

**Council Meeting September 26th 2015 minutes  
(CO-20150926)**

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

**Present**

*Councillors:* Pempho Kamwendo (A&S), Carine Ouedraogo (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).

*Staff:* David Clos-Sasseville.

**Absent**

*Councillors:* Victor Molina (A&S), Caitlin Robinson (A&S), Dollar Kumar Bansal (ENCS), Carolina Aponte (FA).

*Executives:* Alex Ocheoha (President), Bhavreet Gill (VP Mobilization).

*With Regrets:* Julie Arrowsmith (A&S), Narinder Singh Lota (ENCS), Aidan Macdonald (JMSB).

**Final Agenda:**

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2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Council Business
  - 3.1 Appointing minute taker
4. Approval of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting minutes
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 5.1 Repeal Facebook Ban
  - 5.2 Bylaw change: Clarifying Representation on Council
  - 5.3 Bylaw change: Abolishing Advocacy and Service Managers
  - 5.4 Mobilizing for GA
  - 5.5 Presentation on Funding Committee, Clubs, and CCR by David and Keroles
  - 5.6 Funding Committee, GSA Clubs and the CCR Project
  - 5.7 Capping staff budget line
  - 5.8 Council Membership
6. GSA Committee Appointments
  - 6.1 Appointments

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- 7.1 Health Insurance Fee 2015-2016
- 7.2 Oversight Committee (questions to exec)
- 7.3 Oversight Committee (Closed session)
- 7.4 Letter to ECSGA
- 7.5 Council Honorarium

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)

9. Adjournment

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting is called to order at 5pm

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Motion CO-20150926-01*

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

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  - 7.5 Oversight Committee
- 8. Reports
  - 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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- 10. Adjournment

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Sapandeep

*Amendment-01*

Be It Resolved That the agenda be amended with the following changes:

- Item “8 Reports” be removed and all related questions and issues be addressed under the Oversight Committee Item;
- Item “7.3 Bylaw change: Clarifying Representation on Council” and “7.4 Bylaw change: Abolishing Advocacy and Service Managers” be moved under “5 Business Arising from the Minutes” to 5.2 and 5.3 respectively;
- Item “7.2 Mobilizing for GA” be moved under “5 Business Arising from the Minutes” to 5.4;
- Item “7.5 Oversight Committee” be split into “7.2 Oversight Committee (questions to exec)” and “7.3 Oversight Committee (Closed session)”;
- And the numbering be adjusted accordingly.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Rahul  
**For:** Keroles, Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.  
**Against:** --  
**Abstention:** --  
**Adopted Unanimously**

*Amendment-02*

Be It Resolved That item “7.4 Letter to ECSGA” be added to the agenda.

**Moved by:** Nirmal  
**Seconded by:** Rahul  
**For:** Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Pempho, Rahul, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.  
**Against:**  
**Abstention:** Keroles, Ashley, Stephi.  
**Adopted**

*Amendment-03*

Be It Resolved That item “7.5 Council Honorarium” be added to the agenda.

**Moved by:** Mathilde

**Seconded by:** Keroles

**For:** Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** Keroles

**Adopted**

*Motion (CO-20150926-01) as Amended*

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**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Sapandeep

**For:** Keroles, Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** --

**Adopted Unanimously**

### 3. Council Business

#### 3.1 Appointing minute taker

*Motion CO-20150926-02*

Be It Resolved That David be the minute taker.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Keroles, Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** --

**Adopted Unanimously**

#### 4. Approval of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting minutes

*Motion CO-20150926-03*

Be It Resolved That the Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> minutes be adopted with the following amendments:

- Add VP mobilization to motion (*CO-20150913-16*);
- Council recommendation be considered as whereas for motion *CO-20150913-16*.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Keroles, Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** --

**Adopted Unanimously**

## 5. Business Arising from the Minutes

### 5.1 Repeal Facebook Ban

#### *Motion CO-20150926-04*

Whereas GSA follows the direct democracy model where the emphasis is on the idea that everyone has an influencing voice, freedom of speech is crucial and the idea that we can tell members what it is they can and cannot say within the GSA community cannot be reconciled with. Just as crucial is students' informed and effective engagement that can best be facilitated via access to information and transparency.

Be It Resolved That Motions CO-20150216-06 (Facebook policy) and CO20150324-04 (fb campaigning ban) be repealed.

Be It Further Resolved That the following text:

“a. All campaign materials prior to distribution shall be approved by the C.R.O. This includes any and all:

i. Printed materials

ii. Electronic communications, including e-mail, personal websites and other external websites.

iii. Any other form of communication not outlined within.”

be stricken from election regulation and replaced with “Slander, false allegations and name calling are grounds for disciplinary measures up to disqualification at the discretion of a non-prejudiced judicial committee that has to be convened within two business days of a complaint filed within a maximum of three business days of the alleged offense. Lack of due process negate all consequences of the complaint”

Be It Further Resolved That Council meetings and GAs be live tweeted and live streamed as arranged by VP mobilization. A twitter account is maintained by VP mobilization (1-2 tweets/day).

Be It Further Resolved That *Motion CO-20141022-09* (old live tweeting motion) be stricken.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

#### *Motion*

Be It Resolved That *Motion CO-20150926-04* be split at each “Be It Resolved That” and “Be It Further Resolved That”.

**Moved by:** Sapandeep

**Seconded by:** Rahul

**For:** Kero, Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** --

**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20150926-04a*

Be It Resolved That *Motions CO-20150216-06* (Facebook policy) and *CO-20150324-04* (fb campaigning ban) be repealed.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

*Motion*

Be It Resolved That *Motion CO-20150926-04a* be split in two.

**Moved by:** Rahul

**Seconded by:** Sapandeep

**For:** Nirmal, Carine, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Rahul, Stephi, Jasneet.

**Against:** Vivek, Mathilde, Amandeep.

**Abstention:** Keroles.

**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20150926-04aa*

Be It Resolved That *Motions CO-20150216-06* (Facebook policy).

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

*Motion*

Call for the vote

**Moved by:** Rahul

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Carine, Aria, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Amandeep.

**Against:** Keroles, Nirmal, Vivek, Jasneet.

**Abstention:** --

**Adopted**

*Vote on Motion CO-20150926-04aa*

Be It Resolved That *Motions CO-20150216-06* (Facebook policy).

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Jasneet, Keroles.

**Against:** Amandeep, Mathilde, Stephi, Rahul, Pempho, Ashely, Aria, Vivek, Sapandeep, Carine,

**Abstention:** Nirmal.

**Motion Fails**

*Motion CO-20150926-04ab*

Be It Resolved That *Motion CO-20150324-04* (fb campaigning ban) be repealed.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

*Motion*

Call for the vote

**Moved by:** Vivek

**Seconded by:** Carine

**For:** Amandeep, Mathilde, Stephi, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Sapandeep, Aria, Vivek, Carine, Nirmal.

**Against:** Keroles.

**Abstention:** --

**Adopted**

*Vote on Motion CO-20150926-04ab*

Be It Resolved That *Motion CO-20150324-04* (fb campaigning ban) be repealed.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Keroles, Amandeep.

**Against:** Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Sapandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde.

**Abstention:** Aria, Jasneet.

**Motion Fails**

*Motion CO-20150926-05*

Be It Resolved That the council table the rest of the motions under “5.1 Repeal Facebook Ban”.

**Moved by:** Mathilde

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Amandeep Mathilde, Stephi, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Sapandeep Aria, Vivek, Carine Nirmal,

**Against:**

**Abstention:** Jasneet, Keroles.

**Adopted**

**5.2 Bylaw change: Clarifying Representation on Council**



*Motion CO-20150926-06*

WHEREAS Bylaws article V-5 states "... Directors shall be elected within **their respective faculties**, namely John Molson School of Business, Arts & Science, Engineering & Computer Science, Fine Arts **and Interdisciplinary/SIP**..." so clearly stating that Interdisciplinary/SIP are treated in the GSA as its own different group.

WHEREAS some committee compositions are phrased in the bylaws in a not so clear way that gives the illusion of being inconsistent with previously mentioned article and seem to only consider that there are only four groups as opposed to five. Furthermore, while the intention of these compositions is to be inclusive and to ensure diverse representation they can also give the illusion to be exclusive. Those committees are: Budget committee (article XII-2.4) Appointments committee (ARTICLE IX-5.2), Hiring committee (article XI-3.2).

Be It Resolved That article XII-2.4 of the bylaws to be changed to "**at least four** current council directors representing separate faculties and groups and appointed by Council".

Be It Further Resolved That article XI-3.2 of the bylaws to be changed to "**At least four** members of Council comprised of one member from each faculty and group".

Be It Further Resolved That article IX-5.2 of the bylaws to be changed to "Chair, and be a voting member on, an Appointments Committee of councillors who interview and consider applicants for **non-elected representation on university bodies (including sub senate committees)**, excluding the actual Senate and Board of Governors, and present recommendations for approval by Council. Council will appoint **at least four councillors**, one per faculty and groups, to the Appointments Committee, at the beginning of their term".

Be It Further Resolved That the bylaws committee resumes its mandate from last year of completely rewriting the bylaws so as they become more cohesive and ensure an efficient and effective governance structure of the GSA" and have a draft ready for approval of council so that it can be presented to the first GA in the winter semester.

**Moved by:** Mathilde

**Seconded by:** Keroles

**For:** Keroles, Nirmal, Vivek, Carine, Sapandeep, Aria, Pempho, Rahul, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet, Amandeep.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** Ashley.

**Adopted**

### 5.3 Bylaw change: Abolishing Advocacy and Service Managers

#### *Motion CO-20150926-07*

WHEREAS Council motions (*CO-20150913-10*) and (*CO-20150913-13*) and discussions during council for these motions.

WHEREAS GSA is establishing an advocacy center eliminating the need for an advocacy manager.

WHEREAS most tasks associate with service manager are no longer required (such as maintaining computer labs) or can easily fall under the responsibility of VP internal.

WHEREAS Staff budget line is the biggest in the whole budget and that staff resources require significant restructuring so that they are optimally and efficiently used.

Be It Resolved That articles XI ( 6 (advocacy manager) and 7 (service manager) be stricken from the bylaws.

Be It Further Resolved That conditioned on ratification of this bylaw change by a GA, the two positions should be abolished.

**Moved by:** Rahul

**Seconded by:** Stephi

#### *Motion*

Be It Resolved That *Motion CO-20150926-07* be divided in two between the two positions.

**Moved by:** Stephi

**Seconded by:** Rahul

**For:** Amandeep Jasneet, Mathilde, Stephi, Pempho, Ashely, Aria, Sapandeep, Carine, Nirmal.

**Against:** Vivek

**Abstention:** Rahul, Keroles.

**Adopted**

#### *Motion CO-20150926-07a*

WHEREAS Council motions (CO-20150913-10) and (CO-20150913-13) and discussions during council for these motions.

WHEREAS GSA is establishing an advocacy center eliminating the need for an advocacy manager.

WHEREAS most tasks associate with service manager are no longer required (such as maintaining computer labs) or can easily fall under the responsibility of VP internal.

WHEREAS Staff budget line is the biggest in the whole budget and that staff resources require significant restructuring so that they are optimally and efficiently used.

Be It Resolved That articles XI ( 6 (advocacy manager) be stricken from the bylaws.

Be It Further Resolved That Conditioned on ratification of this bylaw change by a GA, the position should be abolished.

**Moved by:** Rahul

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Amandeep, Jasneet, Mathilde, Stephi, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Aria, Sapandeep, Vivek, Carine, Nirmal, Keroles.

**Against:**

**Abstention:**

**Adopted Unanimously**

Motion *CO-20150926-07b*

WHEREAS Council motions (CO-20150913-10) and (CO-20150913-13) and discussions during council for these motions.

WHEREAS GSA is establishing an advocacy center eliminating the need for an advocacy manager.

WHEREAS most tasks associate with service manager are no longer required (such as maintaining computer labs) or can easily fall under the responsibility of VP internal.

WHEREAS Staff budget line is the biggest in the whole budget and that staff resources require significant restructuring so that they are optimally and efficiently used.

Be It Resolved That articles XI 7 (service manager) be stricken from the bylaws.

Be It Further Resolved That conditioned on ratification of this bylaw change by a GA, the two positions should be abolished.

**Moved by:** Rahul

**Seconded by:** Stephi

*Motion*

Call for the vote

**Moved by:** Rahul

**Seconded by:** Stephi

**For:** Carine, Vivek, Ashley, Pempho, Rahul, Mathilde, Amandeep.

**Against:** Nirmal,  
**Abstention:** Keroles, Aria, Sapandeep, Stephi, Jasneet.  
**Adopted**

Vote on *Motion CO-20150926-07b*

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WHEREAS GSA is establishing an advocacy center eliminating the need for an advocacy manager.

WHEREAS most tasks associate with service manager are no longer required (such as maintaining computer labs) or can easily fall under the responsibility of VP internal.

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Be It Resolved That articles XI 7 (service manager) be stricken from the bylaws.

Be It Further Resolved That conditioned on ratification of this bylaw change by a GA, the two positions should be abolished.

**Moved by:** Rahul  
**Seconded by:** Stephi  
**For:** Keroles Vivek Sapandeep, Amandeep.  
**Against:** Nirmal, Carine, Aria, Ashley, Pempho, Stephi, Mathilde.  
**Abstention:** Rahul, Jasneet.  
**Motion Fails**

*5 minutes Recess*

## **5.4 Mobilizing for GA**

*Motion CO-20150926-08*

Whereas mobilization is crucial part for the upcoming GA;

Whereas according to the plan I drafted for mobilizing for GA, I require more human resources;

Be It Resolved That four (4) GA mobilisers be hired for carrying out mobilization with VP mobilization and the callout should be given by 27th September, 2015 as it is time sensitive.

Be It Further Resolved That each mobilizer would be hired for 15 hours at 12\$/hr.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Mathilde  
**For:** Jasneet, Mathilde, Stephi, Rahul, Pempho, Ashley, Amandeep, Aria, Sapandeep, Vivek, Carine, Nirmal, Keroles.  
**Against:** --  
**Abstention:** --  
**Adopted Unanimously**

### **5.5 Presentation on Funding Committee, Clubs, and CCR by David and Keroles**

A presentation is made by David and followed by Keroles.

### **5.6 Funding Committee, GSA Clubs and the CCR Project**

*Motion CO-20150926-09*

WHEREAS building an active community is at the core of the GSA mandate.

WHEREAS Council has already approved presented CCR proposal (Motion CO-20141009-24).

Be It Resolved That the mandate of the previously formed funding committee be extended to the fall semester.

Be It Further Resolved That the funding committee be mandated to propose a policy, by next monthly council meeting, for forming clubs and their funding regulations as well as implement modifications compatible with previously approved CCR project.

Be It Further Resolved That the budget committee based on a recommendation from the funding committee allocate a significantly increased budget to accommodate clubs and more student projects.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Nirmal  
**For:** Kero, Nirmal, Carine, Vivek, Aria, Sapandeep, Amandeep, Ashley, Pempho, Stephi, Mathilde, Jasneet.  
**Against:** --  
**Abstention:** Rahul  
**Adopted**

## 5.7 Capping staff budget line

*Motion CO-20150926-10*

Motion to table this item until the end of the meeting.

**Moved by:** Mathilde

**Seconded by:** Rahul

**For:** Jasneet, Mathilde, Stephi, Pempho, Ashley, Aria, Vivek, Amandeep, Nirmal, Carine.

**Against:** Keroles,

**Abstention:** Rahul, Sapandeeep.

**Adopted**

## 5.8 Council Membership

The council raise the issue that any dismissal must be advertised before the meeting.

## 6. GSA Committee Appointments

### 6.1 Appointments

### 7. New Business

#### 7.1 Health Insurance Fee 2015-2016

#### 7.2 Oversight Committee (questions to exec)

#### 7.3 Oversight Committee (Closed session)

*Motion CO-20150926-11*

Be It Resolved That the council goes into a closed session (this excludes Minute taker and Chair).

**Moved by:** Mathilde

**Seconded by:** Rahul

**For:** Jasneet, Mathilde, Stephi, Pempho, Ashley, Amandeep, Aria, Vivek, Amandeep, Nirmal, Carine, Rahul, Sapandeeep, Keroles.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** --

**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20150926-12*

Whereas VP Internal, VP External, President sent out their action plan;

Be It Resolved That VP Internal, VP External, President receive their bursary.

Be It Further Resolved That VP Mobilization and VP Academic/Advocacy receive their bursary upon reception of their action plan at the next meeting. If the next meeting doesn't meet quorum, the action plan is deemed received.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Mathilde

**For:** Jasneet, Mathilde, Stephi, Aria, Nirmal, Keroles.

**Against:** --

**Abstention:** Rahul, Ashley, Pempho, Vivek, Amandeep, Carine.

**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20150926-13*

Motion to adjourn at 8pm.

**Moved by:** Keroles

**Seconded by:** Nirmal

**For:** Jasneet, Mathilde, Stephi, Aria, Nirmal, Keroles, Ashley, Sapandeeep, Amandeep, Vivek, Carine, Keroles.

**Against:** Rahul.

**Abstention:**

**Adopted**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8pm**