

GSA Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, Mar 9th, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Venue: Hall H-762

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Chair: Jillian Vasko

Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Carlos Jabbour

Present:

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

Executives: Soliman, Mahsa, Muhammad, Mudasser, Rafi

Absent

Councillors: Ahmad, Mohd

Executives:

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. Social media policy
5. New Business
 - a. GA mobilization and bylaws
 - b. General Assembly date and agenda
 - c. Elections date set up
 - d. CRO and DRO hiring for elections
 - e. Financial Audit
 - f. Elections committee
 - g. TEDx Concordia presentation
 - h. AVEQ presentation
 - i. Legal status updates (Closed Session) (tabled)
 - j. Policy committee updates (tabled)
 - k. Negotiations committee updates (tabled)
 - l. People's potato status update (tabled)

- m. ASEQ invitation for health insurance plan and added services (tabled)
- n. GSA sustainability policy (tabled)
- o. Request for funds for JMSB student's trip to Canadian Parliament for academic purpose (tabled)
- p. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Event (tabled)
- q. GSA student fees referendum (tabled)
- r. Councilor attendance (tabled)
- s. Judicial committee (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-20170309-01

BIRT the following agenda items are moved to top level.

- GA mobilization and bylaws
- General Assembly date and agenda
- Elections date set up
- CRO and DRO hiring for elections
- Financial Audit
- Elections committee

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Samer

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

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170309-02

BIRT the Agenda is approved.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Melissa

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

Against:

Abstain:
Adopted

3. Approval of executive reports and action plans (Closed Session)

Note: Soliman, volunteered to give 50% of his bursary to VP External and VP Academic upon their acceptance.

4. Business arising from the minutes

- a. Social media policy

Motion CO-20170309-12

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 group 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 personal advertising on its own group for items other than student projects or events (apartment listings, item reselling and such are no longer allowed),
- establish groups specifically for this type of advertising (a GSA apartment listing, or car sharing, or tandem language partner group)

(Note: this motion pertains to advertisements and not to opinions/ judgements.)

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 March council meeting

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Fatina

For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Kartik, Magdalena, Fatina, Melissa, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Esmaeel, Jessica, Jiaying

Adopted

5. New Business

- a. GA mobilization and bylaws
Soliman presentation.
- b. General Assembly date and agenda

Motion CO-20170309-13

BIRT the GA date is set for Friday, April 7th at 2pm.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Melissa

For: Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Kartik, Jessica, Magdalena, Jiaying, Fatina, Melissa, Ribal, Boyang

Against: Keroles

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170309-14

BIRT the GA agenda is approved with the caveat that it be amended to include the by elections (ENCS director positions) and updated financial statements.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: Emma

For: Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Kartik, Jessica, Jiaying, Fatina, Melissa, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Ribal, Keroles

Adopted

- c. Elections date set up

Motion CO-20170309-15

BIRT the election date to be set for the 11th and 12th of April 2017.

Moved: Melissa

Seconded:

For: Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Kartik, Jessica, Magdalena, Jiaying, Fatina, Melissa, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Keroles

Adopted

- d. CRO and DRO hiring for elections
Soliman presenting.
- e. Financial Audit
Soliman presenting.
- f. Elections committee
Soliman presenting.

Motion CO-20170309-16

BIRT Esmael and Rishi are appointed to the elections committee.

Moved: Melissa

Seconded: Emma

For: Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmael, Kartik, Jessica, Jiaying, Fatina, Melissa, Boyang

Against: Ribal, Keroles

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170309-17

BIRT the March GSA council meeting date changes from March 30th to March 23rd at the same time (3pm to 6pm). An email will be sent to all council members confirming time, date and venue of the meeting.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: Kartik

For: Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmael, Kartik, Jessica, Magdalena, Jiaying, Melissa, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against: Fatina

Abstain:

Adopted

- g. TEDx Concordia presentation

Motion CO-20170309-18

BIRT this point is postponed to the March 23rd meeting.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Melissa

For: Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmael, Kartik, Jessica, Melissa, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang, Fatina

Against:

Abstain: Jiaying

Adopted

- h. AVEQ presentation

Motion CO-20170309-19

BIRT the question of GSA joining AVEQ be put to a referendum in the next election for \$7 dollars per year in return for their services.

Moved: Jessica

Seconded: Melissa

For: Emma, Esmaeel, Jessica, Fatina, Melissa, Boyang

Against: Ribal (EXTREMELY AGAINST)

Abstain: Kartik, Keroles, Rishi

Adopted

- i. Legal status updates (Closed Session) (tabled)
- j. Policy committee updates (tabled)
- k. Negotiations committee updates (tabled)
- l. People's potato status update (tabled)

Motion CO-20170309-20

BIRT – People's potato gets an annual increase according to the CPI, without a need for a GA or a referendum.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Abstain:

Adopted

- m. ASEQ invitation for health insurance plan and added services (tabled)
- n. GSA sustainability policy (tabled)
- o. Request for funds for JMSB student's trip to Canadian Parliament for academic purpose (tabled)
- p. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Event (tabled)

Motion CO-20170309-21

BIRT – To have an event for all graduate students to see the Chagall exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. *GSA will subsidize the tickets where students will either be allowed to go individually on a certain day or GSA will pay the group rate price for a tour if that is agreeable. Question for council- how many students, date, and individual or group.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Abstain:

Adopted

- q. GSA student fees referendum (tabled)
- r. Councilor attendance (tabled)

6. Adjournment

Motion CO-20170309-22

BIRT the meeting is adjourned.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Jessica

For: Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Kartik, Jessica, Jiaying, Melissa, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted