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**GSA Regular Council Meeting – Sunday April 3, 2016, 6:00PM to 9:00PM,
Location: GSA House / **PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN COPY****

DRAFT AGENDA

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm
1. Call to Order
 - 1.1 Appointment of minute taker and chair
 - 1.2 Chair's remarks
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of March 20th 2016 and March 22, 2016 meeting minutes
4. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 4.1 Adding outcome of CFS vs RAE vs GSA vote to the minutes
 - 4.2 Petition to amend the bylaws
 - 4.3 Appointments committee recommendations
 - 4.4 Councillors accountability
 - 4.5 Length of candidates stay in office
 - 4.6 Justification for closed sessions (Vinay)
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Letter of Agreement for New staff positions (Alex)
 - 5.2 Upcoming Legal proceedings (Information)
 - 5.3 ECSGA Funding Application
 - 5.4 Funding Committee Recommendation
 - 5.5 CRO appointment
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

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**Council Meeting April 3, 2016 MINUTES
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Meeting Facilitator: : *Jawad Khan Mohammad (first part), Ribal Abi Raad (last part)*

Minutes Taker: *Marina Chirchikova*

Present

Councilors: Stephi Stavropoulos (A&S), Jasneet Kaur (ENCS), Keroles Riad (INDI), Michael Perry Jr. (A&S), Sapandeep Randhawa (ENCS), Vivek Khatri (ENCS), Rahul Kumar (ENCS), Ashley Michel (JMSB), Nirmal Desai (ENCS)

Executives: Jawad Khan Mohammad (VP External)

Staff: Marina

Observers:

Absent:

Councilors: : Julie Arrowsmith (A&S), Narinder Singh Lota(ENCS), Carine W. Ouedraogo (A&S), Caitlin Robinson (A&S) Aria Azami (ENCS), Aidan Macdonald (JMSB), Amandeep Narula (ENCS)

Executives: Alex Ocheoha (President), Bhavreet Gill (VP Mobilization), Surekha Reddy Kolli (VP Internal)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

1.1 Appointment of minute-taker and chair:

Motion CO – 20160403 - 01

BIRT that Jawad be the meeting chair for the earlier part of the meeting, Ribal be the meeting chair for the later part of the meeting, and Marina be the minute taker.

Moved: Michael

Seconded: Sapandeep

For: Nirmal, Rahul, Vivek, Sapandeep, Keroles, Michael, Stephi, Ashley, Jasneet

Against:

Abstain:

Motion passes

1.2 Chair's remarks

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Amended agenda:

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3. Approval of March 20th 2016 and March 22, 2016 meeting minutes

4. Business Arising from Minutes

4.1 Funding Committee Recommendation for GISA

4.2 Adding outcome of CFS vs RAE vs GSA vote to the minutes

4.3 Petition to amend the bylaws

4.4 Appointments committee recommendations

4.5 Councillors accountability

4.6 Length of candidates stay in office

4.7 Justification for closed sessions (Vinay)

5. New Business

5.1 Accepting resignations

5.2 Health and Dental renewal report update

5.3 Letter of Agreement for New staff positions (Alex)

5.4 Upcoming Legal proceedings (Information)

5.5 ECSGA Funding Application

5.6 CRO appointment

5.7 Extra budget for election

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

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Motion CO – 20160403 - 02

BIRT the agenda be approved with the above modifications

Moved: Michael

Seconded: Ashley

For: Michael, Stephi, Ashley, Jasneet

Against:

Abstain: Nirmal, Rahul, Vivek, Sapandeeep, Keroles

Motion passes

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion CO – 20160403 - 03

BIRT that the minutes from March 20 and March 22, 2016 be approved

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Ashley

For: Michael, Stephi, Vivek, Sapandeeep, Ashley

Against:

Abstain: Nirmal, Keroles, Jasneet

Motion passes

Business Arising from Minutes

4.1 GISA/Funding committee

Whereas according to article 2, clause d, of the “GSA Policy on Departmental and Faculty Student Association Allocation”, for a department to get allocation they need to be registered with the GSA. In order to be registered with the GSA they need to follow this procedure as stated in point 2. “Be duly registered with GSA. In the case of departmental or faculty student association that do not have to pass by GSA in order to be registered with the Dean of Student of Concordia, the communication of the names, emails, telephone number and

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*student ID of their representative directly to GSA will be considered as a registration” .
Whereas GISA did follow the above mentioned procedure, therefore they are automatically
duly registered with the GSA, as stated in the “GSA Policy on Departmental and Faculty
Student Association Allocation”, the Funding Committee can only but consider them
registered.*

*Whereas the Funding Committee recommends, as a conclusion of the above, that council
approves the GISA allocation for 1,300 \$.*

Motion CO – 20160403 - 04

BIRT GISA receives a 1,300\$ allocation from the GSA.

Moved: Ashley

Seconded: Rahul

For: Michael, Stephi, Nirmal, Rahul, Vivek, Sapandeep, Ashley, Jasneet

Against:

Abstain: Keroles

Motion passes

4.2 Adding outcome of CFS vs RAE vs GSA vote to the minutes

*Whereas the minutes taken by council during the last council meeting on March 22 should be
made public so that the GSA can function properly.*

Motion CO – 20160403 - 05

**BIRT the following passed BIRTS from March 22 Council Meeting made in closed session
be added to the minutes of March 22:**

**“BIFRT the President be appointed to the RAE board as the GSA representative in the
current “CFS vs RAE vs GSA”**

**BIFRT VP external be appointed to accompany the president in ALL case-related
Affairs.”**

without including the mover, seconder, or the vote count.

Moved: Ashley

Seconded: Stephi

For: Stephi, Ashley

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Against:

Abstain: Michael, Nirmal, Vivek, Rahul, Sapandeeep, Keroles, Jasneet

Motion passes

4.3 Petition to amend the by-laws

The petition was shown to council.

Concerns:

-no seconder

-someone needs to verify that all the signatures are from current GSA members

Whereas the petition “To ammend by-laws regarding staff positions” from the council packet on March 20th was seen by council

Whereas there is no seconder on the petition as required by the GSA procedure

Motion CO – 20160403 - 06

BIRT that the petition be rejected in its current state

Moved: Ashley

Seconded: Vivek

For: Michael, Stephi, Vivek, Ashley

Against:

Abstain: Nirmal, Sapandeeep, Rahul, Jasneet, Keroles

Motion passes

Note: Ribal is now replacing Jawad as chair (7:03 pm)

4.4 Appointments committee recommendations

There are no recommendations at the moment.

4.5 Councillors accountability

Whereas GSA executives are accountable to their members via reporting to council

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BIRT the councillors be mandated to submit a report to their respective faculty/department association at the end of each semester regarding their involvement in council.

BIFRT that the report should include a confirmation of attendance of meetings.

BIFRT that the VP Internal and/chair be cc'd in the email that the councillors will send to their respective association.

BIFRT failure to submit the report will result in having their bursary being suspended up to the moment the report is submitted.

BIFRT this motion be effective (council decides the date).

Moved: Rahul

Seconded: Ashley

For: Rahul

Against: Keroles, Ashley, Vivek, Stephi

Abstain: Jasneet, Sapandeep, Nirmal, Michael

Motion fails

Note from Ashley: The motion was struck down in hopes of being presented again to council in a restructured and more comprehensive way

Note from Keroles: Suggestion to include a caucus system.

Note from Michael: Its important to highlight the independence of GSA from the faculties.

4.4 Eligibility for office

Whereas Article XVIII – Eligibility for Office states that “A person is eligible to sit on the G.S.A. Council or become a member of the Executive if she or he is a G.S.A. member in good standing (as per the criteria laid forth in Article III) for the full duration of her/his term in office.

Whereas the Election policy does not clearly specifies it and it has been observed that this issue needs to be addressed as it has been repeatedly observed people leaving in the half way of their current mandate.

Motion CO – 20160403 - 08

BIRT Candidates should have minimum 16 credits left to complete in their respective program to be eligible to run for either director or executive in GSA.

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Moved: Ashley

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Motion fails.

Note: No seconder.

4.5 Justification for closed sessions

Whereas the purpose of closed sessions are for receiving sensitive information, giving directions on and discuss sensitive matters.

Whereas GSA is an association and needs to be transparent to its members.

Whereas GSA representatives and employees feel uncomfortable when discussions are held about them in closed sessions where they are not present.

Motion CO – 20160403 – 09

BIRT any motion to go into a closed session should include a statement on the justification for the closed session.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Vivek

For: Rahul

Against: Michael, Stephi, Nirmal, Vivek, Stephi, Ashley

Abstain: Keroles, Jasneet

Motion fails

Note: Councillors pointed out that according to Robert's Rules, council can already include a

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reason for going into closed session.

New Business

5.1 Acceptance of Resignations

Motion CO – 20160403 – 10

BIRT the resignations of Abigail, Korosh, Rahul be accepted by Council effective the end of this meeting

BIFRT as from the moment of adjournment of this meeting, they no longer count for quorum in the council meetings.

BIFRT Ashley continues to count as a voting member and director until April 30th.

BIFRT Ashley will no longer be part of any GSA committees

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Vivek

For: Jasneet, Sapandeep, Nirmal, Stephi, Michael

Against: Vivek

Abstain: Keroles, Ashley, Rahul

Motion passes

Note: Council Chair points out to the vague nature of the interpretation of the bylaws concerning the resignation procedure

5.2 Health and Dental Plan

Note: Jawad presented health and dental plan documents and usage statistics to Council (see attached documents). Council is encouraged to read Health and Dental plan documents that will be sent with the minutes and pass a motion about the Health and Dental plan next meeting.

Jawad recommends that a meeting be organized with the finance manager (Jawad, Keroles and Ashley will attend) to discuss the funds and then afterward schedule a meeting with ASEQ representatives (Vivek, Stephi, Keroles, Ashley, and Jawad will attend), and that a motion be brought forward for the next council meeting.

Keroles recommends asking ASEQ about changing the plan from a four year to one year commitment.

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Motion CO – 20160403 – 11

BIRT the council take a short break and then resume

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Ashley

For: Jasneet, Keroles, Ashley, Rahul, Sapandeep, Stephi, Nirmal, Vivek

Against:

Abstain: Michael

Motion passes

Break taken at 8:05 pm

Meeting resumed at 8:15 pm

5.3 Letter of Agreement for New staff positions

Whereas new staff positions were earlier created by council.

Whereas these positions require an letter of agreement with the union to update the collective agreement.

Motion CO – 20160403 – 12

BIRT council approves the letter of agreement with the union for the Graduate student advocate position, the department/Faculty Manager position, the communications coordinator position, and the campaigns coordinator position.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Ashley

For: Rahul

Against: Keroles

Abstain: Michael, Stephi, Nirmal, Vivek, Sapandeep, Ashley

Motion fails

Note: Council saw the letters of agreement. There is an inconsistency between the letters of

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agreement - in point 2), some make reference to CSU and some make reference to GSA

Motion CO – 20160403 – 13

BIRT that council move to the CRO agenda item then resume from previous point

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Vivek

For: Ashley, Sapandeep, Rahul, Vivek, Stephi, Michael

Against:

Abstain: Jasneet, Keroles

Motion Passes

5.5 CRO appointment

Whereas there was not enough time to properly follow the timeline for elections and have the council ratify the CRO's hiring before he starts.

Whereas in council it was discussed that the elections must take place from the 12th to the 14th and this cannot be extended, seeing it's the last week of classes.

Motion CO – 20160403 – 14

BIRT council ratifies the recommendation of the Hiring Committee to contract Stuart Caldwell as CRO.

BIFRT this decision be retroactive starting the 31st of March 2016.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Vivek

For: Ashley, Vivek, Nirmal, Stephi, Michael

Against: Rahul

Abstain: Jasneet, Keroles, Sapandeep

Motion passes



GSA Council Meeting Minutes
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Quorum lost at 8:42 pm

Next Meeting: Saturday, April 30th, 2016 from 6 – 9 pm at the GSA lounge.