

## **General Assembly January 23 2013 – Minutes**

The first Concordia Graduate Students Association General Assembly of 2013 took place January 23 2013 in room H-110 at Concordia University. Quorum was reached at 4:15pm and held until the completion of the meeting at approximately 6:45pm. The following issues were considered, voted upon, and passed by the General Assembly. Should you have any questions or believe there is information missing please do not hesitate in contacting us [via e-mail](#).

### **Motions in respect to the upcoming Provincial Summit on Education**

**Be it Resolved That (BIRT)** the GSA oppose recent funding cuts to our university as imposed by the *Parti Québécois (PQ)* government and reject any future cuts to public services;

**Be it Further Resolved That (BIFRT)** the GSA is opposed to any tuition hikes proposed by the government;

**BIFRT** the GSA oppose annual tuition hikes for international students, support accessible funding and scholarships for international students, and mobilize international students before the summit around these issues;

**BIFRT** the GSA continue to work from a perspective that education should be free and funded through progressive taxation and through increased taxation on financial institutions and multinational corporations;

**BIFRT** the GSA work with the unions, CSU, the BoG and various campus entities to build a common front to lobby the government.

### **Motion in respect to General Assembly ratification of Council of Directors decision to endorse and participate in Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign.**

**BIRT** the GSA General Assembly ratify the GSA Council of Directors' decision and endorse the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against the state of Israel until it respects international law and ends its apartheid system.

### **Motions in respect to Iranian students impacted by money transfer regulations**

**BIRT** the GSA advocate for the University to make arrangements that ensure more equitable money transfers practices for Iranian students who are impacted by sanctions;

**BIFRT** the GSA call on the university to remove penalties and interest on international students who are affected by transfers delays.

### **Motions in respect to having GSA follow more sustainable meeting practices and pressuring University to move away from fossil fuel technologies and infrastructure**

**BIRT** the GSA initiate a campaign to encourage and promote Concordia University to diversify away from fossil fuel technologies and infrastructure, moving these investments to renewable technology;

**BIFRT** to strengthen its commitment to this campaign, the GSA stop using non-recyclable plastics and Styrofoam plates, cups and cutlery;

**BIFRT** a motion on this issue be brought forward at the next general meeting.