

**Council Meeting May 29th 2015 minutes  
(CO-2015-05-29)**

**Meeting Facilitator:** Gretchen King

**Minutes Taker:** Trevor Smith

**Voting Directors (Present at 4:30pm):** Ribal Abiraad, Sean Boivin, Abhijit Joshi, Leili Astenah, Spandeeep Singh Randhawa, Stas Khanutin

**Voting Directors (Arriving after 4:30pm):** Mathilde Ngo Mbom, Sindhura Manthapuri

**Non-Voting Directors:** Houda Madnourne, Rohit Patil, Mohammed Jawad Khan,

**Staff and observers:** Dollar Kumar Bansal, Vivek Khatri, Amandeep Warul, Julie Arrowsmith, Stavroula Stephi Stanopoulos, Rahul Kumar, Navinder Singh Lota, Rupinder Kaur, Nirmal Desai, Callan Davey (ASEQ), Alex Golovko (ASEQ), Aria Azami

Draft Agenda

- 0.1 Presentation and Handout by ASEQ (~15 mins)
- 0.2 Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm
- 1. Call to Order (1 min)
- 2. Adoption of the Agenda (5 mins)
- 3. Council Business (5 mins)
  - 3.1 Chair's report (see Action Items)
  - 3.2 Business from member R. Sonin
- 4. Approval of March 24th Council meeting minutes
- 5. Business arising from the Minutes, Appendix I (90 mins)
  - 5.1 Motion for a pool of CROs, Chairs, Minute-takers
  - 5.2 Motion about Executive working hours
  - 5.3 Motion of Appreciation for CRO
- 6. New Business (40mins)
  - 6.1 Motion to rescind CO-20150420-07 & CO-20150420-08 (Isabelle)
  - 6.2 Discussion about Council training
  - 6.3 Motion on ASEQ rate for the 2015-16 year
  - 6.4 Discussion on draft Emergency Fund Policy
- 7. Reports, Appendix II (15mins)
  - 7.1 Service Manager
  - 7.2 Advocacy Manager
  - 7.3 Campaigns/Departments Manager
  - 7.4 President
  - 7.5 VP Internal (and Executive Booklet contribution)
- 8. GSA Committee Appointments (5 mins)
  - 8.1 Budget Committee



9. Other Business (5 mins)

10. Adjournment

### Meeting of Council

0.1 Presentation and Handout by ASEQ (~15 mins)

ASEQ will be raising annual premium fees by \$15.62 (5%) for all GSA members  
Our current fees are set at \$292.02 → \$307.64 for academic year of 2015-2016

Asking for a new quote → 1.5 Month waiting period  
Switching providers → 6 Month waiting period

Questions are raised on what a health plan set at the current rate would look like; ASEQ will follow up on medical/dental coverage.

1. Meeting Call to order at 5:38pm
2. Approval of the agenda (*Motion CO20150529-01*)

Amendment: 6.3 to 3.1  
Moved Ribal  
Seconded Sapandeeep  
Passed (Opposition Ribal)

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Moved Ribal

Seconded Leili

Passed

3. Council Business

3.1 Motion on ASEQ rate for the 2015-16 year

*Motion CO20150529-02*

BIRT a report be prepared by ASEQ explaining why a 5% raise of fees is necessary for the June GSA Council meeting.

Moved: Sapandeeep

Seconded: Abhijit

Passed Unanimously

*Motion CO20150529-03*

BIRT GSA Council approve the 5% increase in the GSA health and dental plan fee.

Moved: Sean

Seconded: Sapandeeep

Motion to table Motion *CO20150529-03*

Moved: Abhijit

Seconded: Mathilde

Passed

3.2 Chair's report (see Action Items)

No actions

### 3.3 Business from member R. Sonin

Business considered inappropriate → Moving on.

### 3.4 Motion to amend the agenda and introduce an emergency motion

Motion CO20150529-XX

BIRT Council accept the resignation of Director Sean Boivin

Moved: Sean

Seconded: Mathilde

Motion rendered frivolous → Withdrawn

### 4. Approval of May 5th Council meeting minutes (*Motion CO20150529-04*)

Moved: Sapandeeep

Seconded: Abhijit

Passed (Abstention: Mathilde)

### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes, Appendix I (90 mins)

#### 5.1 Motion for a pool of CROs, Chairs, Minute-takers

(*Motion CO20150529-05*)

BIRT the GSA provide a service of having a list of potential CROs, Chairs, and Minute-Takers for student associations and groups.

Moved: Sindhura

Seconded: Ribal

Amendment *CO20150529-05-01*

Change “provide a service of having a list” to “shall maintain a list”

Moved: Sindhura

Seconded: Ribal

Passed

Amended Motion *CO20150529-05*

BIRT the GSA shall maintain a list of potential CROs, Chairs, and Minute-Takers for student associations and groups.

Moved: Sindhura

Seconded: Ribal

Passed

## 5.2 Motion about Executive working hours

Motion (*CO20150529-06*)

BIRT the working hours of the executives shall be recorded by keeping a new log book in the GSA office and a monthly report shall be circulated by the office manager to all the graduate students providing information about the working hours.

Moved: Mathilde

Seconded: Sean

Passed (Opposed: Ribal; Abstention: Sean, Abhijit)

## 5.3 Motion of Appreciation for CRO

Motion (*CO20150529-07*)

BIRT the President will send a letter of appreciation to the CRO to thank him for his work.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Sean

Fails

## 6. New Business (40mins)

### 6.1 Motion to rescind CO-20150420-07 & CO-20150420-08 (Isabelle)

Motion (*CO20150529-08*)

Rescind motions (**CO-20150420-07**) & (**CO-20150420-08**) (In Packet)

Motion *CO-20150420-07*

BIRT the bursary provided to the executives of GSA shall be reduced from \$1100 per month to \$900 per month.

BIFRT this motion take effect immediately

Motion *CO-20150420-08*

BIFRT the saved \$200 per executive shall be used for Graduate student's professional development across all faculties and accordingly adjusted in next year budget by the budget committee.

Moved: Sapandeep

Seconded: Ribal

Passes (Opposed: Leili; Abstentions: Stas, Sean)

Chair suggests moving to reports

Passes Unanimously

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#### 7.1 Service Manager

No comments

#### 7.2 Advocacy Manager

Question raised: Why did the Advocacy Manager resign?

#### 7.3 Campaigns/Departments Manager

No comments

#### 7.4 President

No comments

#### 7.5 VP Internal (and Executive Booklet contribution)

No comments

Motion (*CO-20150529-09*)

BIRT GSA support Divest Concordia by allocating \$1800 to cover costs accrued by the CSU in their support of Divest Concordia.

Moved: Sapandeeep

Seconded: Ribal

Fails

Motion to accept all reports (*Motion CO20150529-XX*)

Motion: BIRT Council approve an allocation of 200\$ for the April bursary;

BIFRT Council approve the Executive reports for May and allocate 1100\$ bursary;

Moved: Ribal

Second: Sinduhra

Passed

### 8. GSA Committee Appointments (5 mins)

#### 8.1 Budget Committee

Adjourned 7:14pm