

Minutes

GSA Regular Council Meeting

7 July 2011

MB-14.250, 1450 Guy, Montreal

Attendance

Voting Directors: Adnan Abueid (ENCS), Natheer Alatawneh (ENCS), Vinith Anand (ENCS), Mohammad Nurujjaman Beajon (ENCS), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS), Roxanne Desforges (Arts and Science), Richard Hinton (Arts and Science), Mohammed Khader (ENCS), Daria Saryan (Arts and Science), Matthew MacDonald (Arts and Science), Edyta Niemyjska (Arts and Science), Eric Martineau (JMSB), Nadia Hausfather (Independent), Nathan Williams (JMSB)

Non-Voting Directors: Phalpinder Singh Gill (Vice-President Internal), Holly Nazar (Vice-President External), Robert Sonin (President, Acting Chair)

Observers: Anna Chigogidze (Services Manager), Andy Yuen (Finance Manager), Golam M Aurup (Secretary)

Regrets: Erik Chevrier (Arts and Science),

Absent: Fred Giard (JMSB), Hossain Maleki (JMSB), Manu Jain (ENCS), Emily Paige (Fine Arts), Roddy Doucet (Advocacy Manager),

Documents

CD-110707-01 Notice of Meeting

CD-110707-02 Agenda

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CD-110707-03 GSA Letter in Support of Jaggi Singh

CD-110707-04 GSA Letter in Support of Jaggi Singh

CD-110707-05 Proposed Budget for 2011-12

CD-110707-06 Report of the President

CD-110707-07 Report of the Vice President Internal

CD-110707-08 Report of the Vice President External

CD-110707-09 Report of the Advocacy Manager

CD-110707-10 Report of the Finance Manager

Directors Orientation Notes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Nathan, Eric), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-110707-01 The Agenda (CD-110707-01) be adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of 7 June 2011

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Eric, Richard), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-110707-02 The Agenda (CD-110607-M) be adopted.

4. Council Business

4.1 *Appointment of Chair*

Council Chair Mr. Sonin informed that no one applied for the position of the Chair after the call was made to all Graduate Students of Concordia. A suggestion was made that another call is sent towards the Directors so that they can search for a suitable candidate.

4.2 *Items for Information*

4.2.1 *Letter in Support of Jaggi Singh*

See document CD-120707-04.

President Mr. Sonin informed that the letter for Zaggy Singh was delivered according to the motion from June Council Meeting (Motion No. CD-120607-23).

4.3 *CUTV Video Recording and Streaming of Council Meetings*

President Mr. Sonin informed that following directions of previous council, CUTV informed that they would do archiving and post the videos on YouTube. He also mentioned that cost associated with the broadcasting would be discussed with the CUTV.

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Nadia, Richard), it was RESOLVED:

CDR-110707-03 The Executive Committee make arrangements with CUTV to record and broadcast meetings of the Council of Directors of the GSA; and the reasonable costs of such arrangements be paid by the GSA out of the budget for Meetings.

4.4 *Statement of Support for CUPW*

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Mathew, Vinith), it was RESOLVED:

CDR-110707-04 The GSA supports postal workers and the CUPW; and a letter in support of postal workers and the CUPW shall be issued publicly by the GSA.

5. Executive Reports

5.1 *President*

See Document CD-110707-06.

5.1.1 *Motion to Approve EGRC Report*

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Nathan, Richard), it was RESOLVED: Nadia and Natheer abstained.

CDR-110707-05 The Graduate Students' Association expresses its approval in principle of the report of the External Governance Review Committee, with both reservations and optimism.

5.1.2 *Ratification of RAE Delegate Appointment*

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Eric, Richard), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-110707-06 The appointment of Robert Sonin as delegate to the Annual General Meeting of the Rassemblement des Associations des Etudiantes is ratified.

5.1.3 Ratification of RAE Director nomination

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Eric, Richard), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-110707-07 The nomination of Robert Sonin as a Director of the Rassemblement des Associations des Etudiantes is ratified.

5.1.4 Ratification of Search Committee Appointment

Upon motion duly moved and seconded (Eric, Richard), it was unanimously RESOLVED:

CDR-110707-08 The nomination of Roddy Doucet to the advisory search committee for a Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies is ratified.

5.2 VP Internal

See Document CD-120707-07.

5.3 VP External

See Document CD-120707-08.

5.4 Advocacy Manager

See Document CD-120707-09

5.5 Finance Manager

See Document CD-120707-10.

5.6 Services Manager

Services Manager presented her verbal report. She informed about the hiring process, orientation activities and funding from the COI.

6. Annual Budget

6.1 General Budget

See Document CD-120707-04.

Upon duly moved and seconded (Nathan, Mathew), it was unanimously resolved:

CDR-110707-08 The Proposed Budget for 2011-12 is approved.

6.2 Authorization to Borrow Money from the University

Upon duly moved and seconded (Nadia, Adnan), it was unanimously resolved:

CDR-110707-09 The President is authorized to request a loan from the University against the Fall GSA fees if the need arises.

7. Appointments

7.1 University Bodies

Upon duly moved and seconded (Roxanne, Eric), it was unanimously resolved:

CDR-110707-10 Daria Saryan, Director of GSA, is appointed to the Arts and Science Faculty Council.

7.2 GSA Committees

7.2.1 Hiring Committee – JMSB member

Upon duly moved and seconded (Richard, Nathan), it was unanimously resolved:

CDR-110707-11 Eric Martineau, Director of GSA, is hereby appointed to the GSA Hiring Committee.

7.2.2 Finance Committee

Tabled

8. Other Business

There were no issues to be discussed.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 18 August, 2011.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Golam M. Aurup
Secretary

Robert Sonin
Acting Chair