



**Council Meeting March 3rd 2014 minutes  
(CO-20140303)**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Gretchen King

**Minutes Taker:** Gretchen King

Voting Directors: Trevor Smith, Carla Farnesi, Monique Boudreau, Holly Nazar,  
Juliette Lees, Genevieve Moisan, Vinoth Kumar Ramaiah, Tariqul  
Amir, Marilou André

Non-Voting Directors: Mohit Sharma, Shewetaank Indora

Observers: David Clos-Sasseville, Liz Colford

Absent:

**Final Agenda:**

**1. Call to Order**

Call to order at

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Motion CO-20140303-01*

BIRT that the following agenda be adopted for council

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Council Business
  - 3.1 Chair Report & Circulation of Attendance Sheet
  - 3.2 Setting Winter Term Meeting Schedule
4. Business
  - 4.1 Nominations for Funding Committee
  - 4.2 General Assembly Planning
5. Adjournment

**Motioned by:** Monique

**Seconded by:** Juliette

**There was no quorum to approve the agenda so there was consensus for running the meeting for items that don't require quorum until quorum is achieved.**

### 3.2 Setting Winter Term Meeting Schedule

#### 4. Business

##### 4.1 Nominations for Funding Committee

Meeting March X before March 21 Council

1 Executive – Nassim (Chair)

2 Councillors – Rupom, Tariqul

COI clause read from funding policy. All good.

##### 4.2 General Assembly Planning

#### 5. Adjournment

**Motioned by:** Monique

**Seconded by:** Juliette

**Quorum is achieved so we start meeting**

*Motion CO-20140303-02*

BIRT that the following agenda be adopted for council

1. Call to Order 10:42

2. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motioned by** Trevor,

**Seconded by** Juliette

3. Council Business

3.1 Chair Report & Circulation of Attendance Sheet

3.2 Setting Winter Term Meeting Schedule

4. Business

4.1 Nominations for Funding Committee & Policy Correction

**Motioned by** Monique,

**Seconded by** Carla

4.2 General Assembly Planning

5. Adjournment

**Approved**

1. Call to Order 10:42
2. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motioned by** Trevor,

**Seconded by** Juliette

**Approved**

3. Council Business

- 3.1 Chair Report & Circulation of Attendance Sheet
- 3.2 Setting Winter Term Meeting Schedule

*Motion CO-20140303-03*

Friday March 21 10am-1pm

Monday April 21 5-8pm

**Motioned by** Carla,

**Seconded by** Trevor

Approved, Abstain Tariqul

Motion of reconsideration,

**Moved by** Vinoth,

**Seconded by** Carla

Friday April 25 10am-1pm

Due to Easter holiday

**Approved**

**Abstention** - Tariqul

4. Business

- 4.1 Nominations for Funding Committee & Policy Correction

*Motion CO-20140303-04*

Policy Correction

David present inconsistency in policy, which states in one place you are not eligible if you receive funding, and another space that says you are eligible if you have not received funding. So that you can apply for special projects and academic funding.

**BIRT** point B under 2.2.1 be removed, which conflicts currently with 2.3 point e.

**Motioned by** Juliette  
**Seconded by** Tariqul  
**Approved**

Committee needs to meet after deadline for applications  
1 Executive – Nasim (Chair)  
2 Councillors – Rupom, Tariqul, Marilou  
COI clause read from funding policy. All good.

**Motioned by** Juliette  
**Seconded by** Trevor

**Approved**

#### 4.2 General Assembly Planning

##### Agenda

*Motion CO-20140303-05*

**Motioned by** Monique,  
**Seconded by** Carla

Agenda (everything in Caps has been amended)

1. Call to Order (1MIN)
2. Approval of the Agenda (10MIN)\*

\*NOTE-if time limit reached move to vote unless motion to extend

David suggest that members be invited to send questions about agenda by email or show up early, chair needs to show up early;

3. Appointment of Chair (needs to explain calling the question and respecting time), Secretary, and Mood Watcher (5MIN)

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES JAN 30 GA (5MIN)

Vignesh will make sure minutes from Jan GA are posted

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 President's Report (5MIN, MOHIT)

5.2 Council Honorariums (submitted by Council) (15MIN, TREVOR)

5.3 Ratification of Referendum result on Advocacy fee (15MIN, RODDY)

5.4 Motion to amend GSA Bylaws Articles V, XII, and XIII (submitted by members' petition) (15MIN, ALEX)

A. ALL GSA MEMBERS BEING INFORMED OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

B. GSA MAKES BUDGET AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

C. GSA MAKES FINACIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

D. AUDITING GSA ACCOUNTS AND PRESENT TO COUNIL

NOTE: Holly will contact Alex about presenting this motion; and inform him that there needs to be an explanation of what an audit is and how much it would cost for the GSA;

FIX XII in the packet:

<b>Article XII -- Budget Committee</b>	<b>Proposed additions:</b>
<p>1. The annual GSA budget shall be prepared for approval and/or amendment by a Budget Committee.</p>	<p>1. The annual GSA budget shall be prepared for approval and/or amendment by a Budget Committee. THE APPROVED BUDGET SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMEBERS.</p>

5.5 Motion to amend GSA Bylaws Article XIX REGARDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE (submitted by Council) (AUDERY, 5MINS)

~~5.7 Motion concerning university revoking support for student journals (Kristofer Archibald) No longer necessary, issue has been resolved~~

## 6. New Business

6.1 Regarding GSA stance on Charter of Values (Submitted by council) (15 MIN, VIGNESH)

*Motion CO-20140303-06*

BIRT we include the following in the GA agenda

WHEREAS the Graduate Students' Association of Concordia University (GSA) believes in freedom of expression for all regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religion save those statements that perpetuate false stereotypes or incite hatred;

WHEREAS the prohibition of wearing of religious symbols by employees of the Quebec government would appear to apply to graduate students employed by the university (but not those receiving bursaries), creating a potentially unfair and chaotic situation;

WHEREAS the government of Quebec has not carried out research to support their policy and predict its outcomes;

**BIRT the General Assembly of the GSA opposes the proposed Bill 60 and calls for its withdrawal from consideration;**

**BIFRT the GSA opposes any similar future proposal that does not safeguard the freedom of conscience and religion.**

**Motioned by Holly**

**Seconded by Trevor**

APPROVED

Motion passed in Sept 2013 at Council:

BIRT cannot support the charter

BIRFT Write letter condemning policy and ask for repeal

BIFRT organize a demonstration

March demonstration against the Charter

Support or opinion of GA

Keep Where as clauses

**BIRT** the general assembly do not support the proposed Bill 60.

Point of info, not a vote

Who will present this? And all items above.

Motions for a vote at the April X GA on the GSAs stance on the charter

**Moved by** Marilou

**Seconded by** Juliette

**Approved**

## 6.2 NEW FUNDS AND SUBSIDIES POLICY (20MINS, HOLLY)

**MOTION BIRT** THE GSA NO LONGER PROVIDES INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCE FUNDING. (PROBABLY IN THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING, VERIFY FOR WORDING)

Logistics

Mobilizations

## 6.3 FEE LEVY ASSOCIATIONS (10MINS, TREVOR)

*Motion CO-20140303-07*

**BIRT** THE GA OF THE GSA RECOGNIZE FEE LEVY ASSOCIATIONS OF CONCORDIA ARE INDESPENSIBLE RESOURCES THAT SUPPORT THE GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AND ARE VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY;

**BIFRT** THE GSA AGREE THAT INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS OR FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO UNILATERLY REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM SUPPORTING FEE LEVY GROUPS

**BIFRT** THAT THE GSA SUPPORT THE STATEMENT OF FEE LEVY ASSOCIATIONS (SEE SUPPORTFEELEVYGROUPS.ORG);

**Moved by** Trevor

**Seconded by** Juliette

AMENDED MOTION:

**BIRT** THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GSA RECOGNIZE FEE LEVY ASSOCIATIONS OF CONCORDIA ARE VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY;

**BIFRT** THE GSA OPPOSE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS OR FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS HAVING THE ABILITY TO UNILATERALLY REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM SUPPORTING FEE LEVY GROUPS

**Moved by** Carla  
**Seconded by** Juliette

**Approved**

Note: Trevor will report to march council about potential bylaw change.

7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

*Motion CO-20140303-08*

There are two options for GA date and time as follows:

Thurs, April 3, 6-9pm

**Friday April 4, 1-4pm**

BIRT Council GA Ratify Friday April 4, 1-4pm

**Motioned by** Carla  
**Seconded by** Juliette

**Approved**

*Motion CO-20140303-09*

Emergency motion from Holly:

BIRT The GSA council call elections for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2014;

BIFT the GSA Council empowers the elections committee to make urgent scheduling changes if needed;

**Motioned by** Holly

**Seconded by** Juliette

**Approved**



## Agenda **Friday April 4, 1-4pm**

1. Call to Order (1MIN)
2. Approval of the Agenda (10MIN)
3. Appointment of Chair, Secretary, and Mood Watcher (5MIN)
4. Approval of the minutes January 30 GA (5min)
5. Business arising
  - 5.1 president's report (5min, Mohit)
  - 5.2 Council honorariums (submitted by council) (15min, Trevor)
  - 5.3 Ratification of referendum result on advocacy fee (15min, Roddy)
  - 5.4 Motion to amend GSA bylaws articles v, xii, and xiii (submitted by members' petition) (15min, Alex)
    - A. All GSA members being informed of council meetings
    - B. GSA makes budget available to members
    - C. GSA makes financial statements available to members
    - D. Auditing GSA accounts and present to council
  - 5.5 Motion to amend GSA bylaws article xix regarding general assembly planning committee (submitted by council) (Audrey, 5mins)
  - 5.6 regarding GSA stance on charter of values (submitted by council) (15 min, Vignesh)  
**BIRT** the general assembly of the GSA opposes the proposed bill 60 and calls for its withdrawal from consideration;  
**BIFRT** the GSA opposes any similar future proposal that does not safeguard the freedom of conscience and religion.
  - 5.7 new funds and subsidies policy (20mins, holly)  
**BIRT** the GSA no longer provides individual conference funding. (probably in the January council meeting, verify for wording)
6. New business
  - 6.1 fee levy associations (10mins, Trevor)  
**BIRT** the GA of the GSA recognize fee levy associations of Concordia are valuable resources for the community;  
**BIFRT** that the GSA opposes individual departments or faculty associations having the ability to unilaterally remove themselves from supporting fee levy groups;



- 7. Other business
- 8. Adjournment

*Motion CO-20140303-10*

BIRT GSA council approve GA agenda for April 4 as amended

**Motioned by** Vinoth

**Seconded by** Juliette

**Approved**

*Motion CO-20140303-11*

Logistics

GA committee: Holly, Audrey (Chair), Carla, Mari-Helene, Juliette

1. Format agenda, prepare packet
2. Uploading, distributing all documents
3. Preparing fliers and posters
4. Mobilization
5. Table setup (voting cards, lists, printing materials, volunteers)
6. Review feedback from council re: Jan GA and refer to when planning

**Motioned by** Juliette

**Seconded by** Holly

**Approved**

Mobilization

Do you prefer tabling or not?

Maybe high traffic areas, but not necessary; will be tabling for elections.

Is there a GA planning checklist?

David-Liz will update and provide

*Motion CO-20140303-12*

Motion to Adjourn

**Motioned by** Carla

**Seconded by** Vignesh

**Motion approved.**