

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, Aug 29th, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Venue: Hall 629 (6th floor)

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Chair: Nura Jabagi

Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Srinivas & Nura

Councillors:

Present:

Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Chloe Williams, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Anza Khan, Geoff Weissbach, Fatemeh Ahmadi, Angelica Restrepo, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan

Absent: Ronok, Fatina, Maida and Breanna

Executives:

Present:

Srinivas Bathini, Mohammad Taufiquzzaman, Thufile Ariful Mohamed Sirajudeen, Mahsa Khoshab, Amir Sadra Khorramizadeh, Deepak Reddy Erropole

Absent:

Final Agenda:

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20170829-01

BIRT motion 13a moves to 9

Moved: Rouzbeh

Seconded: Parth

For : Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Jaskaran Singh, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh, Geoff Weissbach,

Fatemeh Ahmadi, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170829-02

BIRT motion 14b moves to 10.

Moved: Fatemeh

Seconded: Rouzbeh

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

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170829-03

BIRT the Agenda is approved.

Moved: Parth

Seconded: Jaskaran

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

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

3. Presentation by AIESEC (10 mins) canceled

4. Approval of executive reports and action plans (Closed Session)
 - a. President
 - b. VP Internal
 - c. VP External
 - d. VP Academic and Advocacy
 - e. VP Mobilization

5. Studentcare legal services

Motion CO-20170829-08

BIRT the legal services be added to existing dental plan for the next following year 2017-18 without any changes in the current fees

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Geoff Weissbach, Fatemeh Ahmadi, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan, Rouzbeh Ghouchani

Against:

Abstain: chloe

Adopted

6. Revised budget

Motion CO-20170829-09

BIRT tentatively approve the budget for 1 month and send back the budget to budget committee and have a roll-over of (adequate), based on historical precedent for the first 4 months of next financial year

BIFRT all events spending in the events section of the budget other than orientation be frozen until a revised budget with a rollover to the next team is approved by council.

Moved: chloe

Seconded: geoff

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Geoff Weissbach, Fatemeh Ahmadi, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan, Chloe Williams, Rouzbeh Ghouchani

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

7. Bridge loan of \$30,000 from University for a month

BIRT loan of 30k be approved for a month.

Moved: chloe

Seconded: geoff

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

Ravneet Kaur, Geoff Weissbach, Fatemeh Ahmadi, Sherif Nader Goubran, Mohd Azam Khan, Chloe Williams, Rouzbeh Ghouchani

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

8. Presentation, Discussion and Approval of revised 'Faculty & Departmental Student Association Allocation Policy

BIRT this motion be the first point in the next meeting and we should have one policy committee meeting in September discussing the allocation policy and come up with recommendations

Moved: parth

Seconded: jaskaran

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Fatemeh Ahmadi, jaskaran, sarah

Against:

Abstain: Chloe Williams, sheriff, rouzbeh

Adopted

9. Discussion on making council meetings public

"Having a journalist in GSA council meetings to connect GSA and Graduate students:

Whereas we always hear from students that GSA does not reach out properly, I think because minutes are not enough to deliver all the information, or because a lot of them do not pay much attention to our emails. By having press in the council meetings, students find out what happens in GSA, not only from minutes, but also in newspaper and online articles; so, students get more involved.

I also suggest putting the press link in all the GSA News-letters.

This would present a very efficient and free way of having extra advertisement for the GSA, our events, our decisions, and our student involvement. We want to reach out to as many students

*as possible, and through as many ways as possible, from emails to events, and even the press.
It's good publicity and they will get our name out there even more.*

We can extend an offer for student run newspapers and other influential associations on campus to participate and report on our work, so we can increase our transparency and strengthen our connection with the students."

BIRT this motion be sent to policy committee meeting and come with a concrete plan to discuss in next council meeting

Moved: geoff

Seconded: fatemeh

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Fatemeh Ahmadi, jaskaran, Chloe Williams, sheriff,

Against:

Abstain: sarah, rouzbeh

Adopted

Rouzbeh Note: it's been two months waiting for council meeting to become more transparent

10. FRS funding

BIRT GSA sends a clear email (follow-up) on behalf of graduate students to the funding office to get a clear answer to get reasons about this delay and the payment. GSA should follow up with the funding (or tuition) office to inquire on the possibility of waiving interest fees on tuition charges that are left unpaid due to not receiving FRS funding prior to tuition deadline.

Moved: fatemeh

Seconded: geoff

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Fatemeh Ahmadi, jaskaran, Chloe Williams, sheriff, sarah, rouzbeh

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

11. Directors will get paid if they stay for 80% of the council meeting

Moved: parth

Seconded: jaskaran

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Fatemeh Ahmadi, jaskaran, sarah

Against:

Abstain: Chloe Williams, sheriff, rouzbeh
Adopted

12. Forming negotiations committee (**tabled**)

13. Compost awareness presentation – Sustainability committee recommendation (tabled)

14. Business arising from the minutes (**tabled**)

a. Fall Council meeting dates

Carlos has sent a doodle out for Sept to December. Results will be announced by email over the coming weeks.

b. Student Fall trip (**tabled**)

15. New Business

None

16. Adjournment

BIRT the meeting adjourns at 9pm

Moved: parth

Seconded: chloe

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Md. Masiar Rahman, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Ravneet Kaur, Fatemeh Ahmadi, jaskaran, sarah

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted