

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 17th, 2016

Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Venue: 11th floor, EV Building, Concordia - Room 655 (EV 11.655).

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Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Carlos Jabbour

Present:

Councillors: Samer Elzahab, Zhe Zhao, Bhavreet Gill, Qi Gao, Ahmad Jabri, Mengjiao Zhao, Rishi Ramayanam, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Mohd Azam Khan, Saheer Ali, Kartik Narayanan, Cainy Mok, Boyang Pan, Melissa Tamporello, Keroles Riad, Yingnan Sun (Wendy)

Executives: Soliman Abu-Samra, Mahsa Khoshab, Nasir Shafique, Rafi Azad, Mudaser Akbar

Absent

Councillors: Sushmita Roy, Fatina Sibli, Magdalena Ivaseko, Jessica Cabana

Final Agenda:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 3:30 pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. GSA Council Meetings and Events Venues
4. Approval of July 26th Council meeting minutes
5. Annual Budget for 2016/2017 – Budget Committee Recommendations
6. Approval of executives' bursaries, reports (Closed Session)
 - a. President
 - b. VP Internal
 - c. VP External
 - d. VP Academic and Advocacy
 - e. VP Mobilization
7. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. Approval of long term MOU signing between AIESEC Concordia and GSA Concordia
 - b. Making GSA House space available to music groups
 - c. Conference Subsidy minor amendments

- d. Policy Committee recommendations
 - e. Legal Representative update (Closed Session)
 - f. JMGSA funding request
 - g. Advocacy Center update
 - h. iCal and Google Calendar meeting reminders
 - i. Date for collective agreement negotiations
 - j. Policy Committee Chair
 - k. Home Service
- To move to next meeting:
- l. Music Protocol
 - m. Council Meeting Rule
 - n. IKEA roller blind
8. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Attendance sheet verified at 3:30 pm and meeting called to order at 4 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20160817-01

BIRT the Agenda is approved

Moved: Melissa

Seconded: Shaheer

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

3. GSA Council Meetings and Events Venues

Motion CO-20160817-02

BIRT the venue for future GSA council meetings and GSA hosted events to be held at accessible venues.

Moved: Soliman

Seconded: Keroles

For: majority

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

4. Approval of July 26th Council meeting minutes

Motion CO-20160817-03

BIRT July 26th Council meeting minutes are approved

Moved: Soliman

Seconded: Cainy

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

5. Annual Budget for 2016/2017 – Budget Committee Recommendations

Soliman presented details of tentative budget

Motion CO-20160817-04

BIRT the tentative budget is approved and that it will undergo a secondary review by the Budget Committee and GSA Council at the beginning of the Winter semester (2017)

Moved: Soliman

Seconded: Shaheer

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain: Bhavreet, Samer

Adopted

Motion CO-20160817-05

BIRT the council meeting is moved to closed session

Moved: Kerloes

Seconded: Melissa

For:

Against:

Abstain:
Adopted

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Approval of long term MOU signing between AIESEC Concordia and GSA Concordia

Rafi presenting. Long term contract, quarterly workshop and info session. Eg, in Fall – leadership and job searching skills. AIESEC has a database of internships and open positions for students to apply to. GSA will include AIESEC events in the GSA newsletter.

Motion CO-20160817-08

BIRT the MOU signing is approved with the amendment to the MOU that workshops and events will be held in accessible venues, (“GSA House” to be removed).

Moved: Kerloes
Seconded: Cainy
For: Kerloes, Esmaeel
Against: Majority
Abstain:
Not Adopted

Motion CO-20160817-09

BIRT the motion will be tabled to the next GSA council meeting

Moved: Kerloes
Seconded: Melissa
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

b. Making GSA House space available to music groups

Motion CO-20160817-10

BIRT this motion is tabled to next meeting pending further information

Moved: Melissa

Seconded: Zhe
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

c. Conference Subsidy minor amendments

Motion CO-20160817-11

BIRT amendments to Conference Subsidy application document are accepted.

Moved: Soliman
Seconded: Keroles
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

d. Policy Committee recommendations

Motion CO-20160817-12

This motion is tabled until next council meeting

Moved: Soliman
Seconded: Keroles
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

Motion CO-20160817-13

BIRT the council meeting moves to closed session

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

Motion CO-20160817-15

BIRT move item 7n (JMGSa funding request) to 7f and push all other items down

Moved: Saheer

Seconded: Azam

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

f. JMGSa funding request

Motion CO-20160817-16

Whereas the JMGSa is growing and now has more associations and clubs than it did since its creation,

Whereas the needs of the JMSB graduate students are increasing, and meeting them requires more financial resources,

Whereas the JMGSa has been experiencing losses for the past 2 years that prevented the Association from meeting the needs of its members,

Whereas JMGSa and its subsidiaries have been experiencing great financial distress,

Whereas this financial distress has led the Dean of JMSB to benevolently input his own money into the Association last academic year,

Whereas providing financial assistance to the JMGSa is not one of the JMSB's Dean responsibilities,

Whereas the JMSB graduate students don't see much value in the events and activities that the GSA organizes and consequently don't attend them,

Whereas it is more likely that the JMGSa could provide activities and services that would be of greater benefit to a larger number of JMSB graduate students,

Be It Resolved that the GSA gives an additional \$10,000 to the JMGSa for at least one academic year,

Be It Further Resolved that this motion be effective for the academic year 2016-2017.

BIRT the motion is tabled for the next meeting

Moved: Keroles
Seconded: Zhe
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain: Bhavreet
Adopted

g. Advocacy Center update

Mudasser presents

h. iCal and Google Calendar meeting reminders

Motion CO-20160817-17

BIRT that all internal GSA committee meetings setups will be sent in iCal and Google Calendar Format in the E-mails, as it would facilitate time management between all the committees. Such activity to be handled by the chair of each meeting

Moved: Samer
Seconded: Azam
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain: Melissa
Adopted

i. Date for collective agreement negotiations

Motion CO-20160817-18

"Set Up a date for the initiation of the collective agreement negotiations."

BIRT that executives set up an initial date for negotiations being within the next three weeks from this date (17 Aug 2016).

Moved: Samer
Seconded: Cainy
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain: Keroles
Adopted

j. Policy Committee Chair

Motion CO-20160817-19

Remove Jessica and to elect Soliman as Chair of the Policy committee.

BIRT that Jessica is replaced as Chair of the Policy committee by Soliman

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: Melissa

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain: Azam, Bhavreet, Samer

Adopted

k. Home Service

ABOUT THE TOOLBOX

- we could buy 4 ikea toolboxes
- Screwdriver & drill
- Built-in battery & charger
- With a box, easy to store
- Few components, easy to check if some parts lost

ABOUT THE SERVICE

1. Free to rent
2. Student fill up a rent request on a google form, which contains name, student id, when to rent, duration and the type of the toolbox.
3. a security deposit and student id are required for rent
4. [Tools Manager] check the student id and keep the security deposit
5. Student use and return the toolbox
6. [Tools Manager] check the toolbox and return the security deposit to the student

ABOUT THE RULE

- Student can only pickup or return the toolbox at 11:00 - 12:00 am of a day
- Student can only rent the toolbox for 24 hours or 48 hours.
- Student can only rent 3 times per month.
- Student must specify return date in the request form, and must return the toolbox on that day.
- If student are late of returning the tool box, 1/4 of the security deposit will be charged per delaying days.

- If student are more than 4 days late of returning the toll box, full of the security deposit will be charged, hence they cannot get there security deposit back, and they are not required to return the toolbox back.
- If one or more components of the tools are lost, student cannot get their security deposit back, and they are not required to return the toolbox back.
- It is acceptable that one or more components are broken.

TOOLBOX TYPES

- We can provide more type of toolboxes, eg. an advanced toolbox (Mahsa suggested).

TYPE NAME	BRAND	PRICE (before tax)	INFO	QUANTITY
IKEA Standard	IKEA	\$49.99	essay to manage	4
Professional				1

ABOUT THE SECURITY DEPOSIT

- The security deposit is based on the price of the toolbox which student is renting (with tax).
- The security deposit is the lowest number which is divisible by 20

Examples:

1. The price of toolbox A with tax is \$43.83, then the security deposit for this is \$60.00.
2. The price of toolbox B with tax is \$161.00, then the security deposit for this is \$180.00.

WHEN TO BUY MORE TOOLBOXES

- To buy more type of toolbox, eg, buy a complex toolbox in Canadian Tire, it shall be discussed in the council meeting.
- If a renting request for one type of toolbox is delayed more than 3 days due to all of the toolbox of the same type has been rented out or reserved in the 3 days, then more toolboxes in this type are needed to be bought.
- If K of renting requests for on type of toolbox are cancelled with the same requesting date due to all of the toolbox of the same type has been reserved on that date, and K is larger than the 20% of the total number of toolbox in that type, then more toolboxes in that type are needed to be bought.

Motion CO-20160817-20

BIRT the IKEA home service as proposed by Zhe is approved

Moved: Zhe Zhao
Seconded: Azam
For: Majority
Against:

Abstain: Kartik, Bhavreet, Rishi
Adopted

Motion CO-20160817-21

BIRT that this meeting is adjourned

Moved: Keroles
Seconded: Bhavreet
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

I. Music Protocol

INTENTION

- Let GSA event more comfortable and friendly for GSA members

APPLY TARGET

Any GSA event which satisfy all of the following checkpoints apply to the Music Protocol

- This is not a religion based or country based event where the country is not US, UK, France or Canada

E.g. Iftar Party or Chinese New Year Party doesn't satisfy this checkpoint.

E.g. Canada national day party satisfy this checkpoint

E.g. Orientation or Club Night Party satisfy this checkpoint.

- Song, music or music videos are needed to be played in this event.

TERMS DEFINITION

- Region Related Music (RRM): A music can make people associate that to a religion, country or a group of countries, whereas the country is not US, UK, France or Canada.

E.g. RRM: K-Pop, Indian-pop, Indian-Electronic, Mandarin-pop...

Non-RRM: English or French Pop, EDM, Indie, JAZZ...

- Regions of RRM:

Region 1: Indian

Region 2: Arabic

Region 3: Mandarin and Cantonese

Region 4: Japanese and Korean.

- Amount of a music: To measure a length of a music. Any music with duration lesser than 8 minutes, is considered as amount of 1. With duration exceed than or equals to 8 minutes, the amount of a music is consider as the integer part of the duration divided by 4 minutes.

E.g.

The amount of music with duration of 3:20 is 1.
The amount of music with duration of 7:59 is 1.
The amount of music with duration of 8:00 is 2.
The amount of music with duration of 24:12 is 6.

RULES

- The total amount of RRM cannot exceed 10 % of all the music played in the event.
- If the amount of RRM in one region is larger or equals to 2, then it cannot exceed two times of amount of RRM in any other region.

CASES

• Case 1

Students are plan to go to a bar, and there will be a DJ who play music, then GSA should make sure that the music played by the DJ should follow the protocol.

• Case 2

In a cocktail event, a GSA member play music as background music using his/her laptop. The total amount of music is 30, consist of 1 amount of music in region 1, 1 amount of music in region 2, 1 amount of music in region 3 and 27 amount of English pop.

In this case, the event followed the protocol.

• Case 3

In Case 2, suppose that the total amount of music is 30, which consist of 2 amount of music in region 1, 1 amount of music in region 2, and 27 amount of English pop.

In this case, the event broke the protocol, because the amount in region 1 exceed two times of amount in Region 3 or 4.

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

- If an event apply to the Music Protocol and the event break the rules, then each leader of the event should be charged as the amount by the following formula.

Fee = (amount in the region with the highest amount - amount in the region with the lowest amount) x 10 + (total amount of RRM / total amount of all music - 0.1) * 100 * 10

- The fee should be surrendered to GSA in 30 days. If not, 10% increase for each delay 30 days.

Motion CO-20160817-xx

BIRT ...

Moved: Zhe Zhao

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

m. Council Meeting Rule

Motion CO-20160817-xx

BIRT ...

Moved: Zhe Zhao

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

n. IKEA roller blind

To buy some IKEA rollers blind to divide the meeting space and the passing way to the kitchen.

Link for this: <http://www.ikea.com/ca/en/catalog/products/60309119/>

Motion CO-20160817-xx

BIRT ...

Moved: Zhe Zhao

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

7. Meeting adjourned at 7 PM