



**GSA Regular Council Meeting – Saturda May 28, 2016, 5:00PM to 8:00PM,
Location: GSA House / PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN COPY**

DRAFT AGENDA

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 4:30pm

1. Call to Order

1.1 Appointment of minute taker and chair

1.2 Chair's remarks

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Approval of May 8 meeting minutes

4. Executive Reports

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 ECSGA Funding Application.

5.2 Refund of GSA Advocacy fee levy for 2015-2016

5.3 Petition to amend B-laws - Not holding more than one position in the GSA

5.4 University Committee Appointments

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

**Council Meeting May 28, 2016 MINUTES
CO-20160528**

Meeting Facilitator: Ribal

Minutes Taker: Julie

Present

Councilors:

Executives:

Staff:

Observers:

Absent:

Councilors:

Executives:

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 5:50 p.m

1.1 Appointment of minute-taker and chair:

CO-20160528-01

BIRT Julie will be the minute taker

Moved: Michael

Seconded: Sapandeep

For: Stephi, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Aria, Jasneet, Julie

Against: Michael

Abstain: Keroles

Motion Passes

1.2 Chair's remarks

Agenda should be sent 5 days in advance (according to bylaws). Last meeting, there was a council mandate that Ribal would take care of the agenda and calling the meeting as the previous meeting facilitator resigned. Ribal did not want to take responsibilities of a union position without legal mandate.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

DRAFT AGENDA

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm

1. Call to Order

1.1 Appointment of minute taker and chair

1.2 Chair's remarks

2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of May 8 meeting minutes
4. Executive reports
 - 5.1 President
 - 5.2 VP Internal
 - 5.3 VP Mobilization
 - 5.4 VP External
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 5.1 ECSGA Funding Application
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CO-20160528-02

BIRT 5.5 will be Funding Committee Recommendations

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Sapandeep

For: Jasneet, Aria, Sapandeep, Nirmal, Stephi, Julie

Against:

Abstain: Keroles, Michael

Motion Passes.

CO-20160528-03

BIRT the agenda be approved as amended

Moved: Sapandeep

Seconded: Julie

For: Julie, Jasneet, Aria, Sapandeep, Michael, Stephi, Nirmal

Against:

Abstain: Keroles

Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

CO-20160528-04

BIRT that the minutes from May 8, 2016 be approved

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Aria

For: Michael, Julie, Stephi, Nirmal, Aria, Jasneet

Against:

Abstain: Keroles, Sapandeeep

Minutes are approved.

4. Executive Reports (please see appendix for the reports)

CO-20160528-05

BIRT the president, VP Internal, and VP external receive their bursaries for May and VP Mobilization does not receive the bursary.

Moved: Nirmal

Seconded: Sapandeep

For: Michael, Julie, Stephi, Nirmal, Aria, Jasneet, Sapandeep

Against:

Abstain: Keroles

Motion passes.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 ECSGA Funding Application

CO-20160528-06

Whereas the policy on Departmental Allocation eligibility criteria states that departmental or faculty associations should hold a least one successful General Assembly (GA) every academic year,

Whereas the policy also states that "If quorum for the said general assembly is not met, according to the internal bylaws of the Graduate Department Association, approval of this criterion is left to the discretion of the GSA council",

To consider this and reach a decision please read the ECSGA internal bylaws.

Council's recommendations: Provide comprehensive financial statement; in GSA's next council meeting, present this and last year's VP Finance.

BIRT ECSGA Funding is approved by Council.

Moved: Julie

Seconded: Aria

Move to Vote

Moved: Jasneet

Seconded: Stephi

For: Sapandeep, Nirmal, Jasneet

Against: Aria, Keroles

Abstain: Stephi, Julie

Vote on Motion

For: Sapandeep, Nirmal, Jasneet, Aria

Against: Stephi

Abstain: Julie, Keroles

Motion Passes.

5.2 Refund of GSA Advocacy fee levy for 2015-2016

CO-20160528-07

Whereas all GSA members paid the advocacy fee levy of \$2.50 per term.

Whereas the GSA has not been able to offer the services of an advocacy center to graduate students.

Whereas this has caused inconveniences for some students who had serious problems. Whereas the GSA has not had a dedicated student advocate to educate and advise students. Whereas the GSA should not be collecting money from students for a service not being offered.

BIRT all continuing graduate students that have paid the advocacy fee levy for the 2015-2016 academic year be refunded the fee.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Michael

For: Julie, Jasneet, Aria, Sapandeep, Stephi, Keroles

Against:

Abstain: Nirmal, Michael

Motion passes.

5.3 Petition to amend the GSA by-laws regarding paid GSA positions

CO-20160528-08

Moved: Sapandeep

Seconded: Stephi

BIRT that the petition for the by-law change, “GSA members cannot hold more than one paid position in the GSA” be sent to the next General Assembly.

Note: The President has verified the signatures. Keroles would like to note that council has not verified the signed student statuses. VP External would like to note that council never requested that the student signees be verified.

For: Julie, Jasneet, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Stephi

Against: Keroles
Abstain: Aria, Michael

Motion passes.

Break

For: All except Keroles (absention)

5.4 University Committee Appointments

No motion.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

5.5 Funding Committee Recommendations

Academic Project Funding			a	b	c	d	e	f	Number of	Amount	Amount
Name of the Group or Association	Project	Eligible	Registered with GSA	Doesn't have its own fund	advertised and accessible to all	Free for GSA members	Did not receive funding from GSA	Applying to other sources of funding	Priority met if	Required	Allocated
	HUMANITIES graduate interdisciplinary humanities conference		1		1	1	-	1	4	500	500
HUMAN GSA	Because its 2015, Minorities and representation		1		1	1	-	1	4	450	450
Political science GSA				1	1	1	-	1	4	500	500
MEDIA studies masters students (a student group)	Small parishes symposium		0	1	1	1	-	1	4	500	500
Sociology and anthropology GSA	Apocalypse and alternatives		1		1	1	-	1	4	500	500
Graduate philosophy student association	Conference						-			500	500
TOTAL	TOTAL									2450	2450

Special Project Funding			Priority							
Name of the Group or Association	Project	Eligible	a. Relate Directly to one GSA Goals, Mandates or Principles	b. Registered with GSA	c. Doesn't have a regular source of funding	d. Applying together sources of funding	Number of Priority met if	Amount Required	Amount Allocated	
John Nelson sustainable business group	business beyond tomorrow 2016		1	1		1	3	500	500	
Cinema Politica Concordia	Celebrating Indigenous History, culture and resistance		1		1	1	3	500	500	
TOTAL								1000	1000	

CO-20160528-09

BIRT Council approves all of the funding committee recommendations.

Moved: Julie

Seconded: Stephi

For: Julie, Jasneet, Aria, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Stephi, Keroles

Against:

Abstain: Michael

5.6 Departmental Association Funding Policy amendments

CO-20160528-10

BIRT The council amends the departmental/faculty funding allocation policy (add item 2b.) to state that, “in the case that a departmental/faculty General Assembly does not take place, the departmental/faculty association is required to provide a detailed financial report of expenses from GSA funding of the past academic year as part of their funding application”.

BIFRT The council recommends that, pending legal counsel on the matter, next years council

amends the departmental/faculty funding allocation policy (add to item 2b.) to state that, “departmental/faculty association executives must present a budget for the upcoming academic year at their respective GA and it must be approved by their members”.

Moved: Aria

Seconded: Stephi

For: Michael, Stephi, Nirmal, Sapandeep, Julie, Aria

Against:

Abstain: Keroles

6. Other Business

CO-20160528-11

Whereas the CFS component was originally added to the GSA student fees to pay for legal expenses and whereas the GSA no longer needs to collect CFS fees, as the case has been concluded, **BIRT** CFS fees (\$14.04) be removed from the GSA student fees and this motion be sent to the next GA to be ratified.

Moved: Julie

Seconded: Keroles

For: Michael, Stephi, Julie, Aria, Keroles

Against:

Abstain: Nirmal, Sapandeep

Motion approved.

Lost quorum.

7. Adjournment