

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, July 5th, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Venue: GSA House

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Chair: Srinivas Bathini

Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Srinivas Bathini

Councillors:

Present: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Fatina Sibli, Rouzbeh Ghouhani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Anza Khan, Geoff Weissbach, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan, Maida Hadziosmanovic

Absent: Md. Ronok Hasan Rubel, Chloe Williams, Angelica Restrepo

Executives:

Present: Srinivas Bathini, Mohammad Taufiquzzaman, Deepak Reddy Erropole, Thufile Ariful Mohamed Sirajudeen

Absent: Amir Sadra Khorramizadeh

Final Agenda:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:00pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. BIRT Chair discussion be moved to 5.

Motion CO-20170705-01

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: azam

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth

Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Fatina Sibli, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani
Elizeh, Anza Khan, Geoff Weissbach, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan,
Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

4. BIRT the Agenda is approved.

Motion CO-20170705-02

Moved: Breanna

Seconded: Rouzbeh

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth
Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Fatina Sibli, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani
Elizeh, Anza Khan, Geoff Weissbach, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan,
Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

5. BIRT Chair discussion be closed session with executives

Motion CO-20170705-03

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: Rahman

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth
Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Fatina Sibli, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani
Elizeh, Anza Khan, Geoff Weissbach, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan,
Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

11. VP External appointment

Motion CO-20170705-09

BIRT Mahsa khosab be appointed as Interim VP External until Amir Sadra arrives back in Montreal, which is until August 11th, 2017

Moved: Sherif Nader Goubran

Seconded: Rouzbeh Ghouchani

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Krupa Rajani, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against: Manoj Pai, Ravneet Kaur

Abstain: Parth Chandarana, Jaskaran Singh

Adopted

12. BIRT budget discussion be open session

Motion CO-20170705-10

Moved: Sherif Nader Goubran

Seconded: Fatemeh Ahmadi

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, , Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran,, Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against:

Abstain: Md. Masiar Rahman

Adopted

13. Business arising from the minutes

a. 2017/2018 Budget Plan - Budget committee recommendations

Motion CO-20170705-11

BIRT Budget proposal be approved

Moved: Breanna

Seconded: Rahman

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, , Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, , Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- b. Discussion on department allocation policy – Policy committee recommendations

Motion CO-20170705-12

Background information: Each Student association receives 11\$ per student and an additional 2\$ per student if there is no fee levied by the association. The use of this funding is not transparent to ensure good use of GSA funds. At the annual audit a comment was made on lack of traceability of GSA funds which are given to subsidiary associations.

Money given from the GSA to a student association should preferably be used for academic event (11\$ or 13\$ / Student). Each student association requesting money from the GSA should be providing a proposed budget at the start of the year to show how the money requested will be used as well as an annual financial report at the end of the year demonstrating how the funds were used.

BIRT policy committee will review whole allocation policy and come up with the amendments to the whole

Moved: Jaskaran Singh

Seconded: Parth Chandarana

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, , Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- c. Executives be able to bring motion on table – Policy committee recommendations

Motion CO-20170705-13

BIRT that executives be able to bring motions to the table at the council of directors & that the motion must be seconded by a Director.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Not moved and seconded

d. Club committee formation

Motion CO-20170705-14

Any graduate students can form groups to use GSA services

VP Internal – chair

VP Mobilization

4 council of directors

BIRT Manoj, Rouzbeh, Ravneet form the Club committee.

Moved: Parth Chandarana

Seconded: Breanna Shanahan

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth

Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Rouzbeh Ghouhani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Maida Hadziosmanovic

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

e. A GSA Art Collection - which will be presented in a 10 minute power-point presentation with Dave Larue- a current MFA who is the SASA (fine arts association) President last year and this upcoming year

BIRT that art collection and vernissage happen in fall orientation and VP external be mandated to secure external funding for this event and collection.

Motion CO-20170705-15

Moved: Geoff Weissbach

Seconded: Jaskaran Singh

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Maida Hadziosmanovic, geoff

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- f. BIRT that meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm

Motion CO-20170705-16

Moved: Maida Hadziosmanovic

Seconded: Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh

For: Fatemeh Ahmadi, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Breanna Shanahan, Sherif Nader Goubran, Maida Hadziosmanovic, Geoff Weissbach

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- g. Director honorarium payment (**tabled for next council meeting**)

Motion CO-20170705-17

Whereas all Directors be paid the honorarium once every term (Fall -Sept to Dec, winter-Jan to May, and summer-June to Aug) instead of per meeting basis.

In the past councilors have been picking up and depositing cheques once in 4or 5 or 6 months and not after each meeting. This leads to writing many cheques instead of one, costing us money for every cheque written.

The recommendation is to write one cheque for each councilor every term i.e. one in fall, one in winter and one in summer.

BIRT one cheque will be written for each councilor every term.

Moved: Manoj

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- h. Discussion on making council meetings public (**tabled for next council meeting**)

Motion CO-20170705-18

BIRT

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- i. Adjustments to prior minutes (**tabled for next council meeting**)

Motion CO-20170705-19

BIRT

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- j. Iftar event discussion (**tabled for next council meeting**)

Motion CO-20170705-20

BIRT

Moved:

Seconded:

For:



Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

14. New Business

15. Adjournment