



## **Minutes**

GSA Regular Council Meeting  
29 January 2013, 1 pm – 4 pm  
GSA Lounge, 2030 Mackay, Montreal

### **Attendance**

*Chair:* Gretchen King

*Secretary:* Golam M M Aurup

*Voting Directors:* Annelise Grube-Cavers (Arts and Science), Audrey Dahl (Arts and Science), Katherine Rossy (Arts and Science), Simon Vickers (Arts and Science), Poya Saffari (Arts and Science), Hasanain Al-rubaye (ENCS), Ahmed Atia (ENCS), Tareq Shawan (ENCS), Syed Abis Hassan Zaidi (ENCS), Gul Pervez (ENCS), Mahmood Salehi (JMSB), Faisal Al-Saqqar (ENCS), Erik Chevrier (Independent Studies)

*Non-Voting Directors:* Daria Saryan (President), Roya Azarm (Vice-President Internal), Nadia Hausfather (Vice-President External)

*Observers:* Elizabeth (Services Manager), Jaimie Goodman (Finance Manager in training), David Clos-Sasseville

*Absent:* Rachel Banton (JMSB), Tara Walker (JMSB), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS), Kavian Abhari (ENCS), Nirajan Bhakare (JMSB), Patrick Leonard (Fine Arts), Roddy Doucet (Advocacy and Finance Manager)

### **Documents**

CD 130129-01 Agenda Long Form  
CD 130129-2 Report of President  
CD 130129-3 VP Internal Report  
CD 130129-4 Report VP External  
CD 130129-5 Report of Finance Manager (interim) Advocacy Manager  
CD 130129-6 Report of Advocacy Manager  
CD 130129-7 Report of Services Manager  
CD 130129-8 Budget from Sports Club  
CD 130129-9 Report regarding CSBC/CJLO

#### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 1:18pm

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

There was a discussion regarding accommodation of external presenters (CJLO, HoJo, Sustainable Action Fund) ahead of usual business.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT section 7.6 and 7.7 of the agenda (CSBC/CJLO Audit, Sustainable Action Fund) are moved after item 5.3. Moved by Nadia and seconded by Erik, this motion was resolved in a vote.



BE IT RESOLVED THAT HoJo fee Levy Question is added to item 7.7. Moved by Nadia and seconded by Annelise this motion was resolved.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT item 7.5 (Motion to Draft and Publish an Open Letter to the Concordia Community regarding our Stance on the BDS Campaign- by Katherine Rossy) be removed from the agenda. Moved by Katherine and seconded by Annelise, this motion was passed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved with above-mentioned amendments. Moved by Annelise and seconded by Audrey, the motion was resolved.

### **3. Council Business**

#### **3.1 Chair Report**

Gretchen presented Report of Chair to council.

#### **3.2 Appointment of Secretary**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Aurup is appointed secretary for the meeting. Moved by Erik and seconded by Tareq, it was resolved without opposition.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Annelise suggested that motions be written in full in the minutes.

There was a discussion if 'The Concordian' be allowed to record the meeting (audio only).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council approves 'The Concordian' to record meeting proceedings. Moved by Erik and seconded by Ahmed, it was unanimously resolved.

Nadia suggested following corrections to the minute

- Item 7.5 in minute should include the original motion (in BIRT format) from December council meeting.
- Item 8.0 should mention 'Winter Council Meeting' in place of 'next year's meeting'.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council approves minutes from December Council Meeting with proposed changes. Moved by Abis and seconded by Simon, it was unanimously resolved.

### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **5.1 Presentation on 2012 Election Budget**

BIRT this item be tabled in February council meeting. Moved by Erik and Seconded by Annelise, it was unanimously resolved.

#### **5.2 Funds for GSA Sports Club**

Nitin Prajabati, Vice President of the GSA Sports Club presented the Winter 2013 budget for the club. They asked for \$950 from GSA to carry out activities outlined in the budget.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding structure of GSA Sports Club and their assumed functioning directly under GSA. Opinions were put forward to see if GSA student life committee should oversee GSA sports club finances. Roya informed that despite student life committee has limited budget and activity plans, it has already financed GSA sports club for an event. GSA Execs suggested that sports club be considered a different entity. It was also



suggested (from both sports club execs and council members) that funds be reimbursed only upon submission of receipts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council approves \$950 to Sports Club from Special Projects/Sponsorship budget line. Moved by Simon and seconded by Abis, this was resolved in a vote. 5 directors voted for the motion, and 4 abstained from voting. Annelise and Poya abstained.

### **5.3 Libyan conflict in the city of Bani-Walid**

Tabled

## **6. Reports**

### 6.1 President

Tabled

### 6.2 VP Internal

Tabled

### 6.3 VP External

Tabled

### 6.4 Finance/Advocacy Manager

Tabled

### 6.5 Service Manager

Tabled

### 6.6 Other Reports (BoG, Senate, Academic Planning Committee)

Tabled

## 7. Motions

Tabled

### 7.1 Ratification of Schedule for Winter Semester Council Meetings

Tabled

### 7.2 Ratification of GSA Directors' honorarium

Tabled

### 7.3 Post-General Meeting Discussion

Tabled

### 7.4 BDS Committee (VP-External)

Tabled

7.5 Motion to Draft and Publish an Open Letter to the Concordia Community regarding our Stance on the BDS Campaign

### **7.6 CSBC/CJLO Audit**



Two groups from CJLO presented their cases. A report was submitted to GSA council regarding concerns over transparency of financial activities and student representation in the general assemblies. CSBS president presented their part of the story with explanations to the allegations. Based on the discussion the following resolutions were put on a vote.

Moved by Simon and seconded by Audrey the following resolutions were resolved in a vote. 1 director abstained from voting.

BIRT the GSA Council advocate for the CSBC (CJLO) to commence by-law revisions that provide democratic and transparent practices to be in acted within one year, addressing, among other issues, that graduate student members have automatic membership in CSBC;

BIFRT the GSA Council requests financial statement retroactive for last three years to be published on the CSBC's website immediately;

BIFRT the GSA Council expects full transparency from the CSBC going forward;

BIFRT the GSA Council will review the above documents and any relevant policies before the February Council meeting;

Moved by Hasanain and seconded by Gul the following motions were tabled for February council meeting

BIRT this GSA Council of Directors requests that the CSBC produce full audited statements of its financial records going back to at least the last three years;

BIFRT this Council mandates the GSA executive and council committee to take all appropriate steps, including but not limited to requesting that the University withhold the disbursement of the fees paid by graduate students until such time as a full financial audit for the CSBC is produced;

BIFRT this full financial audit go back to at least the last three years;

BIFRT, once produced, the CSBC financial audit be made available and public to all its (CJLO's) fee paying members;

BIFRT, once produced and as of now, CSBC audits be required to be presented and made public at all upcoming GSA annual general meetings;

## **7.7 HoJo and Sustainable Action Fund**

### **7.7.1 Hojo**

Representative from HoJo presented services offered by HoJo. She also provided council with sample fliers developed by HoJo. She mentioned that presently graduate students have partial access to the services provided by HoJo.



BIRT the GSA Council approve the HoJo presenting a fee levy question asking for 2\$ per student per year for the Winter 2013 referendum period to the February council meeting. Moved by Katherine and seconded by Annelise, this resolution was resolved unanimously.

#### **7.7.2 Sustainable Action Fund**

Representatives from sustainable action fund presented their case for fee levy question.

BIRT the GSA approves the following referendum question for the 2013 Winter referendum period. Moved by Simon and seconded by Poya, this resolution was resolved in a vote. 2 directors (Audrey and another director) voted against the motion.

“Do you agree to a \$2.25 per semester fee levy for the purpose of enacting environmental, social, and economic sustainability on campus through the funding of a Sustainability Action Fund, as directed by a multi-stakeholder board of directors, furthermore that the fee would be effective Fall, 2013 (2013/2) and collected in accordance with the university tuition billing and refund policy?”

#### **8. GSA Committee Appointments**

Tabled

#### **9. Other Business**

Tabled

#### **10. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.