO-20150119-08" stating:

*Be It Resolved That the GA elects a student from the general GSA membership outside council and execs to the budget committee;*

*Be It Further Resolved That the Article 12.2 of the GSA Bylaws on the composition of the Budget Committee now include "12.2.7 One member-at-large elected annually by the General Assembly."*

Whereas bylaw article (XXI-2) with regards to bylaws amendments states:

"2. Publication of the Notice of Motion- Upon its reception, the association must publish on its website and social media at its disposal the Notice of Motion. The Notice of

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Motion must also be sent to the members along with the agenda of the General assembly"

Whereas despite the fact that the stated procedure are automatic, they have NOT taken place

**BIRT Bylaw article (XXI-2) be immediately invoked with respect to "Motion CO-20150119-08" passed by GSA council on Jan 19th and that ALL it is procedural implications must take place immediately. Those implications are the dissemination, announcement and informing GSA membership with the bylaw change AND that the bylaw change be on the NEXT GA agenda for ratification by the GA.**

**BIFRT the election of the additional member on the budget committee be held in the NEXT GA as per the content of the bylaw change.**

## **6.2 Senator appointment**

Whereas current senator, Keroles Riad, is out of the country for four months and has consequently resigned his senate seat and GSA council seat.

**BIRT GSA council accepts Keroles's resignation.**

**BIFRT The candidate next in line according to the most recent senate elections, Isabelle Johnston, be appointed as a senator to replace Keroles.**

## **6.3 Funding**

## **6.4 Elections**

## **6.5 Hire a new Finance Manager**

## **6.6 Exec/staff reports due 48 hours before Council agenda**

Whereas staff/exec reports are received with the council packet, after the deadline for council motions;

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Whereas having these reports beforehand would give council the opportunity to provide better input and make better more informed decisions on behalf of all GSA members;

**BIRT Exec/staff reports shall henceforth be submitted via [gsaconcordia@lists.resist.ca](mailto:gsaconcordia@lists.resist.ca) a minimum of 48 hours before council motions are due so that motions can address items in reports.**

## **6.7 GA anti-mobilization investigation and report**

Whereas the GSA has failed to meet quorum at the last two General Assemblies;  
Whereas some GSA members have reportedly been actively encouraging members not to attend GSA General Assemblies;

**BIRT the VP Mobilization be mandated to investigate the motivations behind this anti-mobilization campaign;**

**BIFRT that the VP Mobilization shall investigate the other reasons why quorum has not been met at the last two General Assemblies;**

**BIFRT that the VP Mobilization shall include his findings in his next report to council along with his proposed solutions to these issues.**

## **Appendix II – Reports**

### **7.1 Department Manager and Campaigns Advocate**

Dear councillors,

The Departmental allocations applications are still coming up steadily. The mandate to organise the Arts & Science congress is in progress, the VP Mobilization and I met and then the committee including the councillors met twice. The Call out has been sent and most of the details taken care of. The Congress is scheduled for February 6th. For the Fine Arts congress, sadly the only councillor of this faculty resigned we planned to contact directly the associations to see if there was an interest.

Regarding the bylaws revision, the committee met twice since the winter semester started, a 6 hour meeting is planned on February 12th to give a big push of worked. The



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skeleton of a new document has been prepared and the committee is now working on it. For now, the committee members are still aiming at finishing the first draft before next General Assembly.

On the GA organisation, sadly the last council meeting didn't happened at a good time with TRAC GA happening on the same. On the logistic side of thing we are always well prepared, it seems that the problem lies with the mobilization of students. With phone calls, poster, emails, class visits and flyering, it seems that we are already using most of the means students association generally use, the solution could be to intensifies those means and try to get more people participating in the mobilization effort.

Finally I was asked to compile all the motion adopted in council regarding the Accreditation process to answer to the complaints made by two students. From what I have gathered some claims, like the lack of quotation, are already disproven.

Coming up!

The next round of Funding (Academic and Special Project) is coming up in March; we need to form the committee that will asses the applications.

If you have any questions do not hesitate,

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