

**Council Meeting October 25th 2015 minutes
(CO-20151025)**

Meeting Facilitator: Ribal Abi Raad

Minutes Taker: David Clos-Sasseville

Present

Councillors: Pempho Kamwendo (A&S), Caitlin Robinson (A&S), Stephi Stavropoulos (A&S), Aria Azami (ENCS), Nirmal Desai (ENCS), Jasneet Kaur (ENCS), Vivek Khatri (ENCS), Rahul Kumar (ENCS), Amandeep Narula (ENCS), Sapandeep Randhawa (ENCS), Ashley Michel (JMSB), Mathilde Ngo Mbom (JMSB), Keroles Riad (Indi).

Executives: Surekha Reddy Kolli (VP Internal), Jawad Khan Mohammad (VP External), Rupinder Kaur (VP Academic/Advocacy) Alex Ocheoha (President).

Staff: David Clos-Sasseville.

Absent

Councillors: Julie Arrowsmith (A&S), Carine Ouedraogo (A&S), Carolina Aponte (FA).

Executives: Bhavreet Gill (VP Mobilization).

With Regrets: Narinder Singh Lota (ENCS), Aidan Macdonald (JMSB).

Final Agenda:

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20151025-01

Be It Resolved That the following agenda be adopted for today's Council meeting:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Council Business
 - 3.1 Appointing Minute Taker
 - 3.2 Impeached from Council
4. Approval of Oct. 4th Council Meeting Minutes

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Repeal Facebook Ban

6. New Business

6.1 Annual Budget

6.2 GA Agenda

6.3 Hispanic Graduate Students Association (HSGSA)

6.4 Bonus

6.5 Oversight Committee Motions

6.6 Concordia Cricket Kit

6.7 Online Voting System

6.8 Abolishing Directors

6.9 Council Rules

6.10 Funds Accumulated from Health and Dental Plan (Request for closed session)

6.11 GSA Website

6.12 GSA Austerity research group

6.13 Annual Events Plan and Budget

6.14 GSA Logo, Funding and Allocations

6.15 Open Facebook

7. Appointments

7.1 Tribunal Pool

8. Reports

8.1 President

9. Other Business

9.1 CFS case conclusion briefing (Closed session)

9.2 New Finance Manager Employment Contract (Closed session)

9.3 Outreach Coordinator Position (Closed session)

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Sapandeep

Amendment-01

Split 6.5 into 6.5 Oversight Committee (Questions to executive) and 6.6 Oversight Committee (Closed Session)

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Sapandeep

For: Nirmal, Julie, Vivek, Amandeep, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Jasneet, Spandeep, Keroles.

Against: --

Abstention: Rahul, Aria, Stephi.

Adopted

Amendment-02

Item 6.7 and 6.9 moved after 6.3. Add 6.1 November outing budget approval.

Moved by: Vivek

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Keroles, Sapandeep, Jasneet, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Amandeep, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal.

Against: --

Abstention: Stephi, Aria, Mathilde, Abigail.

Adopted

Amendment-03

Remove Item 6.8 Abolishing Directors.

Moved by: Nirmal

Seconded by: Stephi

For: Nirmal, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet, Caitlin.

Against: Vivek, Rahul, Ashley, Mathilde, Sapandeep, Keroles

Abstention: Julie, Amandeep, Pempho, Abigail.

Fails

Amendment-04

Move Item 6.3 to 6.1.

Moved by: Pempho

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Keroles, Sapandeep, Jasneet, Caitlin, Stephi, Aria, Abigail, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Amandeep, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal.

Against: --

Abstention: Mathilde.

Adopted

Amendment-05

Remove Item 5.1.

Moved by: Sapandeep

Seconded by: Nirmal

For: Caitlin, Mathilde, Rahul, Pempho, Nirmal.

Against: Vivek.

Abstention: Keroles, Sapandeep, Jasneet, Stephi, Aria, Abigail, Ashley, Amandeep, Julie.

Adopted

Motion (CO-20151025-01) as Amended

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5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Hispanic Graduate Students Association (HSGSA)
 - 6.2 November Outing Budget Approval
 - 6.3 Annual Budget
 - 6.4 GA Agenda
 - 6.5 Online Voting System
 - 6.6 Council Rules
 - 6.7 Bonus
 - 6.8 Oversight Committee (Question to executive)
 - 6.9 Oversight Committee (Closed Session)
 - 6.10 Concordia Cricket Kit
 - 6.11 Abolishing Directors
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 - 6.13 GSA Website
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8. Reports
 - 8.1 President
9. Other Business
 - 9.1 CFS case conclusion briefing (Closed session)
 - 9.2 New Finance Manager Employment Contract (Closed session)
 - 9.3 Outreach Coordinator Position (Closed session)
10. Adjournment

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Sapandeep

For: Julie, Vivek, Amandeep, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Stephi, Jasneet, Sapandeep, Caitlin.

Against: Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria, Keroles.

Abstention: --

Adopted

3. Council Business

3.1 Appointing Minute Taker

Motion CO-20151025-02

Be It Resolved That David be the minute taker.

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Keroles

For: Caitlin, Keroles, Sapandeep, Jasneet, Stephi, Aria, Mathilde, Pempho, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal, Amandeep.

Against: --

Abstention: Abigail, Ashley, Rahul.

Adopted

3.2 Impeached from Council

Motion CO-20151025-03

Seeing the nature of issue faced by ENCS director Narinder Singh Lota, and his lack of presence in GSA council meetings when call into question the integrity or validity of his position as director for ENCS was made. It is here by advisable to impeach Narinder Singh Lota from the GSA council and the position of ENCS director.

Be It Resolved That Narinder Singh Lota should and must be impeached from the GSA council and the position of ENCS director.

Moved by: Sapandeep

Seconded by: Stephi

For: --

Against: Caitlin, Sapandeep, Jasneet, Stephi, Mathilde, Abigail, Ashley, Pempho, Amandeep, Julie.

Abstention: Keroles, Aria, Rahul, Vivek, Nirmal.

Fails

4. Approval of Oct. 4th Council Meeting Minutes

Motion CO-20151025-04

Be It Resolved That the October 4th Council meeting minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Caitlin

For: Nirmal, Julie, Vivek, Amandeep, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Sapandeeep, Keroles, Caitlin.

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

6. New Business

6.1 Hispanic Graduate Students Association (HSGSA)

Motion CO-20151025-05

Whereas these some graduate students in the Department of Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics, studying for the M.A. in Hispanic Studies had one of their courses scheduled for the fall 2015 semester cancelled, due to insufficient enrollment.

Whereas this course, SPAN 603 is one of the compulsory core courses within their program and is required for the completion of their degree.

Whereas the Hispanic Graduate Students Association (HSGSA) has voiced their outrage at the manner in which the affected students were treated.

Whereas the HSGSA passed a resolution requesting for assurance for their compulsory courses scheduled for the winter 2016 semester to take place regardless of the number of students.

Be It Resolved That the GSA supports the stand of the Hispanic Graduate Students Association (HSGSA) and offer them the required assistance to ensure that their compulsory courses take place irrespective of the number of students.

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Sapandeeep

Amendment-01

Be It Resolved That the following be added: “BIFRT the President writes a letter of support to the concerned authorities ”

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Caitlin

For: Caitlin, Kero, Sapandeep, Jasneet, Stephi, Aria, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Pempho, Rahul, Amandeep, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal.

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted

Motion (CO-20151025-05) as Amended

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Whereas this course, SPAN 603 is one of the compulsory core courses within their program and is required for the completion of their degree.

Whereas the Hispanic Graduate Students Association (HSGSA) has voiced their outrage at the manner in which the affected students were treated.

Whereas the HSGSA passed a resolution requesting for assurance for their compulsory courses scheduled for the winter 2016 semester to take place regardless of the number of students.

Be It Resolved That the GSA supports the stand of the Hispanic Graduate Students Association (HSGSA) and offer them the required assistance to ensure that their compulsory courses take place irrespective of the number of students.

Be It Further Resolved That the President writes a letter of support to the concerned authorities.

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Sapandeep

For: Nirmal, Julie, vivek, Amandeep, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet, Sapandeep, Keroles, Caitlin

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted Unanimously

6.2 November Outing Budget Approval

Motion CO-20151025-06

Be It Resolved That the Student Life Committee budget of 4000\$ for the November outing be approved by the council.

Moved by: Sapandeep

Seconded by: Mathilde

For: Nirmal, Julie, Vivek, Amandeep, Rahul, Pempho, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet, Sapandeep, Keroles, Caitlin.

Against: --

Abstention: Ashley

Adopted

6.3 Annual Budget

Motion CO-20151025-07

Be It Resolved That the meeting goes to 9.1 and enter in a closed session (council, executives and Staff) then goes back to the budget.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Sapandeep

For: Nirmal, Julie, Vivek, Amandeep, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet, Sapandeep, Keroles, Caitlin.

Against: --

Adopted

--- The meeting goes Item 9.1---

Closed Session

9.1 CFS case conclusion briefing (Closed session)

--- Back to 6.3---

Motion CO-20151025-08

Be It Resolved That the budget be tabled and sent back to the Budget Committee.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Nirmal

Motion to Call for a vote

Moved by: Aria

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Nirmal, Julie, Vivek, Amandeep, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet, Sapandeep, Caitlin.

Against: Keroles

Abstention: --

Adopted

Vote on Motion (CO-20151025-08)

Be It Resolved That the budget be tabled and sent back to the Budget Committee.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Nirmal

For: Keroles, Ashley, Nirmal.

Against: Sapandeep, Jasneet, Aria, Mathilde, Abigail, Pempho, Rahul, Amandeep.

Abstention: Caitlin, Stephi, Vivek, Julie.

Fails

Motion CO-20151025-09

Be It Resolved That a budget line Clubs be added.

Be It Further Resolved That the budget allocated to GSA café be re-allocated as follows 9000\$ to Clubs and 10000\$ to conferences.

Moved by: Mathilde

Seconded by: Sapandeep

Motion to Call for a vote

Moved by: Mathilde

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Nirmal, Amandeep, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet, Sapandeep, Caitlin.

Against: Keroles.

Abstention: Vivek,

Vote on Motion (CO-20151025-09)

Be It Resolved That a budget line Clubs be added.

Be It Further Resolved That the budget allocated to GSA café be re-allocated as follows 9000\$ to Clubs and 10000\$ to conferences.

Moved by: Mathilde

Seconded by: Sapandeep

For: Caitlin, Jasneet, Aria, Mathilde, Abigail, Pempho, Rahul, Amandeep, Vivek, Nirmal.

Against: --

Abstention: Keroles, Sapandeep, Ashley.

Adopted

Motion CO-20151025-10

Be It Resolved That the budget as amended be approved and sent to the GA.

Be It Further Resolved That the amount payable to Concordia is paid from AG1023 account and paid back to AG1023 account in equal installments over a period of 5 years.

Moved by: Mathilde

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Rahul, Mathilde, Caitlin.

Against: Ashley, Keroles.

Abstention: Nirmal, Vivek, Amandeep, Pempho, Abigail, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet.

Adopted

Motion CO-20151025-11

Be It Resolved That the Closed session ends

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Caitlin, Jasneet, Stephi, Aria, Abigail, Ashley, Pempho, Mathilde, Rahul, Amandeep, Vivek, Nirmal, Sapandeeep.

Against: --

Abstention: Keroles

Adopted

6.4 GA Agenda

[Reconsidered later in the meeting] Motion CO-20151025-12

Be It Resolved That the following be agenda be adopted for the October 30th GA:

0. Plenary to explain/ask questions about agenda items

1. GA business

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Appointment of Chair and Secretary (Chair's report on procedure)

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

1.4 Approval of the past GA minutes

2. Business arising

2.1 Bylaw changes (20 mins)

2.2 President's report (10 mins)

2.3 Budget (20 mins)

2.4 Auditor Appointment (10 mins)

- 2.5 Financial Statement (20 mins)
- 2.6 Elections (30 mins)
- 2.7 Councilor Honorarium
- 3. New business
 - 3.1 Austerity (30 mins or more)
- 4. Other business
 - 4.1 Announcement of election results (5 mins)
- 5. Adjournment

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Aria

For: Vivek, Rahul, Abigail, Aria, Stephi, Caitlin.

Against: Nirmal, Keroles.

Abstention: Amandeep, Pempho, Ashley, Jasneet, Sapandeep.

[Reconsidered later in the meeting] Fails (Need a 2/3 Majority)

6.5 Online Voting System

Motion CO-20151025-12

Whereas the significance of the council about the decision to be made prior to the council meetings in case of motions, which concerns to the tasks with prior importance and time sensitive nature of the tasks to be dealt with.

Be It Resolved That an online voting system should be formed to deal with tasks with prior importance and time sensitive in nature. And the councillors will be given two days to vote on the motion. The outcome of the decision will be based upon the number of voting council members taking part in the online voting system.

Be It Further Resolved That for the outcome of the vote to be valid at least 50% rounded up of the sitting councillors must participate in the online vote.

Moved by: Rahul

Seconded by: Sapandeep

For: Vivek, Rahul, Pempho, Mathilde, Sapandeep.

Against: Nirmal, Jasneet, Keroles, Caitlin.

Abstention: Amandeep, Ashley, Abigail, Stephi.

Fails (Requires 2/3, By-law Change)

Motion CO-20151025-13

Be It Resolved That the council reconsider the vote on *Motion CO-20151025-12 (GA agenda)*.

Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Caitlin
For: Nirmal, Pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet, Caitlin
Against: Keroles.
Abstention: Vivek, Amandeep, Rahul, Sapandeeep.
Adopted (Requires 2/3)

Reconsideration of Motion CO-20151025-12

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3. New business
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4. Other business
 - 4.1 Announcement of election results (5 mins)
5. Adjournment

Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Aria
For: Caitlin, Jasneet, Stephi, Aria, Mathilde, Abigail, Ashley, Pempho, Amandeep, Sapandeeep.
Against: Keroles, Nirmal.
Abstention: Rahul, Vivek.
Adopted (Need a 2/3 Majority)

Motion CO-20151025-13

Be It Resolved That the council moves to Item 6.8 and 6.9.

Moved by: Mathilde
Seconded by: Sapandeeep

For: Jasneet, Aria, Stephi, Mathilde, Abigail, Ashley, Rahul.
Against: Keroles.
Abstention: Pempho, Nirmal.
Adopted

--- The meeting moves to 6.8---

6.8 Oversight Committee (Question to executive)

6.9 Oversight Committee (Closed Session)

Motion CO-20151025-14

Be It Resolved That the council moves into closed session (including Minute taker)

Moved by: Rahul
Seconded by: Aria
For: Keroles, Nirmal, Rahul, pempho, Ashley, Abigail, Mathilde, Aria, Stephi, Jasneet.
Against: --
Abstention: --
Adopted Unanimously

Quorum lost at 9:54pm