

July 8th 2010

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

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VP - External





Attendance

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



Call to order 6:48

1.0 Approval of the minutes

There are a lot of things on the agenda. We will try to get through everything as fast as we can. We will table items that are not discussed.

MOTION – Natheer Alatawneh -- BIRT we approve the agenda. Second, Sabr. All in favour.

2.0 Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Louise Birsell Bauer -- BIRT we approve the minutes from the last council meeting. 2nd Mohammad Sabr. For 10, abstain 1. PASS

3.0 Report from the G20

A document was passed around and Roddy Doucet, the organizer of the G20 protests. He summarized the trip to Toronto to protest the G20. Some council members had some questions for Roddy. Adnan asked how distant the group was from the violence. Roddy responded that the GSA members were far away from the violence. Natheer asked if there is fear of problems with international students and being detained. Roddy responded that no immigration problems incurred with the GSA. Mohammed Sabr asked what exactly is the effect of the protest both in direct relation with the GSA and in general. Roddy responded by naming several big named individual who now know of the GSA.

4.0 Water bottle free Concordia.

There is a campaign to remove bottled water from campus. The goal is to remove bottle water from the beverage contract, which is due to be rewritten in the near future. On top of removing water bottles, there are 4 other objectives to achieve in the new beverage contract.

1. Health conscious and environmentally friendly products
2. Non-Exclusive contracts, in order to involve local companies.
3. No bottled water.
4. Negotiations of the beverage contract are clear, transparent, and democratic.

What is asked for by GSA is formal letter of support for these objectives. The objectives will be attached in the appendix.

MOTION – Louise Birdsell Bauer – BIRT the GSA gives a letter supports the bottle water movement of Concordia. 2nd Rushdia Mehreen. For 10, abstain 1. PASS



5.0 Junior Team Canada Sponsorship

Tiffany Woods, member of Junior Team CANADA, is looking for funding for a trip to China to promote Canadian involvement with institutions in China and Malaysia.

MOTION – Mohammad Sabr – To fund 350\$ as sponsorship to Junior Team Canada. Request that she gives a report upon her return. 2nd Mohammad Khader. In favor 5, against 2, abstain 4. FAIL

5.0 Approval on the Budget.

Council reviews provisional budget presented by the budget committee. The provisional budget can be seen in the appendix. COI funding is inaccurate and is changed. Orientation costs are changed to match change in COI funding change. Orientation spending must be at least twice the COI funding amount.

Council will review the budget item by item and changes are suggested. Items are discussed. Conference subsidies are increased to 7000\$. The TA centre is removed. Career placement workshop is removed. Campaigning and legal expenses are merged together to be 7000\$.

Motion – Robert Sonin– BIRT the provisional budget is approved with the discussed changes. 2nd Mohammad Sabr. All in favor. PASS

6.0 ASEQ – GSA Health and Dental Plan

There are two options available to deal with the increase in the premium costs. Either we remove naturopathy, or we increase the premium.

MOTION – Natheer BIRT we removed naturopathy from the health care plan. 2nd Mohammad Sabr. For: 9 Abstain: 2. PASS

7.0 Funding for Arabic cultural event

Motion – Mohammad Khader – BIRT we subsidize 500\$ to the Association of Islamic Charitable Projects. Mohammad Sabr. In favor 7, abstain 4 (Parastoo, Rushdia). PASS

The proposal is attached in the appendix.

7.0 Executive Meeting

Reports can be found in the appendix.



7.0 Other Business

Nadia thinks we should have an external chair.

MOTION – Nadia – If the manager advocacy is not yet hired by next meeting that we search for a temporary chair. 2nd Mohammad Khader. All in favor.

8.0 Adjournment

BIRT the items on the agenda that were not discussed be tables to the following meeting. Beajon, Robert. All in favor. PASS

MORTION – Mohammad Beajon -- BIRT we adjourn. 2nd Mohammad Khader. All in favor. PASS