



**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:

Article XII -- Budget Committee	Proposed additions:
1. The annual GSA budget shall be prepared for approval and/or amendment by a Budget Committee.	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.

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 1st-3rd 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.