

June 8th 2010

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

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VP - External



Attendance

<u>Executives</u>	
President	Adnan Abueib
VP Internal	Nazanin Hazrati
VP External	Mathew Tziritas
<u>Council Members</u>	
Arts and Science	Rushdia Mehreen
	Louise Birdsell Bauer
	Robert Sonin
	Holly Nazar
Fine Arts	Emily Paige
Interdisciplinary	Nadia Hausfather
JMSB	Mohammad Sabr
	Mahmood Salehi
ENCS	Mohammad Beajon
	Nayeem Ninad
	Yuhang Luo
	Natheer Alatawneh
Absent	Matthew Macdonald (Arts & Science)
	Ali Halawi (Arts and Science)
	Parastoo Naghivi (JMSB)
	Ajay Pooni (ENCS)
	Mohammed Khader (ENCS)



1.0 Call to Order

Call to Order, 5:18pm.

1.1 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION- Robert Sonin – BIRT we approve of the agenda. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Pass

Nadia - Would like to add a point on tuition freeze in other buissness.

Mathew - Add a point about temporary service manger.

Nadia - Request of funding for G20 summit protest.

Natheer - Discuss the fact that students are being charged for official documents.

2.0 Appointment of chair of the council meetings.

Discussion about whether the president should be the chair of council meetings or if it should be an external person. Talk about other councils: CSU, Canadian Government. It's not mentioned in the bi-laws whether the chair should be internal or external. Decision is made to make Adnan Abueib the temporary chair.

MOTION – Natheer Alatawneh-BIRT we appoint Adnan Abueib as temporary chair. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Pass

3.0 Create Committees

3.1 Hiring Committee

Consists of three executives and some council members for the three managerial positions.

Interest:

Mohammad Beajon, Nadia Hausfather, Mahmood Salehi, Emily Paige, and Louise Birdsell Bauer.

MOTION – Natheer Alatawneh - BIRT we appoint Mohammed Beajon, Nadia Hausfather, Emily Paige, and Mahmood Salehi to the hiring committee. 2nd Robert Sonin. All in favor. Pass

3.2 Budget Committee

Again, three executives and two form the councilors. Who is interested?



A short discussion ensues about the fact that the bi-laws are unclear about the number of people on committees from each faculty. Robert suggests that we change the bi-laws.

MOTION- Robert Sonin – BIRT that article 11 3b) read “One member from each faculty”. 2nd Louise Birdsell Bauer . All in favor. Pass

Additional interest in hiring committee:

Louise Birdsell Bauer

MOTION- Natheer Alatawneh –BIRT we add Louise Birdsell Bauer to the hiring committee. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Pass.

3.3 Budget Committee

Budget committee interest:

Robert Sonin and Mohammad Sabr

MOTION – Robert Sonin –BIRT we appoint Robert Sonin and Mohammad Sabr to the budget committee. 2nd Natheer Alatawneh. All in favor. Pass.

3.4 Orientation Committee

Interest:

Nayeem Ninad, Yuhang Luo, Nazanin Hazrati, Rushdia Mehreen, and Nadia Hausfather.

MOTION – Robert Sonin – BIRT we appoint Nayeem Ninad , Robert Sonin, Yuhang Luo, Nazanin Hazrati, Rushdia Mehreen, and Nadia Hausfather to the Orientation Committee. 2nd Louise Birdsell Bauer. All in favor. Pass

4. External Committees

There are 9 positions. We will send out an email to graduate students. Some positions require a closer eye and therefore should have a council member present.

BOG requires 1 graduate student; Senate requires 4 from different faculty with one for steering committee.

4.1 BOG

MOTION – Robert Sonin -BIRT we appoint Adnan Abueib to sit on the BOG. 2nd Rushdia Mehreen. All in favor. Motion pass.



4.2 Senate

Interest in senate:

Erik Chevrier, Robert Sonin, Natheer Alatawneh, and Rushdia Mehreen. Steering committee for Robert Sonin.

MOTION – Louise Birdsell Bauer –BIRT we appoint Erik Chevrier, Robert Sonin , Natheer Alatawneh, and Rushdia Mehreen to senate and Robert Sonin to the steering committee. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Motion pass.

4.3 Academic planning and priorities committee.

Interest;

Louise Birdsell Bauer

MOTION – Robert Sonin –BIRT we appoint Louise Birdsell Bauer to the Academic planning and priorities committee. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Motion pass.

4.4 Academic Programs Committee.

Contact last year's committee member.

4.5 Research Committee

Two students are required from different faculties.

Interest:

Emily Paige and Louise Birdsell Bauer.

MOTION – Natheer Alatawneh -BIRT we appoint Emily Paige and Louise Birdsell Bauer to sit on the research committee. 2nd Robert Sonin. All in favor. Motion pass.

4.6 Library committee

Interest

Natheer Alatawneh

MOTION – Mohammad Sabr - BIRT we appoint Natheer Alatawneh to sit on the research committee. 2nd Robert. All in favor. Motion pass.

4.7 Finance Committee



A decision is made to wait for a finance manager to be hired.

4.8 Special graduation awards committee.

Interest:

Mohammad Beajon

MOTION – Mohammad Beajon - BIRT we appoint Mohammad Beajon to the Special graduation awards committee. 2nd Mohammad Sabr. All in favor. Motion Pass.

4.9 Student Tribunal

Interests:

Rushdia Mehreen and Mohammad Beajon.

Manu Jain is already on the committee.

Discussion on getting first year students involved as well as other graduate students.

MOTION – Louise Birdsell Bauer - BIRT the we appoint Rushdia Mehreen and Mohammad Beajon to the student tribunal and advertise the other 5 position to the students and recommend involvement of first year students. 2nd Natheer Alatawneh. All in favor. Motion pass.

5.0 Director's Honorarium

Usually it's 50\$. No reason to change it.

MOTION – Emily Paige -BIRT we set the director's honorarium at 50\$. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. For: 10. Against:1. Abstain:1. Motion Pass.

6.0 Executives Salaries

750\$/month was last year's amount. Is there any reason to change it? Short discussion about accountability. Discussion about use of time sheets on top monthly executive's report. No changes are made.

MOTION – Mohammad Sabr - BIRT we set the executives salary at 750\$. 2nd Natheer Alatawneh. All in favor. Motion pass.



7.0 Expenses for June

A provisional budget is set up for the salaries of the managers and executives, honorarium for councilors, administrative assistants' pay, daily expenses, ASEC summer invoice, and the summer party. Also there are approved expenses from last council meeting.

MOTION –Natheer Alatawneh - BIRT we accept the provisional June budget presented by the executives. Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Motion pass.

8.0 Contract for managerial positions

MOTION- Natheer Altawneh – BIRT the hiring committee takes care of the managerial contracts. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Motion pass.

9.0 Setup council meeting dates.

Discussion on which days are good for council meetings. Second Tuesdays of every month is suggested.

10.0 Temporary Managers

MOTION- Natheer Alatawneh - BIRT we appoint Altayeb Qasem as temporary finance manager. 2nd Mohammad Sabr. All in favor. Motion pass.

MOTION – Natheer Alatawneh - BIRT we appoint Golam Aurup as temporary service manager. 2nd Nayeem Ninad . All in favor. Motion pass.

11.0 Tuition fee.

Discuss the position of the GSA towards tuition. Do we want to have and official protest at the upcoming BOG meeting? Should we form an official GSA committee?

12.0 French classes

Want some money to pay for the students books. Perhaps we can get books from an outside source. Should there maybe be a hiring committee for the teachers? We should probably set up some course evaluations to rate the teachers.



General consensus that if money is to be put into French classes it should be used to hire better teachers.

12. Liability insurance for the council members.

Look into getting liability insurance.

13. Other business

13.1 G20 Protest.

Protestors for the G20 summit in Toronto are asking for money to pay for busses. The main topic at the G20 is of an economic recovery plan. This may lead to cuts in education. A debate ensues about whether the GSA should participate in this event without a formal proposal. Without any formal proposal, budget, or information the topic is put to vote.

MOTION – Holly Nazar - BIRT we give 1500\$ to Convergence de Lute Anti-Capitalists in order for them to pay for bus service to Toronto for protest against the upcoming G20 summit. 2nd Nadia Hausfather. For: 7. Against: 3 (Natheer Alatawneh, Mohammad Beajon, Nayeem Ninad). Abstain: 2. Motion pass.

13.2 Certification of documents.

Have to decided whether or not we should form a separate committee.

13.3 Voting for executives.

Should executives be allowed to vote in council meetings? Debate ensues about the balance of power.

MOTION – Mohammad Sabr - BIRT that executive gain voting power in council meeting. 2nd Natheer Alatawneh. All in favour: 3 Again: 8. Motion Fail.

Adjournment

MOTION – Natheer Alatawneh – BIRT we adjourn. 2nd Mohammad Beajon. All in favor. Motion pass.