



## **Minutes**

GSA Regular Council Meeting

13 July 2012

H-760, 1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. Montreal

## **Attendance**

*Chair:* Joel Pedneault

*Voting Directors:* Annelise Grube-Cavers (Arts and Science), Audrey Dahl (Arts and Science), Giuletta Di Mambro (Arts and Science), Poya Saffari (Arts and Science), Simon Vickers (Arts and Science), Kavian Abhari (ENCS), Hasanain Al-rubaye (ENCS), Faisal Al-Saqqar (ENCS), Ahmed Atia (ENCS), Gul Perrez (ENCS), Tareq Shawan (ENCS), Syed Abis Hassan Zaidi (ENCS), Rachel Banton (JMSB), Mahmood Salehi (JMSB), Tara Walker (JMSB)

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

*Observers:* Irmak Bahar, Golam M M Aurup (Secretary)

*Absent:* Patrick Leonard (Fine Arts), Erik Chevrier (Independent Studies), Katherine Rossy (Arts and Science), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS), Nirajan Bhakare (JMSB)

Roddy Doucet (Advocacy and Finance Manager), Mark Schilling (Services Manager)

## **Documents**

CD-120713-01 Notice of Meeting

CD-120713-02 Agenda (long form)

CD-120713-03 Report of VP internal

CD-120713-04 Report of VP external

CD-120713-05 Report of Services Manager

CD-120713-06 Report of Advocacy Manager

CD-120713-07 Report of Finance Manager

CD-120713-08 Cash flow report June 1- July 11

CD-120713-09 GSA Council Meeting Minutes for June 8

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

Meeting was called to order at 3.15 pm.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council approves the agenda for the meeting. Moved by Simon and seconded by Mahmood, it was unanimously resolved.



### **3. Council Business**

#### *3.1 Chair*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council appoints Joel Pedneault as chair. It was unanimously resolved.

#### *3.2 Secretary*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council appoints Golam M M Aurup as Secretary. It was unanimously resolved.

### **4. Approval of Minutes from June 8 Council Meeting**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council approves Minutes for June 8 Council Meeting. Moved by Audrey and Hasanain, it was unanimously resolved.

### **5. GradProSkills Presentation**

Marie Lemieux Scholles presented activities by GradProskills to the council.

### **6. ASEQ Health Plan Presentation**

Executive Director from ASEQ described the health plan to GSA Council and answered questions from council members. In response to a question regarding inclusion of international students to the plan, he described that it (international student health plan) is right now with Concordia University. Any change to that needs to be negotiated with the university first and approved by GSA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council approves the new ASEQ Health Plan. Moved by Poya and seconded by Annelise, it was unanimously resolved.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT GSA Council forms 'International Student Committee' comprising with Daria, Nadia, Ahmed, Faisal, and Rachel to discuss the issues regarding international student health insurance. The committee would talk to Concordia University, International Students Office, and ASEQ, and report back to the next council meeting.

### **7. Reports**

#### *7.1 President*

Daria informed the council regarding meeting with Bram Freedman, regarding charges against students following strike involvement.

#### *7.2 VP Internal*

See document CD-120713-03 Report of VP internal

#### *7.3 VP External*

See document CD-120713-04 Report of VP external



#### *7.4 Finance/Advocacy Manager*

See document CD-120713-06 Report of Advocacy Manager

See document CD-120713-07 Report of Finance Manager

#### *7.5 Services Manager*

CD-120713-05 Report of Services Manager

#### *7.6 Campaigns Coordinator*

Tabled

In a discussion following payment of councillors and executives, it was decided that the issue would be brought to the next council meeting.

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

#### *8.1 Campaigns Committee*

#### *8.2 Student Life Committee*

#### *8.3 General Assembly Committee*

### **9. University Governing Body Nominations**

#### *9.1 Senate*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Daria Saryan, a graduate student at Concordia University in good standing, is hereby nominated as the graduate student representative to the Concordia University Senate. Moved by Tareq and Mahmood it was unanimously resolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Daria Saryan is hereby nominated as the graduate student representative to the Senate Steering Committee. Moved by Ahmed and seconded by Hasanain, it was unanimously resolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Roya Azarm is hereby nominated as the graduate student representative to the Senate Finance Committee. It was unanimously resolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Audrey Dahl is hereby nominated as the graduate student representative to the Academic Programs Committee. Moved by Annelise and seconded by Ahmed, it was unanimously resolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Trang Tran and Rachel Banton are hereby nominated as the graduate student representatives to the Senate Research Committee. Moved by Mahmood and seconded by Tara, it was unanimously resolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Robert Sonin, Najmeh Abedi, Giuletta Di-Mambro, Annelise Grube-Cavers, Ahmed Atia, and Poya Saffari are hereby nominated to the Student Tribunal Pool. Moved and seconded duly, it was unanimously resolved.



Representative to the Planning and Priorities Committee, Senate Libraries Committee, Senate Special Graduation Awards Committee are tabled

*9.2 Concordia Council on Student Life*

Tabled

*9.3 Council of the School of Graduate Studies*

Tabled

*9.4 Arts and Science Faculty Council*

Tabled

*9.5 Fine Arts Faculty Council*

Tabled

**10. Other Business**

None

**11. Next Meeting**

It was decided that a doodle would be initiated to decide on the next meeting schedule.

**12. Adjournment**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA Council Meeting adjourns at 6:15 pm. Moved by Mahmood and Ahmed, it was unanimously resolved.