



Graduate Students' Association
Concordia University

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GSA General Assembly

April, 7th, 2017

General Assembly Agenda

0. Plenary to explain/ask questions about agenda items

1. GA Business

1.1 Call to Order

1.2 Appointment of chair and Secretary (chair's report on procedure)

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

1.4 Election for three vacant ENCS Directors Position

1.5 Online voting method

2. Business Arising

2.1 President's Report

2.2 Financial Statement Update

2.3 By-Law Changes

3. New Business

3.1. International Tuition hikes status update

3.2. GSA Fee Levy discussion

4. Other Business

5. Adjournment



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1.1. Call to Order

Registration begins at 15:00, meeting called to order at 16:07.

1.2 Appointment of Chair and Secretary (chair's report on procedure)

1.3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20170407-01

BIRT move up the online voting motion to after the election of ENCS directors' item 1.4.

Moved: Alex O
Seconded: Jaskaran
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted

Motion CO-20170407-02

BIRT Agenda is approved.

Moved: Alex O
Seconded: Thufile
For: Majority
Against:
Abstain:
Adopted



1.4 Election for three vacant ENCS Directors Position

By vote: Ballots to be counted by the CRO and announcements to be made shortly.

1.5 Motion against online or electronic voting during the GSA 2017 elections

Motion CO-20170407-xx (tabled)

Whereas online voting has rejected by several associations and governments. (some after pilot study)

Whereas the GSA council did not do a pilot study or properly assess the disadvantages of online voting, considering the GSA specifically.

Whereas fears about privacy, security, voter fraud and malware were not addressed.

Whereas concerns regarding the secrecy and integrity of the ballot was not addressed.

Whereas serious concerns about coercion of voters was not addressed and some students may be vulnerable.

BIRT the GSA 2017 be held by secret ballot and online voting be rejected.

BIFRT that the CRO be given all the required resources to conduct the ballot.

BIFRT the CRO should provide information on how he will guarantee or guaranteed the integrity of the ballots.

Moved: Alex

Seconded: Jaskaran

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Chair tables conversation.

Pizza distributed, quorum lost, meeting adjourned.

2.1 President's Report:



2.2 Financial Statement Update:

2.3 By-Law Changes:

Motion 1

Move Article X & XII to Article XXI in the updated bylaws.

Motion 2

Remove *'having its head office in the City of Montreal, Quebec, Canada'* from Preamble.

Motion 3

Remove *'subject to the by-laws of the University.'* From Article II.

Motion 4

Merge 6 & 7 in Article V of the bylaws.

Motion 5

Replace *"One half (1/2) of the sitting Directors shall constitute quorum"* with *"One half (1/2) of sitting Directors rounded up, shall constitute quorum"* in Article V Section 8.

Motion 6

To add *'so long as those powers do not supersede or conflict with those of the GSA General Assembly, and/or Council'* this in Article V section 13.

Motion 7

Add *'Uphold and'* before Enforce in Article VI Section 1.1.

Motion 8

Remove *'Endeavour'* from Article VI section 1.3.

Motion 9

Add a new section *'Article VII – Judicial Board'* to the bylaws.

Motion 10

Remove the repetition *'of the executive Committee'* from Article IX Section 1 – 1.1.



Motion 11

Remove Article IX Section 2 – 3.14 from VP External Job duty to Article IX Section 5 under VP Academics & Advocacy Job duty.

Motion 12

Remove Article IX Section 3 – 2.4 & 2.6 from VP Internal Job duty & add *'Recruit, interview, and recommend to the Council the candidates for Graduate Student Representation on the University's academic and administrative organs.'* As a new point in Article IX Section 5 under VP Academics & Advocacy Job duty.

Motion 13

Add *'General Assembly,'* after *'not limited to'* in Article IX Section 4, 4.1.

Motion 14

Add one additional section *'Perform duties as outlined in the GSA By-Laws and Special By-Laws.'* Under Article IX Section 3, 4 & 5.

Motion 15

Motion to remove *'hire three (3) Managers'* from Article XI Section 2.

Motion 16

Add section *'2.1 Provide recommendations to council for any possible hires except temporary hires, who are contracted for less than two (2) months.'* Under Article XI Staff Positions Section 2.

Motion 17

Remove *'to hire three (3) managers'* from Article IX Section 2 after the word *'Committee'*.

Motion 18

Add *'Section 5 The collective agreement must be approved by two-thirds of the council.'* in Article IX.

Motion 19

Move Hiring Committee Composition to Article XXI Section 2 in Updated Bylaws.

Motion 20

Remove Section 4-11 from Article IX Staff Positions.



Motion 21

Move 'Article XII Budget Committee' to Article XXI Section C in the updated bylaws.

Motion 22

Remove Section 6.2 *'The INDI Independent student candidates for Council shall be elected by members of the GSA registered as independent students.'* from Article XIV Section 6.

Motion 23

Remove the line *'The council can temporarily appoint a member until the elections.'* from Article XIV Section 7.

Motion 24

Remove the line *'for a maximum of 45 days'* from Article XIV Section 9.

Motion 25

Change the Article XIV Section 12 to *'Members who have been part of the Executive, and the Council of Directors throughout the GSA term, are not eligible for the positions of C.R.O. and D.R.O.'*

Motion 26

Add *'Once a resignation has been submitted to the council, the councilor no longer counts for quorum.'* As section 2 under Article XVI.

Motion 27

Change Article XIX Section 1.3 to *'The President upon receipt of a written petition signed by at least two percent (2%) of the GSA members and clearly stating the reason for the assembly on each page of the petition.'*

3. New Business

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Motion 28

Move *'the latter of which shall consist of the one executive member Executive Committee members, and at least three (3) members of Council representing separate three out of five four faculties, and one staff member. The roles and responsibilities of the General Assembly Committee are:*

To draft an agenda for the General Assembly,

To assist the GSA executives to mobilize members to attend the General Assembly, and

To manage logistical tasks related to the running of the General assembly' from Article XIX Section 3, 3.1 to Article XXI Section H in the updated bylaws.

Motion 29

Remove Section 5, 5.3 *'A notice of meeting placed in the student newspapers.'* From Article XIX.

Motion 30

Remove *'in good standing'* from Article XIX Section 7.

Motion 31

Change Article XIX Section 10 to *'At least one (1) General Assembly per semester – excluding summer – shall be called (One GA in September, and one GA in January).'*

Motion 32

Change Article XX Section 1.3 to *'The President upon receipt of a written request signed by at least two percent (2%) of the members and clearly stating the reason for the referendum as well as the question(s) to be answered by members.'* In Article XVII Section 1.3 in updated bylaws.

Motion 33

Add *'A General Assembly by a majority vote.'* As section 1, 1.4 in Article XVII in the updated bylaws.

Motion 34

Remove Section 5 from Article XX in the current bylaws.

Motion 35

Remove *'Subject to the General By-Laws or a General Assembly veto, referenda resolutions shall be binding on the Association.'* From Article XX Section 8 in the current bylaws.

Motion 36

Merge Section 1.1.2 & 1.1.3 to 1.1.2 under Article XXI.



Motion 37

Change Article XXI Section 3 to *'Any Motion to amend the By-Laws must be adopted by a two-third (2/3) majority of the members voting at the Assembly. Any amendment to the By-Laws shall take effect once adopted by the General Assembly of members.'*

Motion 38

Change the composition of Hiring Committee to:

'The Hiring Committee shall be composed of:

- a. Two (2) relevant executive members, to be chosen by the executive committee.*
- b. Three (3) members of Council from separate faculties.*
- c. The quorum shall consist of three (3) members.*
- d. The hiring committee shall be a closed committee, and all the information discussed in its meetings is kept confidential from the public.'*

Motion 39

Change the composition of the Budget Committee to:

'The Budget Committee shall be composed of:

- The President – who will be chair.*
- The Vice-President Internal.*
- The Vice-President External.*
- One member at large as a non-voting member*
- At least four (4) current council directors representing separate faculties and appointed by Council.'*

Motion 40

Add a new section *'Article XXII - GSA Transition of Authority'* to the bylaws.

Motion 41 (Proposed by a GSA Member)

Change article XI (Staff positions) to add a new point:

"All elected or appointed officers of the GSA, executives, directors, council chair or secretary, cannot hold more than one paid position and are not eligible to apply for vacant staff positions or hold staff positions."

3.1 International Tuition Hikes Status Update:

3.2 GSA Fee Levy Discussion: