

**General Assembly Agenda Friday April 4 4-7pm  
EV 1.615**

**(GA-20140404)**

**Meeting Facilitator: Gretchen  
Minute Taker: Alex**

**Final Agenda:**

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4. Approval of the last General Assembly minutes on January 30th
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  - 5.2 President's report
    - 5.3 By-law changes
      - 5.3.1 Council honorariums
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      - 5.3.6 GA committee responsibilities
    - 5.4 GSA stance on charter of values
    - 5.5 Funds and subsidies policy
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    - 6.2 Bylaw changes proposed by member
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**1. Call to Order**

Meeting is called to order at 4:39pm

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion GA-20140404-01*

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**mover:** Firas (Arts and Science)

**second:** Srivatsan (ENCS)

*Amendment – 01*

BIRT 6.2 moved to 5.1 (or as soon as CRO is ready)

**Mover:** Jonathan (Arts and Science)

**Second:** Simone (Arts and Science)

**Adopted**

*Amendment - 02*

BIRT 6.2 added to discuss new bylaw changes (presented by member)

**moved:** Alex (ENCS)

**second:** Srivatsan (ENCS)

**Adopted**

*Motion as amended (GA-20140404-01)*

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**mover:** Firas (Arts and Science)

**second:** Srivatsan (ENCS)

**Adopted**

### **3. Appointment of Chair, Secretary, and Mood Watcher**

*Motion GA-20140404-02*

BIRT Gretchen be appointed as chair, Alex as Secretary, and Juliette as mood watcher.

**mover:** Carla (Humanities)

**second:** Trevor (Arts and Science)

**Adopted**

### **4. Approval of the last General Assembly minutes on January 30th**

*Motion GA-20140404-03*

BIRT the minutes from jan 30<sup>th</sup> GA be approved with the following changes:

-add David as mover for Marie-Helen (Arts and Science)

**Mover:** Vignesh (ENCS)

**second:** Firas (Arts and Science)

**Adopted**

**Noted abstention:** Alex O.

### **5. Business arising**

#### **5.1 Elections results, presentation of the new GSA executives and council**

*Motion GA-20140404-04*

BIRT we return to the point of Election results and presentation of new GSA executive and council

**Adopted**

*Motion GA-20140404-05*

BIRT that we continue with agenda and come back to presentations at the end of the meeting (after business that requires quorum)

**moved:** Vignesh (ENCS)  
**seconded:** Firas (arts)  
**Adopted**

## 5.2 President's report

## 5.3 By-law changes

### 5.3.1 Council honorariums

*Motion GA-20140404-06*

Be It Resolved That point 16, Article V of GSA Bylaws should now read as follows:  
The Council will determine annually the honorarium Directors will be entitled to receive per meeting attended. This amount must be ratified by GSA members through a General Assembly. Non-attendance or failure to uphold Article V-14 without documentation may result in the withholding or nonpayment of honorarium for Directors in question, subject to the discretion of council.

**mover:** Trevor (Arts and Science)  
**seconded:** Vignesh (ENCS)

*Amendment-01*

BIRT wording be changed to read: Non-attendance or failure uphold article V-14 without documentation **shall** result in the withholding or nonpayment of honorarium for Directors in question

**mover:** Alex (ENCS)  
**seconded:** Jonathan (Arts and Science)  
**Adopted**

*Amendment -02*

BIRT wording be changed to read: Non-attendance or failure to arrive 30 minutes early as required by bylaws without documentation shall result in the withholding or nonpayment of honorarium for Directors in question

**moved:** Alex o (ENCS)  
**seconded:** Vignesh (ENCS)  
**Adopted**

*Amendment-03*

BIRT the honorarium for directors be set at \$100 per regular monthly meeting.

**mover:** Jonathan (arts)  
**seconded:** Juliette (arts)  
**fails**  
**Noted opposition:** Trevor (Arts and Science), vignesh (ENCS)  
**Noted abstentions:** Firas (Arts and Science)

Amendment -04

BIRT the honorarium for regular meeting remain at \$50 and members that attend at least 2 committee meetings per month will receive and additional \$25

**mover:** Alex (ENCS)

**second:** Vignesh (ENCS)

**fails**

**Noted opposition:** Trevor (Arts and Science)

**Noted abstentions:** Firas (Arts and Science)

*Amended motion GA-20140404-06*

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**mover:** Trevor (Arts and Science)

**second:** Vignesh (ENCS)

**Adopted**

*Motion GA-20140404-07*

BIRT the honorarium for 2014-2015 directors be set at \$50

**mover:** Vinoth (ENCS)

**second:** Alex O. (ENCS)

**Adopted**

**Noted abstentions:** Firas (Arts and Science)

*Amendment -01*

BIRT that honorarium for directors be set at \$75

**mover:** Jonathan (Arts and Science)

**second:** Mohit (ENCS)

**fails**

**abstentions:** Trevor (Arts and Science), Firas (Arts and Science)

**5.3.2 All GSA members being informed of council meetings**

*Motion GA-20140404-08*

BIRT article V 6. Be changed to read:

6. Prior to every Council meeting: a) All Directors shall be given individual notice at least seven (7) calendar days before each Council meeting, unless waived by every

Director. All GSA members shall also be informed of the Council meetings.  
**moved:** Alex O (ENCS)  
**seconded:** Firas (Arts and Science)  
**Adopted**

### **5.3.3 GSA makes budget available to members**

*Motion GA-20140404-09*

BIRT the annual budgets be made available to all members  
**mover:** Alex O. (ENCS)  
**seconded:** Vignesh (ENCS)  
**Adopted**

### **5.3.4 GSA makes financial statements available to members**

*Motion GA-20140404-09*

BIRT article XIII 6. be changed to read:  
The Budget Committee will be responsible for the creation of Quarterly Financial Statements to be presented to Council in the months of September, January, March and May. The Quarterly Financial Statements shall also be made available to all members of the GSA.  
**mover:** Alex O. (ENCS)  
**Seconded:** Trevor (arts/science)  
**Adopted**

### **5.3.5 GSA audit GSA accounts and present to council**

*Motion GA-20140404-10*

BIRT article XIII be changed to read:  
8. All GSA accounts shall be audited by an external auditor annually. The external auditor shall be approved by a General Assembly as per the recommendations of the Budget Committee.  
9. The audited financial statements shall be received by Council at the end of the financial year and made available to all members of the GSA.  
**moved:** Alex O (ENCS)  
**seconded:** Alex (ENCS)

*Motion GA-20140404-11*

BIRT this item be tabled until there is more clear information  
**moved:** Carla (humanities)

**seconded:** Mohit (ENCS)  
**Adopted**

The item is tabled

### **5.3.6 GA committee responsibilities**

*Motion GA-20140404-12*

BIRT article XIX be changed to read:

3. The Agenda for the General Assembly a) Shall be drafted by a General Assembly Committee, the latter of which shall consist of the Executive Committee members, and three members of Council representing three out of four faculties. The roles and responsibilities of the General Assembly Committee are:

- i. to draft an agenda for the General Assembly,
- ii. To mobilize GSA members to attend the General Assembly, and
- iii. to manage logistical tasks related to the running of the General assembly

Moved: Council

Seconder: Juliette (arts)

*Amendment -01*

BIRT wording of ii) read: To assist the GSA executives to mobilize members to attend the General Assembly,

**Moved:** Vignesh (ENCS)

**seconder:** Shewetaank (ENCS)

**Adopted**

*Amendment -02*

BIRT article XIX be changed to read:

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**mover:** Alex O (ENCS)

**Seconder:** Alex (ENCS)

**fails**

*Amended motion GA-20140404-12*

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**Moved:** Council

**Seconder:** Juliette (Arts and Science)

**Adopted**

#### **5.4 GSA stance on charter of values**

*GA-20140404-13*

BIRT the GSA believe 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. As such, we cannot support the Quebec Charter that the Parti Quebecois Government of Pauline Marois is foisting upon Quebec society.

BIFRT the GSA work with other organizations to fight against this policy

**Moved:** council

**seconder:** Trevor (Arts and Science)

**Adopted**

#### **5.5 Funds and subsidies policy**

*GA-20140404-14*

BIRT that GSA no longer provides conference funding for individuals

**moved:** council

**seconder:** Vignesh (ENCS)

**Adopted**

#### **6. New business**

##### **6.1 Support to fee levy groups (submitted by member)**

*GA-20140404-15*

BIRT this motion be stricken from the agenda

**Mover:** Trevor (Arts and Science)

**seconder:** Leili (?)

**Adopted**

##### **6.2 Bylaw changes proposed by member**

*GA-20140404-16*

BIRT this motion be stricken and presented to GSA council





**Moved:** Trevor

**Seconder:** Katrina

**Adopted**

\*note: this should be brought to council

**7. Other business**

**8. Adjournment**

meeting adjourned at 7:15pm