

**General Assembly October 23rd 2014 minutes
(GA-20141023)**

Chair: Gretchen King
Secretary: Eric Martin

Final Agenda:

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 3. Approval of the Agenda
 4. Elections
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 2. Vote
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 5. Recording of minority votes in council meetings
 6. Bylaw compulsory audit
 7. "Concerns about the procedures and content issues..."
 8. Approval of the past GA minutes
 9. Reports
 1. President
 2. Finances
 1. Council Honorarium
 3. Accreditation
 10. Motions
 1. Quebec Austerity
 2. Endorsing the Student Against the Pipelines (ECO)
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 1. Financial Update
 12. Adjournment
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:27

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Motion GA-20141023-01

Be it resolved that the Chair and Secretary of the General Assembly of the 23rd october 2014 will be Gretchen King (Chair) and Eric Martin (Secretary)

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Harkirat
Adopted

Firas Al Hammoud notes his abstention on the vote above

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion GA-20141023-02

Be It Resolved That The following agenda be adopted for today's General Assembly:

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Moved by: Elise
Seconded by: Houda

Amendment 01

To move item 7 (Elections) after item 3 (Approval of the Agenda) and to shift down the remaining Items.

Moved by: Mustafa
Seconded by: Ousama
Adopted

Amendment 02

To add an item regarding “recording minority votes in council meetings”, as Item 7.3, under item Motions (current: 7)

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Alex
Rejected

Amendment 03

Tabled last GA should be going before number 4
To Add an agenda item pertaining to a motion of bylaw change (tabled during previous GA) after item Elections (current: 4) pertaining to compulsory audits, and to shift down the remaining items.

Moved by: Alex
Seconded by: Louis
Rejected

Amendment 04

To add, before item Elections (current: 4) an item to discuss motions on the following: “Concerns about the procedures and content issues with respect to motions, presented at the october 9th meeting of the GSA council, Which Reprimanded The Graduate Student Governor”, and to shift down the remaining items.

Moved by: Firas
Seconded by: Bob
Rejected

Amendment 05

To add, after item Elections (current: 4) an item to discuss motions on the following: “Concerns about the procedures and content issues with respect to motions, presented at the october 9th meeting of the GSA council, Which Reprimanded The Graduate Student Governor”, and to shift down the remaining items.

Moved by: Firas
Seconded by: Bob
Adopted

Amendment 06

To Add an agenda item pertaining to a motion of bylaw change (tabled during previous GA) after item 4 (current: Elections) pertaining to compulsory audits, and to shift down the remaining items.

Moved by: Alex
Seconded by: Bob
Adopted

Amendment 07

To move item Accreditation (current: 8.3) before item Elections (current: 4), and to shift down the remaining items.

Moved by: Erik
Seconded by: Isabelle
Rejected

Amendment 08

To move item Motions (current: 9) after item Elections (current: 4), and to shift down the remaining items.

Moved by: Jon
Seconded by: Trevor
Adopted

Amendment 09

To add an item pertaining to the recording of minority votes in council meetings after item Elections (current: 4), and to shift down the remaining items.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Rohit
Adopted

Amendment 10

To move down the item 4.2 (current: Senators) after item 4.3 (current: Councillors).

Moved by: Isabelle
Seconded by: Marilou
Rejected

Motion as amended (GA-20141023-02)

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Moved by: Elise
Seconded by: Houda
Adopted

4. ELECTIONS

Motions GA-20141023-03

Be It Resolved That the votes for the elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot in session of the present General Assembly.

Moved by: Marilou
Seconded by: Carosel
Rejected (*For: 44, Against :78, Abstentions: 5*)

4.1 VICE-PRESIDENCY

Votes are to be conducted as the following: each present member is entitled to one vote by seat to be elected, for one of the multiple candidates presenting for that seat. Election is won by a simple majority of votes.

ELECTIONS = VICE-PRESIDENCY MOBILIZATION

Be it Resolved That the VP of Mobilization is to be **Sheikh M Danish**

ELECTIONS-VICE-PRESIDENCY ACADEMIC & ADVOCACY

Be It Resolved That the VP of Academic & Advocacy is to be **TABLED**

*--- The votes presented a very close vote favoring for Dina Alizadeh by 58 over 57 for Trevor Smith in a first instance. However, as the scrutineers requested to have the votes recounted, but did so for Trevor Smith alone, last votes counted were 45 for him --- as people had started leaving the room since the beginning of the votes for all three candidates, people objected to have the entire votes recounted. Therefore, the General Assembly and the members still present debated the following two motions and consequently **TABLED** the above election ---*

Motion GA-20141023-04

Be It Resolved That the General Assembly contests the election for VP Academic advocacy and call for a secret ballot right now, during the present General Assembly in lieu of the previous vote.

Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Isabelle
Rejected

Motion GA-20141023-05

Be It Resolved That the General Assembly is to rerun the two top candidates (Dina Alizadeh and Trevor Smith), by secret ballot, at the next General Assembly.

Moved by: Alex
Seconded by: Keroles
Adopted

4.2 SENATORS

Motion GA-20141023-06

Be It Resolved That the elections for the Senator seats are to be conducted as secret ballots

Moved by: Jane
Seconded by: Jon
Rejected

Motion GA-20141023-07

Be It Resolved That the General Assembly will conduct the voting of senators by each present member voting no more than 3 times to select 3 of the 5 candidates for the 3 available senator seats.

Moved by: Nadia
Seconded by: Claire
Adopted

ELECTIONS RESULTS - SENATORS

Be It Resolved That the three Senators elected are to be :

1. **Koroch Koochekian Sabor**
2. **Marilou Andre**
3. **Kerolos Riad**

4.3 COUNCILLORS – *NO QUORUM*

As requested by members present, Quorum was counted and **Absence of Quorum is observed at 20:15, October 23rd 2014.**

The following members presented themselves for the Councillors Seats. However, due to absence of Quorum no vote could be taken and no election could be conducted:

Sean Boivin (Arts & Science)
Ribal Abi Raad (Arts & Science)
Elise Windsor (Fine Arts)
Shadi Salimi Darestani (Fine Arts)
Kerelos Riad (Indie)

ALL OTHER ITEMS – *NO QUORUM*



12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion GA-20141023-8
Adjournment 20:29

Moved by: Isabelle
Seconded by: Agnes
Adopted