

May 26, 2011

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

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Attendance May 26, 2011

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



1.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Roddy and Holly chaired different parts of the meeting. Three new councilors- Daria, Richard and Zouhair observed the meeting.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Rushdia informed that the house monitor issue should be included in the agenda.

Motion: Holly: BIRT the agenda is approved with above addition. 2nd Louise. All in favor. Pass.

2.0 Reports from Executives and Managers

Advocacy Manager:

Roddy presented his report to the council. This included data on individual advocacy cases and his cases pertaining to rights and responsibilities and academic code of conduct.

Rushdia asked if any other person can do the Advocacy for the students when Roddy's tenure comes to an end. She mentioned that CSU has a pool of advocates who work for the students. Roddy informed that the advocate in the cases needs to be from the Concordia Community and making a pool of candidates would be a good thing to do.

Mathew McDonald asked if there is an dedicated office for the Advocacy Center. Roddy informed that the advocacy center now runs in the GSA house. The Dean of Students has promised to look into the issue he informed.

Natheer wanted to know the background of the recent conflict between the executives and the manager. Louise informed that the conflict seems to have occurred as GSA assigned Roddy some tasks but did not specify the details. She informed that there should be procedures at the GSA to resolve conflicts.

Services Manager:

Anna presented her report. She informed that work shifts for the administrative assistants were changed as one of them left and another was in vacation. She also informed that keys to the GSA house were provided to the assistants as they were facing problems to pick the only set of keys the night before their shift. She informed that only one of the assistants would be available to work in the next academic year if required.

She informed that the job responsibilities of the assistants and the managers should be clearer in the next year, and better communication and conflict management efforts should be present.



Finance Manager:

Andy presented his report. He informed that review of 2008-2009 fiscal years was complete. Nadia requested clarification regarding some of the expenses in the budget report.

Motion: Nadia: Roll over 1600\$ of remaining money for FEM into next year's budget. 2nd Louise. All in favor. PASS.

Beajon mentioned that the 1500\$ allocation for the website was not touched. Roddy informed that another 1900\$ was received by the CCSL and the next committee needs to look into the issue to make a professional website.

VP External:

Mathew's report was distributed to the council. It was decided that the ASEQ issue would be tabled in the next council meeting.

Natheer asserted that the language of the report of the VP external is not acceptable to the council. There was a lengthy discussion on the report and some councilors expressed dissatisfaction as the VP External mentioned his unavailability over business commitments and also mentioned of being unavailable for unspecified duration.

Motion: Rushdia: BIRT, whereas the council is not happy with the report format, and the VP External missed more than three meetings, and whereas he will not be available in foreseeable future, council moves that his payment for the last two weeks of the term be not paid. 2nd Louise. Vote: 5 for, 3 abstain. PASS

3. Establishing transition procedures

Robert informed that he already started to work on the issue and it would not be a problem as Adnan would be around as a council member.

4. Hiring Committee report on House monitors

Louise informed that the hiring committee went to three consultants regarding the hiring of a full time office employee, and is yet to hear from them. She mentioned that the next year council needs to decide on this issue.

5. Adjournment

Motion: Louise: BIRT the meeting is adjourned. 2nd Holly. PASS