

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, Mar 23rd, 2017

Time: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Venue: Hall Building H-621

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Chair: Jillian Vasko

Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Carlos Jabbour

Present:

Councillors: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Executives: Soliman, Mahsa, Muhammad, Mudasser, Rafi

Absent

Councillors: Ahmad, Mohd, Melissa, Rishi, Magdalena, Jiaying

Executives:

Final Agenda:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 4:30 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. ASEQ health insurance plan and added services
 - b. Judicial committee formation
 - c. Policy committee updates
 - d. Elections committee recommendations (CRO)
 - e. Motion to allow AVEQ to campaign for their referendum
 - f. GA agenda and document **(tabled)**
 - g. TEDx Concordia Proposal **(tabled)**
 - h. Legal status updates (Closed Session) **(tabled)**
 - i. People's potato status update **(tabled)**
 - j. GSA sustainability policy **(tabled)**
 - k. Request for funds for JMSB student's trip to Canadian Parliament for academic purpose **(tabled)**
 - l. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Event **(tabled)**
5. New Business

- a. Inflation adjustment referendum (**tabled**)
- b. Negotiations committee updates (**tabled**)
- c. Funding committee recommendations (**tabled**)
- d. Student Life committee (**tabled**)
- e. Councilor attendance (**tabled**)
- f. Councilor resignation (**tabled**)
- g. GSA student fees referendum (**tabled**)

6. Adjournment

1. Call to Order

Attendance sheet verified at 4:30 pm and meeting called to order at 5pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20170323-01

BIRT add item under new business.

Inflation adjusted referendum.

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Ribal

For: Samer, emma, Meng, Esm Ribal

Against:

Abstain: Esma, Jessica, Fatina, Keroles

Adopted

Motion CO-20170323-02

BIRT move student life committee up to point d from g.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Samer

For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Fatina, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Keroles

Adopted

Motion CO-20170323-03

BIRT the agenda is approved.

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Ribal

For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

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

4. Business arising from the minutes

a. ASEQ invitation for health insurance plan and added services

ASEQ members presentation.

Ribal protests to a journalist who entered the meeting unannounced (around 6:15pm) and did not inform the council that she was recording the meeting, she is not a student at Concordia. Recording was subsequently stopped. The chair ensured that all councilors were comfortable with having been recorded and ensured that everyone was okay with the recording to continue.

b. Judicial committee formation

Soliman presents.

Motion CO-20170323-07

BIRT Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik volunteer for the election judicial committee.

Moved: Jessica

Seconded: Samer

For: Samer, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Jessica, Fatina, Boyang

Abstain: Keroles, Ribal

Adopted

c. Policy committee updates

Ribal presents.

Motion CO-20170323-08

BIRT that council approves the amendments to the elections by-laws with the exception of anything relating to online voting.
BIFRT the phrasing “four council members” is replaced by “maximum of four council members” for the election judicial committee.

Moved: Jessica

Seconded: Ribal

For: Esmaeel, Shaheer, Jessica, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Abstain: Mengijao, Kartik

Against:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170323-09

BIRT council approves adding the online component to the election bylaws as proposed by the policy committee.

BIFRT polling and voting will commence between 11-12th of April and that online voting will be available 3 days prior to the 11th of April.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Shaheer

For: Samer, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Kartik, Keroles, Boyang

Abstain: Ribal

Against: Jessica

Adopted

Motion CO-20170323-10

BIRT point “e.Motion to allow AVEQ to campaign for their referendum” moved one level above to d.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: Boyang

For: Samer, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Keroles, Boyang, Ribal

Abstain: Mengijao

Against: Kartik

Adopted

d. Motion to allow AVEQ to campaign for their referendum

Presentation by AVEQ members

Motion CO-20170323-11

BIRT AVEQ is allowed to campaign for their referendum.

BIFRT AVEQ provide the CRO with a campaigning document (outlines why students should be

affiliated with AVEQ).

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Keroles

For: Samer, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Jessica, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang, KArtik

Abstain:

Against:

Adopted

e. Elections committee recommendations (CRO)

Motion CO-20170323-12

BIRT move to closed session (executives remain).

Moved: Jessica

Seconded: Samer

For: Samer, Mengijao, Esmaeel, Shaheer, Jessica, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Abstain:

Against:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170323-13

BIRT Akash is selected for the CRO 2017 position.

Moved: Jessica

Seconded: Esmaeel

For: Mengijao, Esmaeel, Kartik, Jessica, Boyang

Abstain: Samer, Keroles, Ribal

Against:

Adopted

Quorum is lost – meeting adjourned @ 7:42 pm.

f. GA agenda and document (tabled)

g. TEDx Concordia Proposal (tabled)

Motion CO-20170323-xx

Whereas, TED X Concordia is a great opportunity for graduate students to be exposed to a larger stage of ideas sharing,

Whereas, GSA has a sustainability policy that requires ensuring that collaboration takes place only with sustainability conscious organizations, and also requires that volunteers are recognized in the Concordia Co-Curricular Record (CCR)

Whereas, the GSA has passed an accessibility policy encouraging events it contributes towards to be accessible,

BIRT GSA funds TED X Concordia with the requested amount of \$4000 given that TED X Concordia commits to the following:

- 1) Ensure a sustainable event (for example, having compost bins to responsibly manage food waste)
- 2) Ensure that all their Concordia volunteers are recognized in the CCR (i.e. add event to the CCR data base and provide the office of the dean of students with a list of the volunteers)
- 3) Ensure that the venue chosen is accessible to those with mobility challenges.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded:

For:

Abstain:

Adopted

h. Legal status updates (Closed Session)

i. People's potato status update

Motion CO-20170323-xx

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

j. GSA sustainability policy

k. Request for funds for JMSB student's trip to Canadian Parliament for academic purpose

l. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Event

Motion CO-20170323-xx

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

BIRT

Moved:
Seconded:
For:
Abstain:
Adopted

5. New Business

- a. Negotiations committee updates**
- b. Funding committee recommendations**
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- f. Student Life committee**

Motion CO-20170323-xx

The committee advises the council to motivate students to make a club with mental health improvement related aims, by allocating budget to such a club or make a call-out for making this club etc

BIRT

Moved:
Seconded:
For:
Abstain:
Adopted

Motion CO-20170323-xx

Approving an event "Stress-Buster Party" in the second week of April in Reggies or external club within \$2.5k budget.

BIRT

Moved:
Seconded:
For:
Abstain:
Adopted

6. Adjournment

Motion CO-20170323-xx

BIRT the meeting is adjourned.

Moved:
Seconded:
For:
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted