



Minutes

GSA Regular Council Meeting

4 December 2012

GSA Lounge, 2030 Mackay, Montreal

Attendance

Chair: Gretchen King

Secretary: Annelise Grube-Cavers

Voting Directors: Annelise Grube-Cavers (Arts and Science), Audrey Dahl (Arts and Science), Katherine Rossy (Arts and Science), Simon Vickers (Arts and Science), Poya Saffari (Arts and Science), Kavian Abhari (ENCS), Hasanain Al-rubaye (ENCS), Ahmed Atia (ENCS), Tareq Shawan (ENCS), Mahmood Salehi (JMSB), Nirajan Bhakare (JMSB), Patrick Leonard (Fine Arts),

Non-Voting Directors: Daria Saryan (President), Roya Azarm (Vice-President Internal), Nadia Hausfather (Vice-President External)

Observers: Roddy Doucet (Advocacy and Finance Manager)

Absent: Faisal Al-Saqqar (ENCS), Rachel Banton (JMSB), Tara Walker (JMSB), Erik Chevrier (Independent Studies), Syed Abis Hassan Zaidi (ENCS), Gul Perrez (ENCS), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS),

Documents

CD 121204-01 Agenda Long Form

CD 121204-2 Departmental Association Guidebook- table of content

CD 121204-3 Draft GSA Policy on Funding Allocation

CD 121204-4 VP Internal Report

CD 121204-5 Report VP External

CD 121204-6 Report Finance and Advocacy Manager



1. Call to Order 12 :30pm

2. Motion to adopt agenda by Annelise

Seconded by Audrey

Amendments to the meeting agenda under Other Business, to add two points

- External committees
- Ratification of honorariums

Motion carries

Amendment to move motion on the 'Boycott Against Israeli Apartheid' to the first motion, (from 7.5 to 7.1)

Motion carries

Motion to table the 2012 budget report by Roddy to the January meeting

Modified agenda passes unanimously

3. Council Business

3.1 Chair Report

3.2 Motion to appoint Annelise secretary by Audrey

Seconded by Poya

Motion carries

- Clarification on minutes from November council meeting; two committees were appointed (Departmental and Strategic Planning) Strategic Planning is responsible for reporting back to Council, but they are not necessarily responsible for all of the work done

4. Motion to approve minutes by Kavian

Seconded by Poya

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Motion to table point 5.1 (Presentation on 2012 Election Budget by Roddy) to January's meeting by Roddy

Seconded by Audrey

- **Presentation by Simon, of Strategic Planning Committee** and GSA vision

- Departmental funding allocation

-Registrar's office, list of students enrolled, question of housing and communication for incoming grad students

- Roddy believes this is due to 'independent graduate students'

- Sports club, has been taken on by another director



6. Reports

6.1 President – no report received as the president is very sick

6.2 VP Internal – Report included and table of contents for departmental association guidebook included, request to council for contributions to the guidebook

6.3 VP External – Report included, question regarding the expectations of directors to executives' commitment to committees, particularly with regards to strategic planning committee and campaigns committee

- Nadia attended the RNE this weekend in Trois-Rivieres, she brought a motion on behalf of international students, motion for a demonstration on the last day of the summit on education was passed on the last day of the RNE

- McGill is having an 'education summit' this week

6.4 Finance/Advocacy Manager – Report included

6.5 Service Manager – no report included as this position is not currently filled

Point raised by Audrey regarding Exec and Manager reports – if hours could be kept to know what most time is being spent on, do these tasks align with GSA's visioning goals? As well as to know how many hours are being over-worked

- Question to Nadia about how many hours/week are required of Executives, and how many hours she works, 13 hours/week is required, but she works 60-80 depending on the week

- Once the new employees are hired it will be better for all GSA employees and Execs

Motion to approve Reports by Simon

Seconded by Tarek

7. Motions

Motion to enter into close session by Simon

Seconded by Annelise

Motion carries unanimously

Motion to come out of closed session by Audrey

Seconded by Poya (1:55pm)

7.5 Endorsing the campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

Given the nature of current events,

Motion to endorse the campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions,

Amendment moved by Audrey

Seconded by Simon

Be it further resolved that the GSA council empower the exec to take an active position for BDS and participate in an educational campaign on campus leading up to a General Assembly for ratification by the GSA's highest decision making power

Motion for BDS carries



7.1 and 7.2 Motion to approve GA date and agenda (attached) for January 17th by Patrick

Seconded by Simon

Be It Resolved That the proposed GA agenda is accepted by Council, and disseminated as soon as possible as a proposed GA agenda to GSA members, and that councillors consult their constituency about the agenda and GA motions, to send them to the executive no later than January so that they can send out a version with any requested revisions in January to GSA members.

- Exec has had problems finding a room to host the GA on January 17th at Concordia, but the CSU lounge is available
- Draft GA agenda be approved to be sent out to members to collect any other motions from members

Proposed GA Agenda Jan. 17th:

- Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- Appointment of Chair, Secretary, Mood-watcher
- Approval of GSA Budget
- Motions about the Provincial Education Summit (4 topics - though it might be 3 as one will take place this week)
- The Boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israeli Apartheid point voted through at council
- Motion's from the membership on the floor

Motion to approve GA date (January 17th) and agenda carries

7.4 New Policy on Departmental Association Funding (Strategic Planning Committee)

Motion to approve the funding policy as drafted by the Strategic Planning Committee by Poya

Seconded by Simon,

Funding policy presented by Poya

Motion carries

7.3 Motion to Table by Annelise

Seconded by Hasanain

Motion to table carries; Google doc will be created and circulated to Directors to sign up for a time slot

7.6 Funds for GSA Sports Club (Gul Pervez)

7.7 Libyan conflict in the city of Bani-Walid (Zouhair Briqech)

Motion to table 7.6 and 7.7 to January 17th meeting



8. GSA Committee Appointments

8.1 By-Laws Committee (Daria – presented by Nadia because Daria is absent)

Nadia – need to get an active by-law committee going, Erik was the only one appointed to the committee to review the current by-laws, Nadia would like to be appointed also, Poya would like to be appointed

- Is something that could be contributed through Google docs and would not necessarily require a time commitment for meetings?
- Proposed changes will be presented to the next year's council

8.2 Strategic Planning Committee (Annelise and Simon)

- The Strategic Planning Committee's role is to actualize the ideas brought up in visioning exercises, suggest direction to execs work plans
- 3 points raised again (funding, outreach, communication/housing)
- Strategic planning committee appeals to directors to become more involved

8.3 GA committee (Nadia)

- Never clarified who was chairing this committee

Patrick moves to appoint Audrey as chair of the GA committee

Nadia seconds

Motion carries

9. Scheduling of Winter Council Meetings

- Gretchen will send out doodle for council meetings for next semester with 3 options (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday)

10. Other Business

- Ratification of money paid out to GSA Directors
- External committees: Audrey – There are points raised in the external committees, not all of which are easily addressed,
- Point added in the council agenda under section of Reports: Other reports, which would include BOG report or reports for other external committee's (i.e. Senate, academic planning committee) TO BE EXPLAINED by Gretchen King (permanent GSA Council chair) in call for reports for January meeting

11. Adjournment (2 :52pm)

Motion to adjourn by Poya

Seconded by Abis

Motion carries



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