



Graduate Students' Association

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Minutes

GSA Regular Council Meeting

8 June 2012

H-762, 1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. Montreal

Attendance

Chair: Alex Matak

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), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS), Gul Perrez (ENCS), Tareq Shawan (ENCS), Syed Abis Hassan Zaidi (ENCS), Rachel Banton (JMSB), Mahmood Salehi (JMSB), Nirajan Bhakare (JMSB), Tara Walker (JMSB)

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

Observers: Roddy Doucet (Advocacy and Finance Manager), Mark Schilling (Services Manager), Golam M M Aurup (Secretary)

Absent: Patrick Leonard (Fine Arts), Erik Chevrier (Independent Studies), Katherine Rossy (Arts and Science)

Documents

CD-120608-01 Notice of Meeting

CD-120608-02 Agenda

CD-120608-03 Agenda (Long Form)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Daria informed that items 9.1 and 9.2 should be switched in order.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Introduction of Council Directors is added item 4.5 of the Agenda. Moved by Ahmed and seconded by Annelise, it was unanimously RESOLVED.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Agenda (CD-120608-02) be adopted with amendment. Moved by Audrey and seconded by Simon, it was unanimously RESOLVED.



3. Council Business

3.1 Chair

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council appoints Alex Matak as chair of the Board of Directors. Moved by Annelise and seconded by Simon, it was unanimously RESOLVED.

3.2 Secretary

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA appoints Golam M M Aurup as Secretary of the Board of Directors. Moved by Annelise and seconded by Simon, it was unanimously RESOLVED.

3.3 Summer Meeting Schedule

Tabled

4. Executive Introductions

Executives, managers and council directors introduced themselves.

5. GSA Committee Appointments

5.1 Budget Committee

The Budget Committee is defined in Article XII of the Bylaws. The Budget Committee is composed of the Executive committee, the Finance Manager, and two councillors representing different Faculties. The sole purposes of the Budget Committee are to formulate the budget and recommend an auditor.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Poya and Abis, Directors of the GSA, are hereby appointed to the GSA Budget Committee. Moved by Annelise and seconded by Hasanain, it was unanimously resolved.

5.2 Orientation Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the orientation committee to be named 'Student Life Committee'. Moved by Audrey and seconded by Tareq, it was unanimously RESOLVED.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The cap from number of members a committee can have be removed, any GSA member (along with directors) can be member of Student life committee and campaigns committee. Moved by Ahmed and seconded by Hasanain, it was RESOLVED in a vote. 3 directors voted against the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Orientation Committee is hereby struck per Article V (12) of the GSA Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Orientation Committee will be defined by the following regulations:

1. Composition

The Orientation Committee shall be composed of

a) The President, ex officio;



- b) The Vice President Internal, ex officio, who shall chair;
- c) The Services Manager, ex officio, non-voting;
- d) A minimum of three and a maximum of five directors, to be appointed by Council.

2. Term

- a) The term of a member of the Orientation Committee shall be coterminous with their term as a member of the Council of Directors.
- b) Notwithstanding 2 (a) an appointed member of the Orientation Committee by virtue of 1 (d) may be removed by a 2/3 vote of Council at a meeting called for that purpose for the following reasons:
 - i) Absence without reason from two meetings of the Orientation Committee;
 - ii) Absence without reason from two meetings of Council;
 - iii) Written request of a majority of the other members of the Orientation Committee.

3. Purpose

The purpose of the Orientation Committee is to assist the Vice-President Internal and the Services Manager in organizing the GSA Fall and Winter Orientations and for composing a budget for the same

4. Powers and Responsibilities

- a) The Orientation Committee shall be provided with access to funds sufficient to its needs, and shall provide a detailed budget for Fall Orientation before 1 August 2011 and for Winter Orientation before 1 January 2012;
- b) The Orientation Committee shall work out the organizational details of Fall and Winter Orientation, and assist the Vice-President Internal and the Services Manager with logistics;
- c) The Orientation Committee shall pursue opportunities it deems appropriate to generate income to cover the costs of orientation;
- d) Hiring for Orientation events shall give precedence to GSA members.
- d) The Orientation Committee shall produce reports for Fall Orientation and Winter Orientation, which shall include details of all events planned and executed as well as full financial accounting of all income and expenses, to be submitted to the November 2012 and March 2013 meetings of the Council of Directors, respectively.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Abis, Hasnain, Kavian, Gul, Giulietta, and Annelise, Directors of the GSA, are hereby appointed to the GSA Student Life Committee. Names moved by the candidates and seconded by Ahmed, the motion was RESOLVED in a vote. One director abstained.

5.3 Campaigns Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Campaigns Committee is hereby struck per Article V (12) of the GSA Bylaws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Campaigns Committee will be defined by the following regulations:

1. Composition

The Campaigns Committee shall be composed of

- a) The President, ex officio;
- b) The Vice President External, ex officio, who shall chair;
- c) The Advocacy Manager, ex officio, non-voting;
- d) The Services Manager, ex officio, non-voting;
- e) A minimum of three directors, to be appointed by Council.



2. Term

a) The term of a member of the Campaigns Committee shall be coterminous with their term as a member of the Council of Directors.

b) Notwithstanding 2 (a) an appointed member of the Campaigns Committee by virtue of 1 (e) may be removed by a 2/3 vote of Council at a meeting called for that purpose for the following reasons:

- i) Absence without reason from two meetings of the Campaigns Committee;
- ii) Absence without reason from two meetings of Council or the annual general meeting;
- iii) Written request of a majority of the other members of the Campaigns Committee.

3. Purpose

The purposes of the Campaigns Committee are to assist the Vice-President External in the conception, planning, mobilization, and logistics of GSA campaigns.

4. Powers and Responsibilities

a) The Campaigns Committee shall be provided with access to funds sufficient to its needs, and shall provide budgets for each campaign pursued, amended from time to time as circumstances dictate priorities;

b) The Campaigns Committee shall pursue research into what campaigns are amenable to the objectives of the GSA as set out in the GSA Bylaws.

c) The members of the Campaigns Committee shall assist the Vice President External, the Vice-President Internal, and the Advocacy Manager with mobilization, logistics, and publicity with respect to GSA campaigns.

d) The Campaigns Committee shall submit a written report, which shall include details of all campaign activities planned and executed as well as a full financial accounting of all income and expenses, to the December 2011 and the May 2012 meetings of the Council of Directors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Simon, Tareq, Giulietta, Audrey, and Ahmed, Directors of the GSA, are hereby appointed to the Campaigns Committee. Names moved by candidates and seconded by Abis, the motion was unanimously RESOLVED.

5.4 Hiring Committee

The Hiring Committee is defined in Article XI (2) of the Bylaws. The Hiring committee is composed of the Executive Committee and four councillors representing each faculty.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Rachel, Faisal, Patrick and Annelise, Directors of the GSA, are hereby appointed to the General Assembly Committee. Moved by candidates (Patrick was forwarded by Roddy in his absence), and seconded by Ahmed, the motion was RESOLVED unanimously.

5.5 General Assembly Committee

The General Assembly Committee is defined in the Bylaws (Article XIX.3). The General Assembly Committee is composed of the Executive Committee and three councillors representing three out of the four faculties. The role of the Committee is to create the agenda for the General Assembly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ahmed and Audrey, Directors of the GSA, are hereby appointed to the General Assembly Committee. Nomination of third member of the committee be considered TABLED. Names moved by the candidates and seconded by Hasanain, it was unanimously RESOLVED.



6. University Body Nominations

6.1 Board of Governors

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Eric Chevrier, a graduate student at Concordia University in good standing and Director of the GSA, is hereby nominated as the graduate student representative to the Board of Governors of Concordia University. Moved by Tara and seconded by Mahmood, it was RESOLVED in a vote. 1 director abstained.

6.2 Concordia Senate

Tabled

6.3 Concordia Council on Student Life

Tabled

6.4 Council of the School of Graduate Studies

Tabled

6.5 Arts and Science Faculty Council

Tabled

6.6 Fine Arts Faculty Council

Tabled

7. Authorization to hire a Coordinator from Rouge Squad

Tabled

8. Authorization for the Executive Committee to organize an orientation retreat during the month of June

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the executive committee is allowed to spend \$1000 to organize a retreat for the council. Moved by Annelise and Giuletta, it was RESOLVED in a vote. 1 director abstained.

9. Budget

9.1 Authorization to get an advance from the University to cover summer expenses

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the executive committee applies for a \$20,000 bridge loan to the University. Moved by Poya and seconded by Abis, this motion was RESOLVED in a vote. 1 director abstained.

9.2 Summer Budget

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The summer budget is termed 'Summer Cash Flow Budget'. Moved by Ahmed and seconded by Annelise, this was RESOLVED in a vote. 1 director abstained.



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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council approves summer cash flow budget pending issue of rouge squad coordinator. Moved by Tara and seconded by Simon, this was RESOLVED in a vote. 1 director voted against the motion and 1 director abstained.

10. Other Business

Tabled

11. Next Meeting

The council agreed upon next meeting to be on July 13, Friday, 2012 at 3:00 pm. Schedule for other meetings would be decided later.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Tareq and Seconded by Ahmed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm