

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, Apr 20th, 2017

Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Venue: John Molson School of Business Building (MB 2.130)

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Chair: Jillian Vasko

Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Carlos Jabbour

Present:

Councillors: Samer El Zahab, Emma Qi Gao, Mengjiao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh Hasan Zaidi, , Mohd Azam Khan, Keroles , Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Fatina Siblini, Melissa Tamporello, Ribal Abi Raad,

Executives: Soliman A. Abu-Samra, Mahsa Khoshab, Muhammad Nasir Shafique, Rafi Mohammad Azad, Mudasser Akbar, Boyang Pan

Absent

Councillors: Rishi Bharadwas, Jessica Cabana, Ahmad Jabri, Mohammad Taufiquzzaman, Shaheer Ali, Jiaying Mo

Executives:

Final Agenda:

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 3:30 pm
2. Call to Order
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of executive reports and action plans (Closed Session)
5. Business arising from the minutes
 - a. Funding committee recommendations
 - b. MIBN proposal for Case Challenge
 - c. Extra-curricular activities funding committee member
 - d. ECSGA allocation
 - e. Policy committee updates
 - f. Negotiations committee updates (Closed session)
 - g. Legal status updates (Closed Session)
 - h. Student Life committee updates
 - i. People's potato status update
 - 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

- m. TEDx Concordia Proposal
 - n. Councilor attendance
 - o. Councilor resignation
 - p. GSA student fees referendum
 - q. Motion for setting a date for May council meeting
6. New Business
- a. Funding committee recommendations (moved to 5b)
 - b. MIBN proposal for Case Challenge (moved to 5c)
7. Adjournment

2. Call to Order

Attendance sheet verified at 3:30 pm and meeting called to order at 4:26pm.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20170420-01

BIRT "MIBN proposal for Case Challenge" moves to point 5b

Moved: Kartik

Seconded: Mohd Azam Khan

For: Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh, Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Melissa Tamporello, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170420-02

BIRT "Extra-curricular activities funding committee member" moves to point 5c

Moved: Syed

Seconded: Esmaeel

For: Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh, Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko,

Against:

Abstain: Melissa Tamporello, Ribal Abi Raad

Adopted

Motion CO-20170420-03

BIRT the Agenda is approved.

Moved: Melissa

Seconded: Ribal

For: Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Jiaying Mo, Melissa Tamporello, Keroles Riad, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

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

5. Business arising from the minutes

- a. Funding committee recommendations

Motion CO-20170420-10

BIRT approve funding meeting committee recommendations.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Melissa

For: Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, , Syed Shahrukh Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Jiaying Mo, Melissa Tamporello, Keroles Riad, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain: Charles Anyairo

Adopted

- b. MIBN proposal for Case Challenge

Motion CO-20170420-11

BIRT GSA will support MIBN with \$200 for the case competition to fund the event venue and provide media sponsorship.

Moved: Mohd

Seconded: Kartik

For: Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Fatina

Against: Ribal Abi Raad

Abstain: Melissa Tamporello
Adopted

- c. Extra-curricular activities funding committee member

Motion CO-20170420-12

BIRT Ribal and Syed to join extra-curricular activities funding committee

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Melissa

For: Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Fatina, Melissa Tamporello, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- d. ECSGA allocation

Motion CO-20170420-13

BIRT ECSGA are allocated \$11 per student with 3,660 active students, according to the updated winter student list, totally \$40,260 for this year (2016-2017). Attached their application for your further information.

(Note from Ribal: for future council teams, any department or association that sends their numbers beyond the Fall semester should be assessed according to the number of members sent at the time.)

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Esmaeel

For: Samer El Zahab, Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh Hasan Zaidi, Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Fatina Siblini, Melissa Tamporello, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- e. Policy committee updates

Motion CO-20170420-14

BIRT approve policy committee documents

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Ribal

For: Samer El Zahab, Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Syed Shahrukh Hasan Zaidi, Mohd Azam Khan, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Fatina Siblini, Melissa Tamporello, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

f. Negotiations committee updates (Closed session)

g. Legal status updates (Closed Session)

h. Student Life committee updates

Mahsa presenting.

Motion CO-20170420-17

BIRT as part of the student life committee a mental health group that will meet biweekly. Suggested budget \$2000 for entire year (\$1,000 per semester). A project proposal with details will follow at the next council meeting.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Samer

For: Samer El Zahab, Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Fatina Siblini, Melissa Tamporello, Keroles, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

i. People's potato status update

Soliman presenting. Document: Graduate Students' Association (GSA) fee levies

j. GSA sustainability policy

Keroles presenting. Committee never met, meetings should have taken place monthly with updates to council every two months.

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

Kartik withdraws motion for funding.

l. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Event

Melissa gave update.

m. TEDx Concordia Proposal

Motion CO-20170420-18

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: Melissa

For: Magdalena Ivascko, Keroles

Against: Samer, Charles Anyairo

Abstain: Emma, Mengjiao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Fatina Sibli, Melissa Tamporello, Kartik Narayanan

Not Adopted

n. Councilor attendance
Ribal retracts.

o. Councilor resignation
Ribal retracts.

p. GSA student fees referendum
Soliman presenting.

Motion CO-20170420-19

BIRT a politically correct letter is drafted by the GSA legal representative to be approved by the council for it to be shared with the student body to clarify why the referendum was not accepted by Soliman.

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Charles

For: Samer El Zahab, Emma Qi Gao, Charles Anyairo, Kartik Narayanan,

Against: Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Fatina Siblino, Melissa Tamporello, Ribal Abi Raad

Abstain: Keroles

Not Adopted

- q. Motion for setting a date for May council meeting

Carlos to send Doodle.

6. New Business

- a. MIBN proposal for Case Challenge (moved to 5b)
- b. Extra-curricular activities funding committee member (moved to 5c)

7. Adjournment

Motion CO-20170420-21

BIRT the meeting is adjourned at 7pm.

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Melissa

For: Samer El Zahab, Emma Qi Gao, Mengijao Zhao, Esmaeel Kariminezhad, Charles Anyairo, , Kartik Narayanan, Magdalena Ivascko, Fatina Siblino, Melissa Tamporello, Keroles, Ribal Abi Raad

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted