

**Council Meeting September 13th 2015 minutes
(CO-20150913)**

Meeting Facilitator: Ribal Abi Raad
Minutes Taker: David Clos-Sasseville

Present

Councillors: Vivek Khatri (ENCS), Julie Arrowsmith (A&S), Pempho Kamwendo (A&S), Aidan Macdonald (JMSB), Aria Azami (ENCS), Sapandeep Randhawa (ENCS), Mathilde Ngo Mbom (JMSB), Rahul Kumar (ENCS), Keroles Riad (Indi), Carine Ouedraogo (A&S), Dollar Kumar Bansal (ENCS), Stephi Stavropoulos (A&S), Nirmal Desai (ENCS), Ashley Michel (JMSB),.

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

Staff: David Clos-Sasseville.

Absent

Councillors: Carolina Aponte (FA), Caitlin Robinson (A&S), Victor Molina (A&S), Amandeep Narula (ENCS).

Executives:

With Regrets: Jasneet Kaur (ENCS), Narinder Singh Lota (ENCS).

Final Agenda:

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3. Council Business
 - 3.1 Appointing minute taker
 - 3.2 Council meeting location
 - 3.3 Council Oversight Committee
4. Approval of Aug. 29th Council meeting minutes
5. GSA Committee Appointments
 - 5.1 Appointments
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 - 6.1 Presentation on GradPro Skills with Trevor Smith
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- 6.4 Vacant Service Manager Position
- 6.5 New Filing System
- 6.6 Questions on Exec reports and Bursary Allocations (Opened session)
- 6.7 Questions on Exec reports and Bursary Allocations (Closed session)
- 6.8 Repeal Facebook Ban
- 7. New Business
 - 7.1 Presentation on Funding Committee, Clubs, and CCR by David and Keroles
 - 7.2 Funding Committee, GSA Clubs and the CCR Project
 - 7.3 Capping staff budget line
 - 7.5 Council Membership
- 8. Other Business
 - 8.1 CFS case conclusion briefing (Closed session)
 - 8.2 New Finance Manager Employment Contract (Closed session)
 - 8.3 Outreach Coordinator Position (Closed session)
- 10. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 6pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20150913-01

Be It Resolved That the following agenda be adopted for todays Council meeting:

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 - 8.1 Department/Campaigns Manager
 - 8.2 Finance Manager
 - 8.3 President
 - 8.4 VP Academic Advocacy
 - 8.5 VP Internal
 - 8.6 VP External
 - 8.7 VP Mobilization
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Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Mathilde

Amendment-01

Remove item 8, split 5.6 into one open session and a closed session. 5.5 become the new 5.7 item.

Move 7.1 to 5.1 and adjust the numbering accordingly.

Item 6 becomes 5 and adjust the numbering accordingly.

Add 7.4 Council Membership.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Mathilde
For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Vivek, Julie, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria, Dollar,
Against: --
Abstention: --
Adopted Unanimously

Amendment-02

Remove item 3.3 from the agenda.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Mathilde

For: Keroles, Rahul, Vivek, Sapandeep, Julie, Mathilde

Against: Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Rahul, Aidan, Nirmal, Aria, Dollar

Abstention: --

Motion Fails

Note: Keroles mentions that the motion being made by the executives puts them in conflict of interest. According to Keroles executives should not propose motion that modifies the conditions related to the allocation of their bursary.

Motion (CO-20150913-01) as Amended

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Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Mathilde

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Vivek, Julie, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde Aria, Dollar,

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted

3. Council Business

3.1 Appointing minute taker

Motion CO-20150913-02

Be It Resolved That David Clos-Sasseville be appointed as minute taker for the meeting.

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Keroles,

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Vivek, Rahul, Julie, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde Aria, Dollar,

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted Unanimously

3.2 Council meeting location

Motion CO-20150913-03

WHEREAS each council meetings costs over \$1000 and booking conference rooms for council meeting will add \$900 or more to the budget line for each council meetings.

Whereas the GSA lounge was recently renovated and is suitable for GSA council meetings.

Be It Resolved That the VP internal will not be mandated to book conference rooms for GSA council meetings.

Be It Further Resolved that all future council meetings be held at the GSA house.

Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Aria

Motion

Call for a vote

Moved by: Mathilde
Seconded by: Stephi
For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Julie, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria, Dollar,
Against: Vivek,
Abstention: Rahul, Sapandeep
Adopted

Vote on Motion CO-20150913-03

Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Aria
For: Stephi, Carine, Vivek, Julie, Sapandeep, Aidan, Nirmal, Aria, Dollar,
Against: Keroles, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Mathilde
Abstention: --
Adopted

3.3 Council Oversight Committee

Motion CO-20150913-04

WHEREAS the oversight committee will take up a considerable amount of the time of executives and some directors on items which are council business, which will still be debated on in council.

Whereas the oversight committee accorded powers to itself and is requesting for additional powers to carry out task which are supposed to be council business, and which may create a parallel council (considering the amount of motions that came out of the August 22, 2015 oversight committee meeting), if these matters are discussed with an expanded membership and invitations to members at large.

Whereas the August 22, 2015 oversight committee meeting was called just a day before the meeting and some executives were not allowed to voice their opinion.

Whereas the oversight committee was biased in their recommendations and recommended punishments for some executives for acts which were said to have been committed at a date several days after August 22, 2015 oversight committee meeting or actions which said to not have been performed several days after the oversight committee meeting.

Whereas these recommendations have harmed the reputation of some executive and caused them severe distress.

Be it resolved that the oversight committee be dissolved.

Be it further resolved that council rejects the recommendations made by the oversight committee on August 22, 2015.

Moved by: Mathilde

Seconded by: Aidan

Motion

Call for the vote

Moved by: Nirmal

Seconded by: Vivek

For: Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Sapandeep, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal

Against: Stephi, Aidan, Aria, Dollar

Abstention: Keroles, Rahul, Mathilde

Adopted

Vote on *Motion CO-20150913-04*

Moved by: Mathilde

Seconded by: Aidan

For: Stephi, Aidan

Against: Keroles, Rahul, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal, Mathilde

Abstention: Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Sapandeep, Aria, Dollar

Motion Fails

4. Approval of Aug. 29th Council meeting minutes

Motion CO-20150913-05

Be It Resolved That the minutes of August 29th Council Meetings minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Aria

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Julie, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria, Dollar

Against:

Abstention: Rahul, Sapandeep, Vivek

Adopted

5. GSA Committee Appointments

5.1 Appointments

Motion CO-20150913-06

Be It Resolved That Pempho P Kamwendo to be added as member to the appointments committee.

Be It Further Resolved That Approval of candidates selected by Appointments committee for University Committees

The following Appointments were decided by appointments Committee Meeting held on aug 28 and September 11th, 2015.

S.no	First Name	Last Name	Committee Appointed	Appointed On
1	Fatina	Siblini	Council of Faculty of Arts and Sciences	Aug 27, 2015
2	Fatina	Siblini	Sustainability Action Fund	Aug 27, 2015
3	Christine	Naaman	Tribunal Pool	Aug 27, 2015
4	Vanessa	Peters	Council of the School of Graduate Studies	Aug 27, 2015
5	Vanessa	Peters	Tribunal Pool	Aug 27, 2015
6	Keroles	Riad	Council of the School of Graduate Studies	Aug 27, 2015
7	Keroles	Riad	Graduate Curricilum Commitee	Aug 27, 2015
8	Keroles	Riad	Graduate School Studies Steering Commitee	Aug 27, 2015
9	Keroles	Riad	Teaching, Learning and Research Engagement (TLRES)	Aug 27, 2015
10	Keroles	Riad	Council on Student Life(CCSL)	Aug 27, 2015
11	Rebecca	Waldie	Council of the School of Graduate Studies	Aug 27, 2015
12	Rebecca	Waldie	Council of Faculty of Arts and Sciences	Aug 27, 2015
13	Rebecca	Waldie	Tribunal Pool	Aug 27, 2015
14	Katrina	Caruso	Council on Student Life(CCSL)	Aug 27, 2015
15	Katrina	Caruso	Faculty of Fine Arts Council	Aug 27, 2015
16	Mohammed Nabil	Al Sharqawi	Sustainability Governance Framework - Operational and Environmental Sustainability	Sept 11, 2015
17	Beatriz	Bartolome	Faculty of Fine Arts Council	Sept 11, 2015

		Herrera		
18	Alessandra	Wilsher	Sustainability Governance Framework - Community Engagement	Sept 11, 2015
19	Pempho	Kamwendla	Tribunal Pool	Sept 11, 2015
20	Carine	Ouedraogo	Tribunal Pool	Sept 11, 2015
21	Vanessa	Peters	AFSC Curriculum Committee	Sept 11, 2015
22	Fatina	Siblini	ASFC Steering Committee	Sept 11, 2015
23	Ashley	Michel	JMSB search committee	Sept 11, 2015
24	Ashley	Michel	Tribunal Pool	Sept 11, 2015

Moved by: Rahul

Seconded by: Keroles

For: Stephi, Spaandeeep, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde,

Against:

Abstention: Keroles, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Vivek, Aria

Adopted

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Presentation on GradPro Skills with Trevor Smith

A presentation is made by Trevor Smith.

6.2 Advocacy Center Resource

Motion CO-20150913-07

Whereas a referendum was conducted in 2011 and students voted in favor of paying a fee levy for an advocacy center.

Whereas the GSA currently collects an advocacy fee levy of \$ 2.50 per term from members.

Whereas the proceeds of the advocacy fee levy is currently being held in an escrow account because the GSA has not established the Advocacy Center.

Be it resolved that all possible steps should be taken to establish an advocacy center and all costs to be incurred by the advocacy center should be included in the 2015-2016 budget.

Moved by: Stephi

Seconded by: Julie

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Aria

Against: --

Abstention: Sapandeeep

Adopted

6.3 Vacant Advocacy Manager Position

(Rescinded CO-20150913-09) Motion CO-20150913-08

Whereas it has been resolved to take all possible steps towards establishing an advocacy center at the GSA house.

Whereas duties that will be performed by the staff that will be hired for the advocacy center will conflict with the advocacy manager position.

Whereas the position of Advocacy Manager will no longer be required if an advocacy center is established.

Be it resolved that council extends the provision to fill the vacant advocacy manager position by 60 days pending the bylaw change to remove the position.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Stephi

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Aria

Against:

Abstention: Sapandeeep, Mathilde

(Rescinded CO-20150913-09) Motions Fails (need Unanimity per Article XI, 9 of the By-laws)

Motion CO-20150913-09

Be It Resolved That the council rescind the previous motion and go for a revote.

Moved by: Mathilde

Seconded by: Rahul

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Aria, Sapandeeep, Mathilde

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted

Motion CO-20150913-10

Whereas it has been resolved to take all possible steps towards establishing an advocacy center at the GSA house.

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Whereas the position of Advocacy Manager will no longer be required if an advocacy center is established.

Be it resolved that council extends the provision to fill the vacant advocacy manager position by 60 days pending the bylaw change to remove the position.

Moved by: Aria

Seconded by: Keroles

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Aria

Against:

Abstention: Sapandeep, Mathilde

Motions Fails (Need Unanimity per Article XI, 9 of the By-laws)

Motion

Call for a vote

Moved by: Aria

Seconded by: Nirmal

For: Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Sapandeep, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria,

Against:

Abstention: Keroles, Rahul

Adopted

Vote on Motion CO-20150913-10

Moved by: Aria

Seconded by: Keroles

For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Sapandeep, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria

Against:

Abstention:

Adopted Unanimously (Need Unanimity per Article XI, 9 of the By-laws)

6.4 Vacant Service Manager Position

(Rescinded CO-20150913-12) Motion CO-20150913-11

Whereas the former service manager resigned from her position on July 17, 2015 and the position is currently vacant.

Whereas there is a need to restructure the staffing structure of the GSA following the intended removal of the advocacy manager position.

Be it resolved that council extends the provision to fill the vacant service manager position by 60 days.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Nirmal

Motion

Call for the vote

Moved by: Pempho
Seconded by: Stephi
For: Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal
Against: Vivek, Aria
Abstention: Keroles, Ashley, Rahul, Sapandeep
Adopted

(Rescinded CO-20150913-12) Vote on Motion CO-20150913-11

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Nirmal
For: Keroles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal,
Against:
Abstention: Rahul, Sapandeep, Aria
(Rescinded CO-20150913-12) Motions Fails (Need Unanimity per Article XI, 9 of the By-laws)

Motion to Recess

Moved by: Julie
Seconded by: Keroles
For: Keorles, Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul, Sapandeep, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Aidan, Nirmal, Aria
Against: --
Abstention: --
Adopted

Meeting re-opened 8:07pm

Motion CO-20150913-12

To reintroduce the previous motion

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Vivek

For: Keroles, Stephi Carine, Rahul, Pempho, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Julie, Dollar, Nirmal, Aria, Mathilde

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted Unanimously

Motion CO-20150913-13

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Moved by: Rahul

Seconded by: Vivek

(Need Unanimity per Article XI, 9 of the By-laws)

Motion

Call for the vote

Moved by: Rahul

Seconded by: Vivek

For: Keroles, Ashley, Stephi, Carine, Rahul, Pempho, Aidan, Sapandeep, Dollar, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted

Vote on Motion CO-20150913-13

Moved by: Rahul

Seconded by: Vivek

For: Keroles, Ashley, Stephi, Carine, Rahul, Pempho, Sapandeep, Dollar, Aidan, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal, Mathilde, Aria

Against: --
Abstention: --
Adopted Unanimously(Need Unanimity per Article XI, 9 of the By-laws)

6.5 New Filing System

Motion CO-20150913-14

Whereas a well-planned filing system contributes significantly to efficient operations.

Whereas filing systems have a direct impact on the quality of the audit trail and allows for a clear audit trail.

Whereas a good filing system makes it easier to find and retrieve information, and provides quick access to information.

Be it resolved that the executive committee should take all possible steps to develop a new filing system.

Be it further resolved that the council of directors, executives and staff maintain an indexed filing system for all hard copy and electronic documents once this new filing system is implemented.

Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Aria

Amendment

Add “and councilors that wish to be involved” after “executive committee” in the first Be It Resolved That.

Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Mathilde
For: Stephi, Aidan, Sapandeep, Dollar, Vivek, Julie, Aria,
Against: Nirmal
Abstention: Keroles, Ashley, Carine, Rahul, Pempho, Mathilde
Adopted

Motion (CO-20150913-14) as Amended

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Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Aria

Motion

Call for the vote

Moved by: Rahul
Seconded by: Vivek
For: Stephi, Carine, Pempho, Aidan, Sapandeep, Dollar, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal
Against: Mathilde
Abstention: Keroles, Ashley, Rahul

Vote on Motion CO-20150913-14 as Amended

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Moved by: Stephi
Seconded by: Aria
For: Keroles Ashley Stephi, Carine Pempho, Aidan, Sapandeep, Dollar, Vivek, Julie, Mathilde, Aria
Against: Nirmal

Abstention: Rahul
Adopted

6.6 Questions on Exec reports and Bursary Allocations (Opened session)

6.7 Questions on Exec reports and Bursary Allocations (Closed session)

Motion CO-20150913-15

Be It Resolved That the council goes into closed session with everyone but execs.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Vivek

For: Keroles Ashley Stephi, Rahul Pempho, Sapandeep, Dollar, Vivek, Julie, Mathilde, Aria, Nirmal

Against:

Abstention:

Adopted Unanimously

Motion CO-20150913-16

WHEREAS the president did not respect *council motion CO-20150731-13* regarding internal accounts requiring to report back by August monthly council.

WHEREAS VP academic and the president unilaterally appointment representatives to sub-senate committees without appointment committee nor council approval contradicting the *bylaw article IX 5.2* (stating that appointments must be approved by council based on recommendations from appointments committee). This could not have been a mistake as 7 of the mentioned subcommittees were never even listed in *the call out to students for applications* clearly indicating the lack of interest in obtaining any other applicants and the intention for a unilateral decision.

Committee recommends to council to disapprove bursaries to the president and VP academic

Be It Resolved That VP Academic, VP Mobilization and the President receives their full bursaries.

Be It Further Resolved That Stephi will send a warning letter to the VP Academic on behalf of council.

Be It Further Resolved That Stephi will send a warning letter to the President on behalf of council.

Be It Further Resolved That the first paragraph of the President's report be removed.

Moved by: Julie

Seconded by: Stephi

For: Keroles, Ashley, Stephi, Rahul, Pempho, Dollar, Sapandeep, Vivek, Julie, Nirmal, Aria

Against: --

Abstention: --

Adopted Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 21:53