



GSA Regular Council Meeting

July 12 2013 Hall building, H763, 10:30am – 1:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Chair: Gretchen King

Secretary: Alex Matak

Attendance:

Voting Directors: Sara Breikrueutz (arts/science), Biagina-Carla Farnesi (humanities), Trevor Smith (arts/science), Claude Fachkha (ENCS), Arundeeep Malapati (ENCS), Vivek Wadhvana (JMSB), Paramveer Singh Mann (ENCS), Genevieve Moisan (fine arts), Monique Boudreau (JMSB), Vinoth Ramaian (ENCS), Tariqul Amin (ENCS), Mohammad Jannatul Ferdous Rupom (ENCS)

Absent: Holly Nazar (Arts/Science), Poya Saffari (arts/science), Elliott Rajnovic (fine arts), Stravos Athanasoulis (JMSB), Niranjana Bhakare (JMSB)

Non-voting Directors: Mohit Kuwar (President), Nassim Changizi (VP internal), Vignesh Shankas (VP external)

Managers: Liz Colford (services), Roddy Doucet (advocacy), Jamie Goodman (Finance)

Notes: A " * " is put beside all "tasks" or suggested tasks to be done

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 10:56am

2. Adoption of agenda

Moved: Audrey

2nd: Genevieve

motions to add to the agenda:

7.3) change name of committee of campaigns committee Council business
(passed, added 7-1)

7.4) Divestment moved by BDS committee (passed, added 9-0- 1abstention)

7.5) motion to renew committees each year (passed, added 9-0-1ab.)

8.1) announcement wine and beer (added)

*in new business for August there must be a report on structure from Roddy

Motion to adopt agenda, passed 10-0-0

3. Council business

3.1. Appointment of Chair Moved: Vignesh, Seconded: Sara

Motion passed 10-0-0

- A reminder from the chair that a motion was passed that council members must arrive



30 minutes before hand, to both prevent late starts and also to allow for time to talk with GSA members who are present.

- *Change Claude's family name in all council material to read Fachkha (not Fashka)
- *Change Sara Breikrueutz's first name to read "Sara" not "Sarah"

4. **Approval of minutes**

- Minutes from May 7: Sara Breikrueutz, Trevor Smith and Monique Boudreau to be added as observer. (accepted, 9-0-1)
- Minutes from June: (accepted, 10-0-0)
 - a. health plan fee, Jamie needs to verify what the premium is because its not \$2569.20
 - b. Change the phrasing to read "council members decided not to touch **or use** the reserve fund in section" 6.1, 3rd paragraph
 - c. change the phrasing of 6.3 "council ratifies the advocacy fee levy **results**"

5. **Business arising from minutes**

5.1) Summer budget presentation:

Made to Oct because fees will not be collected until then so Sept should be budgeted for. Questions: i) What is JMSB – they have not received their allocation because they didn't meet the requirements needed. ii) is there a line for unexpected things? – yes it is called "buffer"

- *more detail should be added about wages to the budget for transparency
- *future reports should have a more detailed explanation as to why/how the budget has been created.

Motion to accept summer budget: Passed, 9-1-0

5.2) GSA committee appointments

- 5.3 Campaigns committee appointments. Meet once a week, work on various campaigns, flexible based on interest in campaigns.

Nominations: Audrey, Sara, Claude, Karthikeya

Motion to vote on all nominees at the same time (passed, 10-0-0)

Motion to appoint the above members to campaigns committee (passed 10-0-0)

- 5.4 Hiring committee: responsible for all hiring as well as appointment of other university committees.

Nominations: Tariqul Amin (ENCS), Biagina-Carla Farnesi (IND/Humanities), Vinoth (ENCS), Vivek (JMSB), Genevieve (F.Arts)

Tariqul is selected for ENCS (5-4)

Other 3 members are added 10-0-0

Discussion:

i) The Exec would like to add appointment of university bodies to the jurisdiction of the hiring committee. This would be a bylaw change. Several councillors are unhappy with this, it is found to by a Bylaw that these appointments must be voted by council (as per



Article V, 2 c.)

-5.5 **Motion** to table 5.5. from meeting package to August meeting. **Passed 10-0-0**

-5.6 International student committee. Discussion to make this a separate committee, appointing of councillor to be a representative.

Nominations: Paramveer Singh Mann, Elliot Rajnovic

Motion: Council to vote on a bylaw change that would make the international student committee a formal committee, not a subcommittee of campaigns.

Passed, 10-0-0

- *the bylaw change must be prepared and sent out as per By-laws, article XXI, 1.

5.7- bylaws committee. Nominations: Sara Breikrueutz and Nishant Walia

Passed 10-0-0

5.8- appointments committee. Because there is no VP academic, the VP internal shall chair. Roddy will be available for support.

Nominations: Audrey Dahl (Arts), MHF Rupom (ENCS), TEMP: Biagina-Carla Farnesi (humanities), Monique Boudreau (JMSB)

Motion to accept all nominations, **passed 10-0-0**

6. **Reports**

- Manager reports:

i) Advocacy. Q's: what is the intervention from GSA for late payments – advocacy, negotiation, but that is all.

ii) Services.

iii) Finance

- President

- VP Internal

- VP external

7. **Motions**

7.1. **Motions** to create a Funds and Subsidies committee. The mandate and membership of this committee will be brought back to the next meeting and voted at next council meeting in August. **Passed 10-0-0**

7.2. **Motion** to adopt the fossil Fuel Divestment motion (as per package).

Discussion: Some councillors suggest the report needs to be more specific and clarify steps the BOG could take in terms of investments, others suggest it is better vague. It is suggested by the chair that the specifics of this campaign should be handled by campaigns committee, and this vote would just be about adopting the sentiment of this motion.

- amendment: that the "GSA" be changed to "GSA council". Addition that it will be brought to the next GA.

moved: Trevor, second: Vivek



passed – 9-0-2

7.3) **Motion** change name of committee of “political and campaigns committee” to “Mobilization and Campaigns committee”. Moved: Vignesh, second: Malapati. **Passed 11-0-0**

7.4) **Motion** Divestment from the Technion exchange program moved by BDS committee. **Tabled** until August.

- *Amendments and details will be made/added to this motion and included to the August council meeting package.

7.5) **motion** new council will renew committees and membership of GSA committees. BIFRT. Council mandates the by-law committee to review bylaws and policies on committees. Moved: Vignesh, Second: Genevieve **Passed 11-0-0**

8. Other business

9. Next meeting

- *doodle will be sent out for the fall semester of meetings (must be advertised in advance). Will include hours outside of 9-5 hours that will be an option for people.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn moved: Vignesh, seconded: Claud. **Passed 9-0-0**

Meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm