

General Assembly September 27 2012 – Minutes

Call to order

Appointment of chair, secretary, mood-watcher

Motion to appoint chair, secretary and mood-watcher passes.

Approval of agenda

Motion to change the order of the items on the agenda as below, including the addition of a new point (“Status of tuition fees.”)

Motion to approve the new agenda passes.

Finances

(i) Be it resolved that the 2010-2011 financial statement is adopted;

Be it further resolved that the GSA executive will put the 2010-2011 financial statement on its website to make it available to GSA members. Motion passes.

(ii) Be it resolved that the 2012-2013 [GSA] budget be presented at the next GSA general assembly for discussion and modifications;

Be it further clarified that until the next general assembly, the GSA can spend its budget as per GSA by-laws.

Motion passes.

Status of tuition fees

Be it resolved that the GSA representatives are mandated to explore all avenues necessary (CLASSE legal committee, CSU lawyer, etc.) to research the legality of charging increased tuition fees and late fees;

Be it further resolved that the GSA exert appropriate pressure tactics on Concordia administration to charge students tuition fees according to the current government’s rollback of the increase.

Motion passes.

Vote to end the strike

Be it resolved that in a gesture of good faith, the GSA ends the strike mandate which began March 12, 2012 effective immediately;

Be it further resolved that GSA still call upon the government of Quebec to review its funding policies for university education which include, but are not limited to, increasing reliance on private funding and reliance on perpetual increase of out-of-province and international forfaitaire fees;

Be it further resolved that GSA still recognizes that the education system itself is an institution that currently continues to reinforce gender, racial, cultural and economic disparities and that we, as a student association, are committed to challenging these structural inequalities;

Be it further resolved that the GSA continue to advocate for these concerns to be brought up at the summit on education;

Be it further resolved that the GSA continue to advocate for free education;

Be it further resolved that the GSA encourage the department and faculty student associations to hold general assemblies regarding the above issues.

Motion passes.

Presentation/discussion of GSA 2012-2013 priorities

Anti-war motion

Motion proposed:

Be it resolved that the GSA take an anti-war stance against a war in Iran and Canadian intervention in any such war;

Be it further resolved that the GSA take a stance against Canadian intervention in the blockade of Gaza;

Be it further resolved that the GSA launch an anti-war campaign in collaboration with other student and community groups.

Motion to table the anti-war motion to the next GSA general assembly.

Motion to table fails.

Motion to amend the motion by removing the crossed out parts below:

Be it resolved that the GSA take an anti-war stance against a war in Iran and Canadian intervention in any such war;

Be it further resolved that the GSA take a stance against Canadian intervention in the blockade of Gaza;

Be it further resolved that the GSA participates in specific actions as they occur;

Be it further resolved that the GSA launch an anti-war campaign in collaboration with other student and community groups.

Motion to amend the motion passes.

Vote on full anti-war motion:

Be it resolved that the GSA take an anti-war stance;

Be it further resolved that the GSA participates in specific actions as they occur;

Be it further resolved that the GSA launch an anti-war campaign in collaboration with other student and community groups.

Motion passes (32-0-2) but is non-binding, because quorum was lost: advisory vote.

Other

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:40 PM passes.