

Council Meeting February 17th 2014 minutes (CO-20140217)

Meeting Facilitator: Gretchen King

Minutes Taker: David Clos-Sasseville

- Voting Directors:* Marie-Hélène Vanier (Arts and Science), Juliette Lees (Arts and Science), Trevor J. Smith (Arts and Science), Poya Saffari (Arts and Science), Monique Boudreau (JMSB), Audrey Dahl (Arts and Science), Vinoth Ramaiah (ENCS), Tariqul Amin (ENCS), Genevieve Moisan (Fine Arts), Holly Nazar (Arts and Science), MJF Rupom (ENCS), Biagina-Carla Farnesi (Independent), Vivek Wadhvana (JMSB), Karthikeya Nadendla (ENCS),
- Non-Voting Directors:* Shewetaank Indora (Vice-President Academic), Vignesh Shankar (Vice-President External), Robert Sonin (Vice-President Mobilization), Nassim Changizi (Vice-President Internal), Mohit Kumar (President)
- Observers:* Liz Colford (Service Manager), David Clos-Sasseville (Department Manager and Campaigns Advocate), Firas Al Hammoud (Senate Student rep.), Roddy Doucet (Advocacy Manager & Communication), Patrice Blais (Kokobi), President of CSBC and Representatives of CSBC.
- Absent:* Marilou André (Fine Arts), Arundeeep Malapati (ENCS), Jamie Goodman (Finance Manager), Nishant Walia (ENCS), Paramveer Singh (ENCS).

Final Agenda:

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 - 3.2 Kokobi presentation
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 - 3.3b Sustainability appointment
4. Approval of Minutes from January 24 and February 7
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 - 5.2 Bylaw changes
 - 5.3 Elections Committee
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1. Call to Order

Call to order at 6:15pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20140217-01

BIRT that the following agenda be adopted for council

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Motioned by: Audrey
Seconded by: Juliette

Amendment-01

Be It Resolved that the item “8.1 Nomination of graduate student representatives to the appraisal process” be moved to 3.3.

Motioned by: Audrey
Seconded by: Juliette

Amendment-02

Be It Resolved that the item “3.3b Sustainability appointment”

Motioned by: Trevor
Seconded by: Juliette

Motion to Omnibus and adopt the 2 amendments together

Motioned by: Trevor
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted

Motion as amended (CO-20140217-01)

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Motioned by: Audrey
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted

3. Council Business

3.1 Chair Report & Circulation of Attendance Sheet

(Delayed after 4) 3.2 Kokobi presentation (Delayed after 4)

3.3 Nomination of graduate student representatives to the appraisal process

Motion CO-20140217-02

Be It Resolved That Beatrice Bartholome be nominated as student rep for Fine Arts Faculty Council

Motioned by: The Appointment Comity
Adopted

Motion CO-20140217-03

Be It Resolved That Shewetaank be nominated for the Community engagement Sub-Committee.

Motioned by: The Appointment Comity
Adopted
Abstention noted: Juliette ,Trevor, Audrey.

3.3b Sustainability appointment

Motion CO-20140217-04

Be It Resolved That Keroles Riad be nominated as Student Representative for The Teaching Learning Sustainability committee.

Motioned by: Audrey
Seconded by: Vivek
Adopted

4. Approval of Minutes from January 24 and February 7

Motion CO-20140217-05

Be It Resolved That the Jan 24th and February 7th be adopted with the modification for GA Points.

Motioned by: Marie-Hélène
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted

3.2 Kokobi presentation (Back to the item after Delay)

Presentation from Patrice B. for Kokobi.

Motion CO-20140217-06

Motion to move on to 5.1

Moved by: Juliette
Seconded by: Karthikeya
Adopted

5.1 Accreditation follow-up (Moved up by Motion CO-20140217-06)

Motion CO-20140217-07

Be It Resolved That Council mandate the executive to contract Kokobi to run an accreditation campaign.

Moved by: Juliette
Seconded by: Holly

Amendment-01

Be It Resolved That the following replace the original sentence: “the Councillors mandates the Executives to negotiate with Kokobi to submit a draft contract with a detail budget proposal to council for discussion and approval”

Moved by: Vivek
Seconded by: Juliette

Sub-amendment-01

Be It Further Resolved That the Council mandates the Accreditation Committee to continue searching for groups that are trained in accreditation for the purpose of having secondary and tertiary estimates.

Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Juliette
Opposed: Vinoth
Adopted

Amendment-01 as Sub-amended

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Moved by: Vivek
Seconded by: Juliette
Opposed by: Audrey
Adopted

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

(Moved up) 5.1 Accreditation follow-up (Moved up by Motion CO-20140217-06)

5.2 Bylaw changes

Note: A version of the by-laws with the last amendments added should be written.

Motion CO-20140217-08

Motion to move directly to Item CJLO

Moved by: Juliette

Seconded by: Karthikeya

Abstentions: Vivek, Vinoth, Tariql

Fails

5.3 Elections Committee

Motion CO-20140217-09 (former Motion CO-20140207-11c)

Be It Further Resolved That the committee organises GA elections and report back if it is feasible

Moved by: Juliette

Seconded by: Audrey

Amendment-01

Be It Resolved That the wording of the motion be replaced by: "That the Election Committee explores different types of elections either in the GA or by ballot and report to council on the pros and cons of both at the special Council meeting for the organization of the GA"

Moved by: Audrey

Seconded by: Trevor

Abstention: Karthikeya, Vinoth

Fails

Note: The reasoning behind this amendment (A-01) is to facilitate consultation within the departments about voting in the GA or by ballot to inform council decision.

Motion to Call the question

Moved by: Trevor

Seconded by: Poya

Adopted by a 2/3 majority

Motion CO-20140217-09 Unamended

Be It Further Resolved That the committee organises GA elections and report back if it is feasible

Moved by: Juliette
Seconded by: Audrey
Fails

Motion CO-20140217-10

Be It Resolved That the GSA holds a ballot election for the 2014-2015 election.

Moved by: Juliette
Seconded by: Trevor
Opposition noted: Audrey
Adopted

Motion CO-20140217-11

Be It Resolved That the Election Committee Is mandated to propose dates for the election, to appoint a CRO and a DRO and to organize logistics and mobilization with reference to last year election report.

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted Unanimously

Motion CO-20140217-12

Be It Resolved That the following person be appointed on the Election Committee:

- Vignesh
- Holly
- Vinoth
- Mohit
- Firas

Be It Further Resolved That Holly be the the Chair of the Committe

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Juliette
Adopted

Motion CO-20140217-13

Be It Resolved That any member of the Committee in a conflict of interest should recuse him or herself. In case a committee member didn't state their conflict of interest before the election, the elected person related to this person could loose its seat.

Moved by: Marie-Hélène
Seconded by: Audrey

Amendment-01

Be It Resolved That the second sentence is to be removed.

Moved by: Poya

Seconded by: Trevor

Opposition noted: Audrey

Adopted

Motion CO-20140217-13 as amended

Be It Resolved That any member of the Committee in a conflict of interest should recuse him or herself.

Moved by: Marie-Hélène

Seconded by: Audrey

Adopted

Note: Poya volunteers to draft a conflict of interest policy in relation to this discussion. Gretchen will send him a document.

5.4 LGBT members

Motion CO-20140217-14

BIRT GSA Student Life Committee organize a social event with Queer Concordia before the end of the semester.

Moved by: Trevor

Seconded by: Juliette

Adopted

6. New Business

6.1 Motion about CJLO

Motion CO-20140217-15

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Audrey

Seconded by: Holly

Adopted

Tabled Item due to adjournment:

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