

**Council Meeting September 11th 2014 minutes  
(CO-20140911)**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Gretchen King  
**Minutes Taker:** David Clos-Sasseville

**Final Agenda :**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Council Business
  - 3.1 GradPro Skills Presentation & Motion
  - 3.2 Motion to accept appointment committee report
  - 3.3 Chair's report & Attendance Sheet
  - 3.4 Letter of resignation from Firas Al Hammoud
  - 3.5 Council Attendance
  - 3.6 Live tweeting
4. Approval of Minutes from August 27 Council meeting:
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  - 5.2 Accreditation Update
  - 5.3 Executive Bursary Policy Amendments
6. New Business
  - 6.1 AGM
  - 6.2 Graduate Classes
  - 6.3 CCR initiative
7. Reports
  - 7.1 Campaigns/Departments Advocate
  - 7.2 Service Manager
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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order at 17:41

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

*Motion CO-20140911-01*

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**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Leili

Jawad withdraw his motion:

*Amendment*

Add 3.2 Motion to accept appointment committee report

Add 8.3 Funding committee

Add 7.4 President update on Collective Agreement/CFS case

Item becomes 9.1 to 6.3

Item 5.1 becomes 3.1

**Moved by:** Harkirat  
**Seconded by:** Keroles  
**Adopted**

*Motion as Amended (CO-20140911-01)*

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**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Leili  
**Adopted**

### 3. Council Business

#### 3.1 GradPro Skills Presentation & Motion

*Motion CO-20140911-02*

Be It Resolved That a committee be struck to work with GradProSkill  
Composed: Leili, Jawad, Rohit, Trevor,

**Moved by:** Korosh  
**Seconded by:** Leili  
**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20140911-03*

Be It Resolved That Keroles, Korosh, Trevor and Jawad are mandated to negotiate the cost of GradProSkill French classes.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Korosh  
**Adopted**

#### 3.2 Motion to accept appointment committee report

*Motion CO-20140911-04*

Be It Resolved That the Appointment committee report, the nominations and amendments be adopted.

Be It Further Resolved That Leili be nominated to the CCSL committee project funding.

Be It Further Resolved That Laura be nominated to the CCSL committee Awards.

Be It Further Resolved That Elizabeth Guzman is withdrawn from the tribunal pool.

Be It Further Resolved That Sindhura is appointed to the tribunal pool.

**Moved by:** Jon  
**Seconded by:** Korosh  
**Adopted**

#### 3.3 Chair's report & Attendance Sheet

### 3.4 Letter of resignation from Firas Al Hammoud

*Motion CO-20140911-05*

Be It Resolved That the council approve Firas resignation.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Leili  
**Adopted**

### 3.5 Council Attendance

*Motion CO-20140911-06*

Be It Resolved That Sean Boivin be nominated as Arts and Science councillors.

**Moved by:** Jon  
**Seconded by:** Leili  
**Adopted**

### 3.6 Live tweeting

*Motion CO-20140911-07*

Be It Resolved That the GSA Council mandate Roddy to live tweet council including motions, motives for and against and humor.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Korosh

Motion to commit *Motion CO-20140911-07* to the communication committee.

**Moved by:** Korosh  
**Seconded by:** Harkirat  
**Noted opposition:** Keroles  
**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20140911-07 as been committed to the communication committee.*

## 4. Approval of Minutes from August 27 Council meeting:

*Motion CO-20140911-08*

Be It Resolved That August 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting minutes be adopted.

**Moved Korosh**  
**Seconded by:Leili**  
**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20140911-09*

Moving directly to 6.2 Graduate classes

**Moved by:** Leili  
**Seconded by:** Korosh  
**Adopted**

---- The 6.2 Item has been moved to be dealt now----

**6.2 Graduate Classes**

*Motion CO-20140911-10*

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Whereas setting higher and uniform lower-limits to graduate class-sizes is being considered as one of the available channels for managing-down operating costs;

Whereas limiting the diversity of graduate classes is detrimental to the graduate student community and will also deter prospective students;

Whereas such a policy places smaller departments particularly at risk;

Be it resolved that the GSA mandate the vp academic to monitor the supply of graduate classes;

Be it further resolved that the GSA takes a vocal approach towards this issue and create awareness;

Be it further resolved that the GSA, through its representatives on university bodies, advocates against a one-size-fits-all approach to setting lower-limits for class sizes and to support instead case-by-case assessment at the department level;

Be it further resolved that the president and the vp academic are mandated to follow-up on this motion by December 2014

**Moved by:** Korosh  
**Seconded by:** Jon

*Amendment-01*

Add the following to the third Be It Resolved: “that also take in account maximum class size”

**Moved by:** Korosh  
**Seconded by:** Keroles  
**Adopted**

*Amendment-02*

Add the following “General Assembly” after December 2014.

**Moved by:** Korosh  
**Seconded by:** Leili  
**Noted Abstention:** Keroles  
**Adopted**

*Motion (CO-20140911-10) as Amended*

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**Moved by:** Korosh  
**Seconded by:** Jon  
**Noted Abstention:** Keroles  
**Adopted**

---- Back to normal Agenda ----

**5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

## 5.2 Accreditation Update

### *Motion CO-20140911-11*

Be it resolved that a Hiring committee be struck. The Committee is composed of:  
Laura (JMSB), Sean (A&S), Harkirat (ENCS), Keroles (Indi).

**Moved by:** Leili  
**Seconded by:** Sindhura  
**Adopted**

## 6. New Business

### 6.1 AGM

#### *Motion CO-20140911-12*

Be It Resolved That the date of the General Assembly be moved to Friday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Korosh  
**Noted Abstention:** Sean, Jon.  
**Adopted**

### 6.2 Graduate Classes

---- The Item was moved after item 4 ---

### 6.3 CCR initiative

Note: Trevor, Rohit, Jawad will work with Keroles on the CCR project.

## 7. Reports

### *Motion CO-20140911-13*

Be It Resolved That all the reports be adopted.

**Moved by:** Jon  
**Seconded by:** Korosh  
**Adopted Unanimously**

### 7.1 Campaigns/Departments Advocate

### 7.2 Service Manager

### 7.3 Reports tabled in August Council

### 7.4 President update on Collective Agreement/CFS case

## 8. GSA Committee Appointments



Note: Keroles will temporarily the GA committee and call the next meeting.

### **8.1 Communications Committee**

*Motion CO-20140911-14*

Be It Resolved That a GSA Communication committee be struck. Composed of Jon (Chair), Keroles, Roddy, Jawad

**Moved by:** Jon  
**Seconded by:** Korosh  
**Adopted**

### **8.2 Academic Committee**

*Motion CO-20140911-15*

Be It Resolved That a GSA Academic affairs committee be struck and appoint the Academic rep as chair. Composed of: Suryadipta, Sean, Trevor.

**Moved by:** Suryadipta  
**Seconded by:** Jon  
**Adopted**

### **8.3 Funding committee**

*Motion CO-20140911-16*

Be It Resolved That the funding committee be struck. Composed of: Korosh (chair), Leili, Keroles, Jawad.

**Moved by:** Laura  
**Seconded by:** Harkirat  
**Adopted**

### **9. Other Business**

Next meeting will be Thursday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8pm

### **10. Adjournment**

Note: Lactose intolerant people cannot eat pizza

*Motion CO-20140911-17*

Adjournment 20:12

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Harkirat  
**Adopted**