

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 21st, 2016

Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Venue: Hall Building H-765

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Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Carlos Jabbour

Present:

Councillors: Samer Elzahab, Zhe Zhao, Bhavreet Gill, , Mengjiao Zhao, Rishi Ramayanam, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Saheer Ali, Cainy Mok, Boyang Pan, Melissa Tamporello, Keroles Riad, Yingnan Sun (Wendy), , Fatina Siblini, Magdalena Ivaseko, Jessica Cabana, Sushmita Roy

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

Absent

Councillors: Kartik Narayanan, Qi Gao, Ahmad Jabri, Mohd Azam Khan,

Final Agenda:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 2:30 pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3.
 - a. Approval of August 17th Council meeting minutes
 - b. Amending and reassessing the accessibility policy
 - c. Sustainability Policy
 - d. MOU with AIESEC (5 mins presentation)
4. Approval of executives' bursaries and reports (Closed Session)
 - a. President
 - b. VP Internal
 - c. VP External
 - d. VP Academic and Advocacy
 - e. VP Mobilization

5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a. Hiring Committee Recommendations (Closed Session)
 - b. Collective agreement negotiations (Closed Session)
 - c. Music Protocol
 - d. Fall Orientation update
 - e. Making GSA House space available to music groups (tabled)
 - f. Policy Committee recommendations
 - g. General Assembly Details
 - h. Legal Clinic Referendum (tabled)
 - i. JMGSA funding request (tabled)
 - j. Advocacy Center Update
 - k. Payment of Senators

6. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20160921-01

BIRT the Agenda is approved

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

3.

a. Approval of August 17th Council meeting minutes

Motion CO-20160921-02

BIRT August 17th Council meeting minutes are approved

Moved: Rafi
Seconded: Esmaeel

For: Majority
Against:
Abstain: Jessica
Adopted

b. Amending and reassessing the accessibility policy

Motion CO-20160921-03

BIRT amend previous motion (Motion CO-20160817-02)
Note: copy previous motion on accessibility, add clause "if possible"

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

Moved: Samer
Seconded: Esmaeel
For: majority
Against:
Abstain: Kerloes
Adopted

c. Sustainability Policy

Motion CO-20160921-04

BIRT the attached sustainability policy be approved.

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

Motion CO-20160921-05

Whereas the approved sustainability policy requires the formation of a sustainability committee

BIRT the sustainability committee be formed of VP internal, VP academic, councillors Esmaeel & Kartik and one staff member. The sustainability committee is chaired by person Mudasser.

Moved: Keroles
Seconded: Melissa
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:

Adopted

d. MOU with AIESEC (5 mins presentation)

Motion CO-20160921-06

BIRT approval is given for the signing of the MOU with AIESEC.

Moved: Rafi

Seconded: Shaheer

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

4. Approval of executives' bursaries and reports (Closed Session)

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Motion CO-20160921-11

BIRT that meeting goes to closed session and to include executives and councillors

Moved: Jessica

Seconded: Esmaeel

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

c. 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-20160921-15

BIRT the music protocol is adopted in its current form.

Moved: Zhe Zhao
Seconded: Sushmita
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

d. Fall Orientation update

e. Making GSA House space available to music groups (tabled)

f. Policy Committee recommendations

g. General Assembly Details

Motion CO-20160921-16

BIRT General Assembly date will be scheduled for end of October and the GA committee will be empowered to select the date.

Moved: Jessica
Seconded: Melissa
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain: Keroles, Samer
Adopted

h. Legal Clinic Referendum (tabled)

i. JMGSA funding request (tabled)

j. Advocacy Center Update

l. Payment of Senators

6. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Motion CO-20160921-17

BIRT the meeting is adjourned.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: all!

For: Majority

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted