

CD-0109

**Council Meeting January 9, 2016 MINUTES
CO-20160109**

Meeting Facilitator: Ribal Abi Raad

Minutes Taker: Abigail Slinger

Present

Councilors: Aria Azami (ENCS), Nirmal Desai (ENCS), Rahul Kumar (ENCS), Sapandeep Randhawa (ENCS), Ashley Michel (JMSB), Mathilde Ngo Mbom (JMSB), Stephi Stavropoulos (A&S), Julie Arrowsmith (A&S), Narinder Singh Lota (ENCS), Korosh Koochekian (ENCS), Keroles Riad (INDI), Pempho Kamwendo (A&S), Abigail Slinger (A&S)

Executives: Alex Ocheoha (President), Jawad Khan Mohammad (VP External), Surekha Reddy Kolli (VP Internal)

Staff: Vinay Paramanand

Observers: Arshveer Singh, Jaskaran Singh

Absent

Councilors: Vivek Khatri (ENCS), Amandeep Narula (ENCS), Aidan Macdonald (JMSB), Jasneet Kaur (ENCS), Caitlin Robinson (A&S), Carine W. Ouedraogo (A&S)

Final Agenda:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 4:30 p.m.
1. Call to Order (1 min)
2. Adoption of the Agenda (5 mins)
3. Council Business (20 mins)
 - 3.1 Appointing Minute Taker
 - 3.2 Approval of Dec. 6 Minutes ([LINK](#))
 - 3.3 Chair's Remarks
 - 3.4 Presentation by Management Consulting Club (MCC)
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 4.1 Rescinding Motion CO-20151101-10 (Simple Majority Vote)
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Appointing VP Academic
 - 5.2 Appointing Members to Hiring Committee

5.3 Creation of New Staff Positions (2/3 Majority Vote – GSA Bylaws Article XI-10)

5.4 Recommendation from Appointments Committee

6. Reports

6.1 VP External

6.2 VP Academic

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20160109-01

BIRT 5.2 be renamed “Appointing Members to Hiring and Budget Committees”;

BIFRT 5.5 (“Appointed Councilor Honorarium”) be added;

BIFRT 5.6 (“Petition to Amend the Bylaws”) be added;

BIFRT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Sapandeep

Vote on Motion as amended:

BIRT the agenda is adopted as amended:

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Seconded: Sapandeep

For: Aria, Nirmal, Rahul, Sapandeep, Ashley, Mathilde, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail

Abstain: Keroles

ADOPTED

3.1 Appointing Minute Taker

Motion CO-20160109-02

BIRT Abigail Slinger be appointed as Minute Taker.

Moved: Sapandeep

Seconded: Stephi

For: Aria, Nirmal, Rahul, Sapandeep, Ashley, Mathilde, Stephi, Julie, Narinder, Korosh, Abigail

Abstain: Keroles

ADOPTED

3.2 Approval of Dec. 6 Minutes

Motion CO-20160109-03

BIRT December 6th Minutes be approved with an appended “Note” stating that Alex Ocheoha left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Moved: Julie

Seconded: Sapandeep

For: Aria, Nirmal, Rahul, Sapandeep, Ashley, Mathilde, Stephi, Julie, Abigail

Abstain: Korosh, Narinder, Keroles

ADOPTED

3.4 Presentation by Management Consulting Club (MCC)

Presentation by the MCC on GSA Staff Positions (i.e., Summer termination of the Outreach and Campaigns’ Coordinators)

4. Business Arising from the Minutes (Closed Session)

Motion CO-20160109-04

Motion to go into “Closed Session” with the Chair and Minute Taker in attendance.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Korosh

For: Aria, Nirmal, Korosh, Sapandeep, Stephi, Julie, Abigail

Abstain: Pempho, Ashley, Mathilde, Rahul, Keroles, Narinder

ADOPTED

Motion CO-20160109-05

BIRT the GSA President, VP External, VP Internal, and VP Academic each receive 100% of their allotted December bursaries.

Moved: Julie

Seconded: Korosh

For: Aria, Korosh, Sapandeep, Stephi, Julie, Abigail, Ashley, Narinder

Against: Rahul

Abstain: Keroles, Mathilde, Pempho, Nirmal

ADOPTED

4.1 Rescinding Motion **CO-20151101-10** (Simple Majority Vote)

Motion CO-20160109-06

Whereas Motion *CO-20151101-10* does not take into consideration the manner in which the GSA operates;

Whereas Motion *CO-20151101-10* goes against GSA bylaws which assign website and internal communications’ oversight to the President;

Whereas Motion *CO-20151101-10* states that the President should seek the consent of the VP Mobilization to fulfill his/her responsibilities;

BIRT *CO-20151101-10* (“Approval of Oversight Committee Recommendations”) be rescinded;
BIFRT the “Conference Funding Policy” take immediate effect (without any further recommendations) and be announced to stakeholders.

Moved: Korosh

Seconded: Keroles

WITHDRAWN

Motion CO-20160109-07

Motion to move out of “Closed Session.”

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Julie

For: Aria, Korosh, Sapandeep, Stephi, Julie, Abigail, Ashley, Narinder, Rahul, Mathilde, Pempho,

Nirmal

Abstain: Keroles

ADOPTED

Motion CO-20160109-08

BIRT the first four items of *CO-20151101-10* ("Approval of Oversight Committee Recommendations") be rescinded.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Sapandeep

Vote on Motion as amended:

BIRT *CO-20151101-10* is adopted as amended:

BIRT Council approve the following Oversight Committee recommendation:

- Oversight Committee recommends to Council to have the Finance Manager make variance analysis (up-to-date expenses VS budgeted expenses) when presenting monthly expenses.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Sapandeep

For: Aria, Korosh, Sapandeep, Stephi, Julie, Abigail, Narinder, Nirmal

Against: Rahul

Abstain: Pempho, Ashley, Mathilde, Keroles

ADOPTED

5.1 Appointing VP Academic

Motion CO-20160109-09

Whereas the VP Academic has resigned from GSA due to family commitments;

BIRT Ashley Michel fill the vacant VP Academic position (effective as of January 10th, 2016) until the next General by-election;

BIFRT Council accepts Ashley Michel's resignation (effective as of January 10th, 2016) and that stakeholders be notified of the vacant JMSB Director position before the next General by-election.

Moved: Rahul

Seconded: Julie

For: Aria, Korosh, Sapandeep, Stephi, Julie, Abigail, Rahul, Pempho, Mathilde, Keroles

Abstain: Nirmal, Narinder, Ashley

ADOPTED

5.2 Appointing Members to Hiring and Budget Committees

Motion CO-20160109-10

Whereas the Hiring Committee, an important part of the GSA, has been unable to make quorum over the past several months due to the absence of Committee member Aidan Macdonald;

BIRT Mathilde Ngo Mbom be assigned to represent JMSB within the Hiring Committee and that Aidan Macdonald be released from Committee duties.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Nirmal

For: Keroles, Rahul, Sapandeeep, Korosh, Pempho, Ashley

Against: Julie, Stephi, Nirmal, Abigail

Abstain: Mathilde, Aria, Narinder

ADOPTED

Note: Alex opposed this motion, while Nirmal, Stephi, and Aria stated that the information contained within this motion is incomplete.

Motion CO-20160109-11

BIRT Mathilde Ngo Mbom be assigned to represent JMSB within the Budget Committee.

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Nirmal

For: Rahul, Sapandeeep, Korosh, Pempho, Ashley, Stephi

Abstain: Nirmal, Aria, Mathilde, Narinder, Abigail, Julie, Keroles

ADOPTED

5.3 Creation of New Staff Positions ($\frac{2}{3}$ Majority Vote – GSA Bylaws Article XI-10)

Motion CO-20160109-12

BIRT the following staff positions be created:

- Communications Coordinator (as distinct from the Advocacy Manager)
- Campaigns Coordinator (as distinct from the Department/Faculty Manager)
- Advocacy Coordinator
- Advocate

Moved: Stephi

Seconded: Julie

For: Stephi, Nirmal, Abigail

Against: Keroles, Sapandeeep

Abstain: Julie, Rahul, Mathilde, Narinder, Ashley, Pempho, Korosh, Aria

FAILED

Motion CO-20160109-13

Motion to table CO-20160109-12 until Agreement is approved.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: Rahul

For: Abigail, Keroles

Against: Nirmal, Stephi, Aria, Narinder

Abstain: Pempho, Ashley, Mathilde, Rahul, Julie, Sapandeeep

FAILED

Motion CO-20160109-14

BIRT the following staff positions be created:

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- Campaigns Coordinator (as distinct from the Department/Faculty Manager)
- Advocacy Coordinator
- Advocate

Moved: Julie

Seconded: Nirmal

For: Abigail, Nirmal, Stephi, Aria, Narinder, Julie, Sapandeep

Against: Keroles

Abstain: Korosh, Pempho, Ashley, Rahul

FAILED

5.4 Recommendation from Appointments Committee

Motion CO-20160109-15

Whereas a new recommendation has been made by the Appointments Committee;

BIRT Alex Ocheoha be appointed to the Evaluation Committee for the President & Vice-Chancellor.

Moved: Sapandeep

Seconded: Rahul

For: Nirmal, Aria, Pempho, Ashley, Narinder, Mathilde, Stephi, Abigail, Rahul

Abstain: Sapandeep, Keroles

ADOPTED

7. Other Business

Motion CO-20160109-16

BIRT the name "Aidan Macdonald" be removed from *CO-20160109-10*.

Moved: Sapandeep

Seconded: Rahul

For: Sapandeep, Pempho

Against: Rahul, Stephi

Abstain: Keroles, Mathilde, Ashley, Aria, Nirmal, Abigail

FAILED

Motion CO-20160109-17

BIRT \$3,000.00 be removed from "General Assemblies" budgetary line-item to the GSA Student Life Committee (to fund Miami "Winter Break" trip);

BIFRT \$9,000.00 be allotted to Miami "Winter Break" trip;

BIFRT \$5,000.00 be removed from "Directors Honorarium" budgetary line-item and added to "Office Equipments & Furniture";

BIFRT \$1,500.00 be removed from "Campaigns" budgetary line-item and added to "Bank Charges" (\$500.00) and "Staff Insurance" (\$1,000.00).

Moved: Sapandeep

Seconded: Rahul

For: Stephi, Nirmal, Ashley, Narinder, Sapandeeep

Against: Rahul

Abstain: Abigail, Aria, Pempho, Mathilde, Keroles

FAILED

Note: Mathilde observed that there was no formal analysis of budgetary numbers prior to Directors' meeting.

Motion CO-20160109-18

BIRT \$3,000.00 be removed from "General Assemblies" budgetary line-item to the GSA Student Life Committee (to fund Miami "Winter Break" trip);

BIFRT \$9,000.00 be allotted to Miami "Winter Break" trip.

Moved: Sapandeeep

Seconded: Rahul

For: Sapandeeep

Against: Aria, Nirmal, Rahul

Abstain: Abigail, Stephi, Pempho, Ashley, Narinder, Mathilde, Keroles

FAILED

Motion CO-20160109-19

BIRT Council approves the Student Life Committee recommendation of allotting \$6,000.00 to Miami "Winter Break" trip.

Moved: Mathilde

Seconded: Sapandeeep

For: Keroles, Sapandeeep, Rahul, Ashley, Pempho, Stephi

Against: Nirmal, Abigail, Aria

Abstain: Narinder

ADOPTED

Motion CO-20160109-20

BIRT \$5,000.00 be removed from "Directors Honorarium" budgetary line-item and added to "Office Equipments & Furniture."

Moved: Aria

Seconded: Sapandeeep

For: Nirmal, Aria, Pempho, Ashley, Narinder, Mathilde, Sapandeeep

Abstain: Stephi, Abigail, Rahul, Keroles

ADOPTED

8. Adjournment (8:30 p.m.)

Tabled Items:

5.5 Appointed Councilor Honorarium

5.6 Petition to Amend the Bylaws

7. Other Business

 “The People’s Potato Fee Levy Issue”