

**Council Meeting November 15th 2013 minutes  
(CO-20131115)**

**Attendance**

*Chair:* Alex Matak

*Secretary:* David Clos-Sasseville

*Voting Directors:* Tariqul Amin (ENCS), Claude Fachkha (ENCS), Karthikeya Nadendla (ENCS), Vinoth Ramaiah (ENCS), MJF Rupom (ENCS), Nishant Walia (ENCS), Malapati Arundeeep (ENCS), Holly Nazar (Arts and Science), Trevor Smith (Arts and Science), Genevieve Moisan (Fine Arts), Monique Boudreau (JMSB),

*Non-Voting Directors:* Mohit Kumar (President), Vignesh Shankar (Vice-President External), Nasim Changizi (Vice-President Internal)

*Observers:* Jamie Goodman (Finance), David Clos-Sasseville (Campaigns/Dept. Advocate), Roddy Doucet (Advocacy Manager), Elizabeth Colford (Services Manager), Golam Aurup (Office Manager), Firas A Hammoud (Arts and Science Student), Alex Ochcoha (ENCS student), Robert Sonin (Arts and Science student), Andrea Gondos (Arts and Science student)

*Absent Directors:* Paramveer Singh Mann (ENCS), Audrey Dahl (Arts and Science), Biagina-Carla Farnesi (Individual/Humanities), Vivek Wadhwana (JMSB), Stavros Athanasoalias (JMSB)

**Documents**

GSA Council Meeting November 15, 2013 Agenda

Draft Minutes of council meeting on October 11, 2013

Minutes for GSA General Assembly on November 8, 2013

*Appendix I: Reports*

President Report

VP External Report

VP Internal Report

Finance Manager Report

Advocacy Manager Report

Department and Campaigns Advocacy Report

Services Manager Report

*Appendix III*

*Motions:*

Others:

‘An act respecting the accreditation and financing of Students' associations’ - by VP External

Finance Manager November Council Budget Update- by Finance Manager

Engineering Course Reserve Report- by Holly Nazar

## 1. Call to order

The meeting is called to order at 10:42 am.

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

### *Motion CO-20131115-01*

Be It Resolved that the agenda be approved:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Council Business
  - 3.1 Chair Report & Circulation of Attendance Sheet
  - 3.2 Budget Training
4. Approval of the minutes
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 5.1 Motion regarding Late attendance
  - 5.2 Item for information on the Graduate Certificate in University Teaching
  - 5.3 Follow-up point about CJLO
  - 5.4 Report back on course reserve system
  - 5.5 Skipping December Council
6. Motions
  - 6.1 Items Tabled from Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> GA Agenda
7. Reports
  - 7.1 President
  - 7.2 VP Internal
  - 7.3 VP External
  - 7.4 Finance Manager
  - 7.5 Advocacy Manager
  - 7.6 Service Manager
  - 7.7 Campaigns/Department Manager
  - 7.8 Other Reports
8. GSA Committee Appointments
  - 8.1 Stefanie Corona's appointment to the Faculty of Arts and Science Curriculum Committee
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

The following points are added to the agenda and the sequencing should be adjusted as a consequence.

Add Accreditation item at 3.4

Add Conference Subsidy item at 3.1

Add Item funding Indian Student Association at 6.2 (became 6.1 with removal of...)

Add Nomination of a GSA Rep. To Concordia Sustainability sub-committee Item at 8.2

Add Appointing of Arts & Science Councilor at 6.2

*Amendment - 01*

BIRT 6.1 table Item from November GA be tabled until the next GA.

Moved by: Mohit

Seconded by: Karthikeya

**Passed**

*Motion CO-20131115-01, As amended*

BIRT that the agenda be approved.

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Moved by: Facilitator

**Passed**

### 3. Council Business

#### 3.1 Conference Subsidy

It is discussed that a policy could be done soon.

##### *Motion CO-20131115-02*

Be It Resolved That GSA Funds and Subsidies will present a strong policy at the next Council meeting.

Moved by: Mohit  
Seconded by: Jaime

##### *Amendment - 01*

To add : "Be It Further Resolved That part of the money for funding be allocated now for present need."

Moved by: Vinoth  
Seconded by: Mohit

##### *Sub-amendment – 01a (2/3 majority because of a previous motion)*

To replace the previous amendment by:

Be It Further Resolved That an emergency funding committee with a fund of 3000\$ be made, to deal with emergency funding. This committee will only exist for 30 days.

Moved by: Roddy  
Seconded by: Vignesh  
Vote: 8 for, 3 against, 0 Abstentions

**Passed**

##### *Amendment - 02*

Be It Further Resolved That the following person be on this Committee, and that in the current meeting anyone else who wants to present themselves before the end of the meetings:

Rupom  
Holly  
Nassim

Motioned by: Holly  
Seconded by: Tariq

**Passed**

There is a Call for the question

Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions

**Passed**

*Motion CO-20131115-02 as amended*

Be It Resolved That GSA Funds and Subsidies will present a strong policy at the next Council meeting.

Be It Further Resolved That an emergency funding committee with a fund of 3000\$ be made, to deal with emergency funding. This committee will only exist for 30 days.

Be It Further Resolved That the following person be on this Committee, and that in the current meeting anyone else who wants to present themselves before the end of the meetings:

Rupom  
Holly  
Nassim

Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstention.

**Passed**

*Motion CO-20131115-03*

Be It Resolved That Funds and Subsidies be open to current Staff Councillors and Exec of GSA.

Moved by: Mohit  
Seconded by: Monique  
10 for, 0 against, 0 abstention  
**Passed**

*Motion CO-20131115-04*

Be It Resolved That the meeting move directly to "6.2 Appointment of Arts & Science Councillors"

Moved by: Trevor  
Seconded by: Holly  
**Passed**

## 6.2 Appointment of Arts & Science Councillors

Both Candidates (Firaz, Robert) present themselves

*Motion CO-20131115-05*

Be It Resolved That Firas and Robert be nominated as Councillors

Moved by: Trevor  
Seconded by: Vinoth  
**Unanimous**

## 3.3 Budget Training

Tabled until next meeting

## 3.4 Accreditation of GSA

*Motion CO-20131115-06*

Be It Resolved That the letter to start the accreditation be sent and that council establish a budget of no more than 15000\$. Out of this budget one person to oversee the campaign and the budget will be hired to do this job.

Moved by: Bob  
Seconded by: Firas

*Amendment - 01*

Be It Further Resolved That to initiate planning now for a accreditation campaign to happen next year 2014-2015. A committee would be struck and a budget will be presented by the committee by January.

Moved by: Genevieve  
Seconded by: Holly  
Vote: 8 for, 2 against, 0 Abstentions  
**Passed**

*Amendment - 02*

Be It Resolved That the amendment replace the original motion.

Moved by: Robert  
Seconded by: Claude  
**Unanimous**

*Motion CO-20131115-06 as Amended*

Be It Resolved That to initiate planning now for a accreditation campaign to happen next year 2014-2015. A committee would be struck and a budget will be presented by the committee by January.

**Passed**

People nominates themselves to be on the committee Holly, Robert, Roddy, Vignesh, Trevor, Vinoth.  
Vote on the committee: Unanimous

*Motion CO-20131115-07*

Be It Resolved That the meeting moves to item 8 now

Moved by: Mohit  
Seconded by: Trevor  
**Unanimous**

**8. GSA Committee Appointments**

**8.1 Stefanie Corona's appointment to the Faculty of Arts and Science Curriculum Committee**

*Motion CO-20131115-07*

Be It Resolved That Stefanie Corona by nominated as GSA Representative for the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Moved by: Robert  
Seconded by: Roddy  
**Unanimous**

**8.2 Nomination of a GSA Rep. To Concordia Sustainability sub-committee**

*Motion CO-20131115-08*

Be It Resolved That Trevor be nominated as GSA representative to Concordia Sustainability sub-committee.

Moved by: Trevor  
Seconded by: Robert  
**Passed**

#### **4. Approval of the minutes**

*Motion CO-20131115-08*

Be It Resolved That the Minutes of October 11th 2013 be approved.

Moved by: Mohit  
Seconded by: Vignesh  
**Passed**

#### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **5.1 Motion regarding Late attendance**

*Motion CO-20131115-09*

Whereas GSA Council has resolutions regarding the importance of time of attendance.

Whereas we as councillors collect honorariums for recognition the hours and efforts asked of us in council meetings and committee appointments.

BIRT late attendance for councillors be met with the non-payment of honorarium of the equivalence of one council meeting. This takes into account Article XVII of the by-laws.

Moved by:Trevor  
Seconded by:Holly

Amendment

Councillors get honorarium if present for at least for two and a half hours (2h30min) or the duration of the meeting. This takes into account Article XVII of the by-laws.

Moved by: Mohit  
Seconded by: Claude  
For: 1 Against: 5 Abstentions: 2  
**Failed**

*Motion CO-20131115-09 Unamended*

For: 3 Against: 0 Abstentions: 7  
**Passed**

*Motion CO-20131115-10*

Adjournment of the meeting

**Unanimous**