

## GSA Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Venue:** Hall H-621

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**Chair:** Jillian Vasko

**Meeting Facilitator:** Carlos Jabbour

**Minutes Taker:** Carlos Jabbour

**Present:**

Councillors: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Mohd, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Magdalena, Cainy, Fatina, Melissa, Ribal, Boyang

Executives: Soliman, Mahsa, Muhammad, Mudasser,

**Absent**

Councillors: Ahmad, Keroles

Executives: Rafi

**Final Agenda:**

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 2:30 pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of executive reports and action plans (Closed Session)
4. Business arising from the minutes
  - a. Transform Montreal & GSA
  - b. Extracurricular projects reviewing committee
  - c. Committees' vacant positions filling
  - d. Sustainability committee updates
  - e. Winter activities and events plan
  - f. Trips plan
  - g. By-laws changes (Brought by the GSA members)
  - h. People's Potato fee levy
  - i. Winter 1st GA date and agenda
  - j. Winter council meetings dates discussion
  - k. Funding committee recommendations
  - l. Social media policy (tabled)

5. New Business
  - a. Graduate Students issues (tabled)
6. Adjournment

### 1. Call to Order

Attendance sheet verified at 2:30 pm and meeting called to order at 3pm.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

*Motion CO-20170126-01*

Move Transform Montreal & GSA to point 4a

**Moved:** Ribal

**Seconded:** Melissa

**For:** Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Mohd, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Magdalena, Cainy, Fatina, Melissa, Ribal, Boyang

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Adopted**

*Motion CO-20170126-02*

BIRT the Agenda is approved

**Moved:** Samer

**Seconded:** Melissa

**For:** Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Mohd, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Magdalena, Cainy, Fatina, Melissa, Ribal, Boyang

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Adopted**

### 3. Approval of executive reports (Closed Session)

### 4. Business arising from the minutes

- a. Transform Montreal & GSA

Motion CO-20170126-07

BIRT the GSA will provide \$3500 for the Transform Montreal project.  
BIFRT Jessica will provide an update about the graduate student ticket subsidy.

**Moved:** Ribal

**Seconded:** Mohd

**For:** Emma, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Fatina, Melissa, Mohd, Kartik, Boyang

**Against:**

**Abstain:** Jessica, Jian, Ribal, Shaheer

**Adopted**

- b. Extracurricular projects reviewing committee

Motion CO-20170126-08

BIRT Ribal, Jessica, Kartik, Azam be appointed to the b. Extracurricular projects reviewing committee.

BIFRT quorum is 4.

**Moved:** Ribal

**Seconded:** Esmaeel

**For:** Emma, Shaheer, Esmaeel, Fatina, Melissa, Kartik, Boyang, Cainy, Ribal

**Against:**

**Abstain:** Mengijao, Jessica

**Adopted**

- c. Committees' vacant positions filling

Soliman gave update

- d. Sustainability committee updates

Soliman and Ribal gave update

- e. Winter activities and events plan

Motion CO-20170126-09

BIRT the Winter activities Mahsa outlined in the "Winter activities' Report-VP Internal-Jan 2017" to take place as presented.

**Moved:** Samer

**Seconded:** Ribal

**For:** Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Melissa, Cainy

**Against:**

**Abstain: Ribal, Jessica**

**Adopted**

f. Trips plan

Motion CO-20170126-10

BIRT the Ottawa trip (Winterlude festival) will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2017.

**Moved: Melissa**

**Seconded: Mohd**

**For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Mohd, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Magdalena, Cainy, Fatina, Melissa, Boyang**

**Against:**

**Abstain: Ribal**

**Adopted**

g. By-laws changes (Brought by the GSA members)

Soliman gave an update to By-law changes requested by members.

h. People's Potato fee levy

Soliman and Alex gave their views on the levy.

i. Winter 1st GA date and agenda

Motion CO-20170126-11

BIRT the 1<sup>st</sup> GA for Winter 2017 will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Moved: Kartik**

**Seconded: Ribal**

**For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Cainy, Ribal**

**Against: Melissa**

**Abstain:**

**Adopted**

Motion CO-20170126-12

BIRT the GA agenda will be approved by the council members prior to the GA meeting through email.

**Moved: Rishi**

**Seconded: Esmaeel**

**For: Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Melissa, Cainy**

**Against: Ribal (GA agendas should be made available during council meetings)**

**Abstain: Samer, Emma, Kartik**

**Adopted**

j. Winter council meetings dates discussion

Soliman reminded all councilors to put their votes in Doodle

k. Funding committee recommendations

Motion CO-20170126-13

BIRT council approves funding committee recommendations

**Moved: Ribal**

**Seconded: Samer**

**For: Samer, Emma, Meng, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Melissa, Cainy, Ribal**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Adopted**

l. **Social media policy (tabled)**

Motion CO-20170126-14

Whereas social media is an effective tool to communicate with the general public

Whereas the GSA can use these tools to improve the image of the association

Whereas email is simply not enough to reach out to all the students, and the GSA Facebook page has currently turned into Kijiji for apartments

Whereas it may seem a bit simple and banal to focus on such matters, yet their impact on the visibility and approachability of the association is non-trivial

BIRT the GSA will look into putting in place a policy that will

-no longer allow advertising on its own page for items other than student projects or events (apartment listings, item reselling and such are no longer allowed),

-establish pages specifically for this type of advertising (a GSA apartment listing, or car sharing, or tandem language partner page)

BIFRT GSA events will now be live tweeted

BIFRT the policy committee look into formalizing these decisions in a social media and visibility

policy

BIFRT recommendations provided to council by the January council meeting

**Moved: Ribal**

**Seconded:**

**For:**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Adopted**

## 5. New Business

- a. Graduate Students issues (tabled)

## 6. Adjournment

Motion CO-20170126-15

BIRT the meeting is adjourned

**Moved: Ribal**

**Seconded: Samer**

**For: Samer, Emma, Meng, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Melissa, Cainy, Ribal**

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Adopted**