

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 26th, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Venue: 2030 Mackay Street, Suite 202, Montreal H3G 2J1 (GSA House)

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Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Carlos Jabbour

Present:

Councillors: All excluding absentees (below)

Executives: All

Absent

Councillors: Sushmita Roy, Rishi B, Kartik N, Magdalena I, Fatina S

Final Agenda:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 2:30 pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Arts and Science Director Selection
4. Lavery Legal Firm Presentation (Closed Session)
5. Legal committee recommendations (Closed Session)
6. New business
 - a. 2016/2017 Budget Plan - Budget committee recommendations (Closed Session)
7. Approval of June 28th Council meeting minutes
8. Approval of executives' bursaries, reports and action plans (Closed Session)
 - a. President
 - b. VP Internal
 - c. VP External
 - d. VP Academic and Advocacy
 - e. VP Mobilization
9. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. GSA Advocacy Center and Advocacy Fee Levy (Closed Session)
 - b. Hiring committee (Arts and Science director)

10. Other business
 - a. Summer events - Student Life committee recommendations
 - b. Fall Orientation - Student Life committee recommendations
 - c. Academic and Special Projects Policy - Policy committee recommendation
 - d. Previous Minutes Coding fixing
 - e. Making GSA House space available to music groups
11. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Attendance sheet verified at 2:30pm and meeting called to order at 3:00 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20160726-01

Approval of Agenda

Moved: Soliman

Seconded: Jessica

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

3. Arts and Science Director Selection (Closed session)

Candidates Ribal and Yingnan Sun (Wendy): presented their merits and answered questions from councilors

Motion CO-20160726-02

Move to close session for deliberations

Moved: Mudasser

Seconded: Cainy

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20160726-03 (Closed session)

Deliberations on merits of two candidates.
BIRT Wendy is elected as interim Arts and Science Director

Voting
For: 7
Against: 2
Abstain: 4
Adopted

4. Lavery Legal Firm Presentation (Closed Session)

5. Legal Committee Recommendations (Closed Session)

6. New business

6a. 2016/2017 Budget Plan - Budget committee recommendations (Closed Session)

7. Approval of June 28th Council meeting minutes

Motion CO-20160726-10

Approval of June 28th, 2016 Council meeting minutes

Moved: Soliman
Seconded: Melissa
For: Maj
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

8. Approval of executives' bursaries, reports and action plans (Closed Session)

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. GSA Advocacy Center and Advocacy Fee Levy (Closed Session)

Motion CO-20160726-13

WHEREAS discussions with the office of the dean of students indicate that this motion is not possible to implement.

BIRT the motion in item 5.2 approved in Council meeting (as follows) of May 28th be rescinded.

"5.2 Refund of GSA Advocacy fee levy for 2015-2016

Whereas all GSA members paid the advocacy fee levy of \$2.50 per term.

Whereas the GSA has not been able to offer the services of an advocacy center to graduate students.

Whereas this has caused inconveniences for some students who had serious problems.

Whereas the GSA has not had a dedicated student advocate to educate and advise students.

Whereas the GSA should not be collecting money from students for a service not being offered.

BIRT all continuing graduate students that have paid the advocacy fee levy for the 2015-2016 academic year be refunded the fee.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Michael

For: Julie, Jasneet, Aria, Sapandeep, Stephi, Keroles

Against:

Abstain: Nirmal, Michael

Motion passes. "

Moved: Keroles
Seconded: Esmaeel
For: 8
Against:
Abstain: 1
Adopted

Motion CO-20160726-14

BIRT the advocacy center will be funded at the initial estimate of \$101,531.

Moved: Soliman
Seconded: Melissa
For: Maj
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

Motion CO-20160726-15

Let it be resolved that a review of the advocacy center contract after one year with regards to salary and hours will be performed.

Moved: Soliman
Seconded: Melissa
For: Maj
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

b. Hiring committee (Arts and Science director)

Motion CO-20160726-16

BIRT Boyang Pan has been voted

Moved: Melissa
Seconded: Cainy
For: 7
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

10. Other business

a. Summer events - Student Life committee recommendations

Mahsa presenting

b. Fall Orientation - Student Life committee recommendations

Mahsa presenting

c. 2016/2017 Budget Plan - Budget committee recommendations (Closed Session)

Covered as point 6

c. Academic and Special Projects Policy - Policy committee recommendation

Motion CO-20160726-17

Be It Resolved That

This motion will be tabled to next meeting

Moved: Soliman
Seconded: Melissa
For: Maj
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

d. Previous minutes coding fixing

Motion CO-20160726-18

WHEREAS some of council minutes of last year were inadequately coded (motions do not have code numbers that can be used for references)

BIRT the meeting facilitator is mandated to review all minutes of last year and properly code all motions.

BIFRT an update be provided in August council meeting.

Moved: Keroles
Seconded: Melissa
For: Maj
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

e. Making GSA House space available to music groups

Motion CO-20160726-19

Be It Resolved That

This motion will be tabled to next meeting

Moved: Soliman
Seconded: Melissa
For: Maj
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

Note: Carlos to send out another Doodle for August meeting dates

11. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM