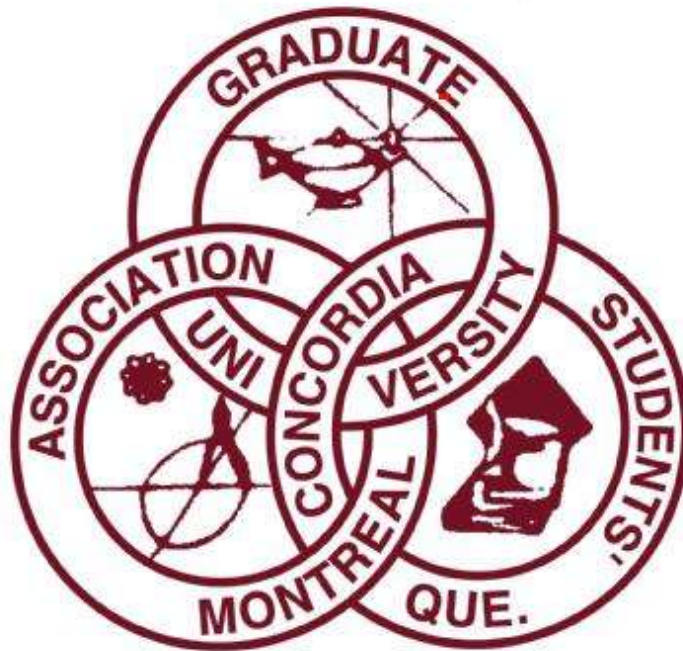


January 19, 2011

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendance

Chair	
	Roddy Doucet
Executives	
President	Adnan Abueid
VP Internal	Nazanin Hazrati
VP External	Mathew Tziritas
Council Members	
Arts and Science	Matthew Macdonald
	Louise Birdsell Bauer
	Robert Sonin
	Holly Nazar
	Rushdia Mehreen
JMSB	Parastoo Naghavi
	Mahmood Salehi
ENCS	Nayeem Ninad
	Natheer Alatawneh
	Mohammad Beajon
Fine Arts	Emily Paige
Interdisciplinary	Nadia Hausfather
Absent	Mohammad Sabr (JMSB)
	Ali Halawi (Arts and Science)
	Yuhang Luo (ENCS)
	Ajay Pooni (ENCS)
	Mohammed Khader (ENCS)
Managers	
Manager advocacy	Roddy Doucet
Manager Finance	
Manager services	Anna Chigo
Minute taker	Golam M Aurup



1.0 Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm

1.1 Approval of the agenda

Motion- Mathew McDonald- BIRT we approve the Agenda for the January Council Meeting. 2nd Robert. All in Favor. PASS.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Natheer requested to make the Report section of Executives and Managers more descriptive as the December minute included no details. Aurup assured to make it more detailed.

MOTION – Mohammad Beajon - BIRT we approve the minutes from the last council meeting. 2nd Louise. All in favor. PASS

2.0 Reports from Executives and Managers

President:

Adnan presented his report. This included his experiences of attending the December 6 protest at Quebec City. He reported that the GSA tried to meet the CSU to talk about CFS de-federation but received no response. He reported that a successful meeting was held with the CSU regarding release of a joint statement on the departure of Concordia President Dr. Woodsworth.

VP Internal:

Nazanin presented her report. She reported that the computer lab is equipped with new computers and asked for suggestions from the council members regarding software or any other issue. She also informed Council that the GSA will request for CCSL funding soon, so any suggestion regarding equipment or any other purchase are welcome. Rushdia asked what amount we can ask for. Anna informed that we can ask for \$5000 maximum with condition that the GSA would contribute equal amount. It was also discussed if passwords should be removed from the lab computers.

VP External:

Mathew presented his report. He informed Council that he is doing some of the duties of the Finance Manager as Trevor left GSA. He also reported that the meeting with departmental associations went well and that he also attended the December 6 action in Quebec City. He informed Council that the GSA and the associations would meet at least once every year from now.

Advocacy Manager:

Roddy presented his report to the council. He informed that the GSA advocacy center started working and he is working as one of the advocates. He informed that he would be available 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm on every Monday and Wednesday. He informed that Graduate students can get



documents certified by Mr. Raja Bhattacharya from counseling and development, Concordia, for two hours a week from now. He also informed of working with the CSU for a joint press release. He also informed that there is some progress about getting a student space in the EV building for prayer purpose.

Natheer informed importance of putting the advocacy clinic information, and other reports and minutes in the GSA Website.

Rushdia informed that the GSA should have taken a position regarding the departure of Dr. Woodsworth. Adnan replied that he found it more appropriate to talk with the council regarding the official GSA stance. Holly and Louise agreed that in such situations it might be wise to react slowly while there is always option to call for an emergency council meeting.

3.0 Fee levy Question presentation

Le Frigo Vert, CUTV and Sustainable Concordia presented their fee levy question issues. Concordia University TV (CUTV) and sustainable Concordia approached the GSA for the first time while Le Frigo Vert looked for renewal of the fee levy. They responded questions from the GSA council members after brief presentations.

The fee levy questions are:

Frigo Vert: “Do you agree to allow Le Frigo overt to collect a fee of 1.50\$ per semester from all graduate students? This renewal entails changing from the current fee of 4.00\$ per year to 1.50\$ per semester. This fee allows graduate students to remain members of Le Frigo Vert Coop, and will support the cost of managing and sustaining the services that le Frigo overt offers. The fee renewal would take affect beginning with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy.”

CUTV: “Do you agree to apply a fee levy of 1.00\$ per semester, applicable to GSA members, where the fee shall be used to ensure the growth and sustainability of Concordia University Television (CUTV)?”

Sustainable Concordia: “Do you agree to apply a fee levy of 50 cents per semester per graduate student, applicable to all GSA members, to Sustainable Concordia, the multi-stakeholder campus sustainability group, where the funds collected will be used to engage graduate students in research and activities related to campus sustainability, with the fee effective starting with the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year and refundable in accordance with Concordia University tuition and refund policy?”

Motion- Robert- BIRT the GSA approves the 3 fee levy questions to be incorporated in the next GSA election ballots. 2nd Louise. For 10, 2 Abstain. PASS

4.0 Finance Manager



Mathew informed that, before leaving, Trevor suggested to search for a new finance manager from among the Concordia CA students and suggested some names also. There was a discussion on this issue and the options of requesting the 2009-10 VP finance or the other candidates from the previous interview were put forward.

It was decided that the hiring committee will go on with the appointment of the new finance manager.

5.0 Departmental allocation policy and review

There was a discussion on the issue.

Motion-Robert- BIRT the GSA recommend the Departmental allocation policy. 2nd Holly. All in favor. PASS.

6.0 FEM Budget

Erik Chevrier presented the FEM budget to the GSA council and explained how \$4000 from the CFSQ (now RAE) was unintentionally absorbed into the GSA accounts. He also requested for funding from the GSA about the activities of FEM.

Adnan informed that the only way to allocate money for the FEM is to get from the budget line for campaign and legal expenses. The council also expressed the need to separate the GSA and the FEM as the executives expressed their uneasiness regarding the usage of GSA facilities.

Motion- Louise- BIRT the GSA approves that (i) \$1488.66 is paid to FEM from the budget line campaign and legal expenses for the already incurred FEM expenses, (ii) \$1900 is allocated for the FEM event WHALE on the 14th of February from the same budget line and (iii) the GSA and the FEM sits together to sort out the differences and find out a solution to the financial issue. 2nd Robert. All in favor. PASS.

7.0 GSA stance on BOG

Motion- Holly- BIRT the GSA calls that (i) The chair and vice-chair of the Concordia Board of Governors step down immediately, (ii) All external members of the Board of Governors are removed in phases at the end of their respective terms, and (iii) An oversight committee is formed with the internal members of the board to ensure equity in the representation of the different groups in the board. 2nd Robert. All in Favor. PASS.

8.0 February 14 WHALE protest endorsement

Roddy presented the background of the issue and expressed his expectations about the WHALE protest.



Motion- Robert- BIRT the council endorses the February 14 WHALE protest. 2nd Rushdia. All in favor. PASS

9.0 GSA General Assembly

Motion- Holly- BIRT the GSA calls General Assembly on the 14th of February, 2011. 2nd Nadia. For 8 Abstain 2. PASS.

10.0 Setting date for February Meeting

Motion- Robert- BIRT the next meeting be on February 3rd. 2nd Beajon. All in favor. PASS

12.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9.35 pm.