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**Council Meeting February 7, 2016 MINUTES  
CO-20160207**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Ribal Abi Raad

**Minutes Taker:** Abigail Slinger

**Present**

*Councilors:* Aria Azami (ENCS), Nirmal Desai (ENCS), Rahul Kumar (ENCS), Sapandeep Randhawa (ENCS), Ashley Michel (JMSB), Stephi Stavropoulos (A&S), Julie Arrowsmith (A&S), Narinder Singh Lota (ENCS), Korosh Koochekian (ENCS), Keroles Riad (INDI), Abigail Slinger (A&S), Vivek Khatri (ENCS)

*Executives:* Jawad Khan Mohammad (VP External), Surekha Reddy Kolli (VP Internal)

*Staff:* Vinay Paramanand

*Observers:* Michael Perry, Jr., Ben Prunty, Sofia Guerrieri

**Absent**

*Councilors:* Amandeep Narula (ENCS), Aidan Macdonald (JMSB), Jasneet Kaur (ENCS), Caitlin Robinson (A&S), Carine W. Ouedraogo (A&S), Carolina Aponte (Fine Arts)

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

**Final Agenda:**

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order (1 min)

2. Adoption of the Agenda (5 mins)

3. Council Business (5 mins)

3.1 Appointment of Minute Taker

3.2 Chair's Remarks

4. Approval of Jan. 30 Minutes

5. Informal Discussion (90 mins)

- Committee member replacements, etc.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes (60 mins)

6.1 Funding Policy, Appointed Councilor Honorarium, & Funding Committee Appointment

6.2 Creation of New Staff Positions (2/3 Majority Vote – GSA Bylaws Article XI-10)

6.3 Hiring Committee Appointment

6.4 Academic and Special Projects Funding for Fall 2015, *Appendix I*

6.5 Student Case Advocacy

7. New Business (20 mins)

7.1 Presentation by Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ)

8. Other Business (4 mins)

9. Adjournment

## 1. Call to Order

Called to order at 6:01 p.m.

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

*Motion CO-20160207-01*

BIRT 7.1 be added to 6.3 and that both be combined to become the new 6.3 (“Hiring Committee Appointment”);

BIFRT 7.3 be moved to 6.4 (“Funding Policy & Committee Appointment”).

**Moved:** Rahul

**Seconded:** Stephi

**For:** Nirmal, Rahul, Sapandeep, Ashley, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Abigail

**Abstain:** Keroles, Aria, Vivek, Korosh

**ADOPTED**

*Motion CO-20160207-02*

BIRT 6.4 be moved to 6.1 (“Funding Policy, Appointed Councilor Honorarium, & Funding Committee Appointment”).

**Moved:** Keroles

**Seconded:** Stephi

**For:** Nirmal, Ashley, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Abigail, Keroles

**Abstain:** Korosh, Sapandeep, Rahul, Vivek, Aria

**ADOPTED**

*Motion CO-20160207-03*

BIRT the agenda be adopted as amended.

**Moved:** Stephi

**Seconded:** Julie

**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Ashley, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail, Vivek

**Against:** Rahul

**Abstain:** Keroles

**ADOPTED**

### 3.1 Appointing Minute Taker

*Motion CO-20160207-04*

BIRT Abigail Slinger be appointed as Minute Taker.

**Moved:** Stephi

**Seconded:** Korosh

**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Rahul, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail

**Abstain:** Keroles

**ADOPTED**

### 3.2 Chair's Remarks

There was an item that I have removed from the packet. The item in question is the old 9.2, which was Appointments committee recommendation for graduate student representatives. I have not received a motion or motivation for this specifically, and therefore it should be proposed.

There is also the issue of the funding committee appointment. No committee has been appointed for this semester, and the funding policy states that one should be created. The members on last semester's committee were:

- Jasneet (ENCS)
- Keroles (INDI)
- Jawad (VP external)
- Alex (President)
- Nirmal (ENCS)

There is no requirement for the funding committee except that it has to include at least two (2) councilors and one (1) executive. The committee was also supposed to:

- Propose a policy
- Revise the departmental allocation policy to mandate that association's respect their bylaws

My suggestion for council is to always appoint a chair for when a committee is created, as it would define a specific form for the committee, and would probably make it more effective.

### 4. Approval of Jan. 30 Minutes

*Motion CO-20160207-05*

BIRT January 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes be approved.

**Moved:** Stephi

**Seconded:** Rahul

**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Rahul, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail

**Abstain:** Keroles

**ADOPTED**

## **6.1 Funding Policy, Appointed Councilor Honorarium, & Funding Committee Appointment**

*Motion CO-20160207-06*

Whereas Council has already approved the attached CCR proposal (*Motion CO- 20141009-24*);

Whereas (Council approved) *Motion CO-20150926-09* states:

BIFRT the Funding Committee be mandated to propose a policy, by the next monthly Council meeting, for forming clubs and their funding regulations **as well as implement modifications compatible with previously approved CCR project;**

BIRT the following amendments (highlighted in **red**) be made to the GSA Funding Policy:

### **a) 2.7 Requirements**

The following information's and documents are required with the application:

a. Detailed budget for the project. Said budget must include all source of revenue even if provisional, and a detailed account of expenses.

b. The name, Phone number, email and student ID of all the people in charge of the project.

c. A clear description of the project of no more than five (5) pages (Times New Roman, 11pt, single-spaced)

**d. Proof of application to the Office of the Dean of Students to add the activity to the Concordia Co-curricular Record (CCR) database. Otherwise, a rationale for why volunteers are not expected is provided.**

### **b) 2.10 Requirements following the realization**

Following the realization of the project, the group will provide GSA with a complete financial statement, which should include a copy of the receipts, showing that the money paid was used to achieve the objectives related to the funding request. **Additionally, if the project was accepted into the Concordia Co-curricular Record (CCR), a copy of an e-mail sent to the Office of the Dean of Students listing all volunteers that participated must be provided. The report must be filed four (4) weeks after the end of the funded project.**

If a group doesn't fill this requirement the said group and its representative will be banned from every funding opportunity from GSA and their names, group and representatives, added to a black list.

### **c) 3.7 Requirements**

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**Moved:** Keroles

**Seconded:** Ashley

**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail, Keroles

**Abstain:** Rahul

**ADOPTED**

*Motion CO-20160207-07*

BIRT all Councilors who were present at the January 9<sup>th</sup> (2016) meeting receive their Honorariums.

**Moved:** Stephi

**Seconded:** Ashley

**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail, Rahul

**Abstain:** Keroles

**ADOPTED**

*Motion CO-20160207-08*

BIRT Michael Perry, Jr. be appointed to one of the two vacant Directorships for the Faculty of A&S until the next General Assembly.

**Moved:** Stephi

**Seconded:** Rahul

**For:** Nirmal, Sapandeep, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Abigail, Rahul

**Abstain:** Keroles, Korosh, Aria, Vivek, Ashley

**ADOPTED**

**6.2 Creation of New Staff Positions (2/3 Majority Vote – GSA Bylaws Article XI-10)**

*Motion CO-20160207-09*

BIRT the following staff positions be created:

- Communications Coordinator (as distinct from the Advocacy Manager)
- Campaigns Coordinator (as distinct from the Department/Faculty Manager)
- Advocacy Coordinator
- Advocate

BIFRT no hiring for these positions be completed before the presentation and approval of the Collective Agreement by Councilors;  
BIFRT the Collective Agreement cannot be signed without Council approval;  
BIFRT legal action will be taken against any or all Councilors who sign the Collective Agreement before its approval by Council.

**Moved:** Stephi

**Seconded:** Ashley

**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail, Rahul

**Against:** Keroles

**Abstain:** Michael

**ADOPTED**

### **6.3 Hiring Committee Appointment**

*Motion CO-20160207-10*

Whereas Mathilde Ngo Mbom resigned from Council and the Hiring Committee;  
Whereas there are two eligible candidates from JMSB, Aidan Macdonald and Ashley Michel, who are currently interested in becoming Hiring Committee members;

BIRT the selection of a new Hiring Committee member be conducted via Secret Ballot.

**Moved:** Stephi

**Seconded:** Aria

**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail, Rahul, Michael

**Abstain:** Keroles

**ADOPTED**

**Note:** The new Hiring Committee member is Ashley Michel.

### **6.4 Academic and Special Projects Funding for Fall 2015, Appendix II**

*Motion CO-20160207-11*

Whereas the Funding Committee was not able to meet last semester (Fall 2015) to analyze applications and allocate funding;

Whereas there are applications for Academic and Special Project Funding in the Fall 2015 semester which are still pending;

Whereas the total amounts requested by these groups do not exceed the budgeted funding for academic and special project funding;

BIRT that Ashley, Stephi, Michael, Keroles, and Jawad replace the previous Funding Committee members;

BIFRT Stephi be appointed as Funding Committee Chair;

BIFRT the Funding Committee meet this, the week of February 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to evaluate Fall 2015 Academic and Special Project Funding allocations and send their findings to Council.

**Moved:** Stephi  
**Seconded:** Julie  
**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail, Rahul, Michael  
**Abstain:** Keroles, Stephi  
**ADOPTED**

**6.5 Student Case Advocacy**

*Motion CO-20160207-12*  
 Whereas Ashley Michel is no longer the Interim VP Academic and Advocacy Affairs, all academic and advocacy work, including specific student issues and cases, should therefore be turned over to the appointed VP Academic and Advocacy. However, the sensitivity and the urgency of some cases call for consistency and therefore the person who was appointed to advocate for the current or pending cases should be the one to follow through each case to completion;

BIRT Ashley Michel be granted permission to continue working on current or pending academic and advocacy student cases.

**WITHDRAWN**

**7.1 Presentation by Association for the Voice of Education in Quebec (AVEQ)**

Presentation by Ben and Sofia (Observers) regarding student partnerships, representation, and voting system

**8. Other Business**

*Motion CO-20160207-13*  
 BIRT the next Council meeting be rescheduled to Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (2016) at 1:00 p.m.;  
 BIFRT Ribal Abi Raad find a replacement Chairperson.

**Moved:** Stephi  
**Seconded:** Rahul  
**For:** Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Ashley, Vivek, Julie, Korosh, Abigail, Rahul, Michael, Stephi  
**Against:** Keroles, Narinder  
**ADOPTED**

**9. Adjournment (9:03 p.m.)**

Appendix I

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GSA Council Meeting Minutes  
 Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
 CO-20160207

<b>Projects</b>													
	Amount Requested	General Eligibility	Group Eligibility	Project Eligibility	GSA Registered	No member fees	Advertised to GSA	Free to GSA	no GSA funding	Other funding	Budget	Contact info	Description
2016 Graduate Symposium in the Dept. of Education	500	√			No	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Hispanic Studies Graduate Student Association	500	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Headlight Anthology	500	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Art Education Graduate Students Association	500	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2000</b>												
<b>Special Projects</b>					1	2	3	4					
	Amount Requested	General Eligibility	Group Eligibility	Project Eligibility	GSA goals	GSA Registered	no regular funds	Other funding			Budget	Contact info	Description
Hypotheses	500	√	√	√	√	<b>NO</b>	√	√			√	√	√
Cinema politica	500	√	√	√	√	<b>NO</b>	√	√			√	√	√
Art	500	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			√	√	√



Education Graduate Student Association													
Concordia English Grad Students Colloquim Committee	500	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			√	√	√
Concordia International Student Association	500	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			√	√	√
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2500</b>												