

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, May 18th, 2017

Time: 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Venue: H 459 (Hall Building)

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Chair: Jillian Vasko

Meeting Facilitator: Carlos Jabbour

Minutes Taker: Carlos Jabbour

Present:

Councillors: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Mohd, Jessica, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

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

Absent

Councillors: Ahmad, Charles, Shaheer, Kartik, Jiaying, Melissa

Executives:

Final Agenda:

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 4:00 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. Policy committee updates
 - b. Elections report
 - c. Collective agreement Negotiations updates (Closed Session)
 - d. Legal case updates (Closed Session)
 - e. TEDx Concordia
 - f. Accessibility discussion
 - g. Budget Committee updates
 - h. AG1023 Health and Dental Insurance Interest
 - i. May events
 - j. Transition of Authority summary
 - k. Thank you 🙏

6. New Business
 - a. Paying volunteers for events
 - b. End of year party discussion
7. Adjournment

2. Call to Order

Attendance sheet verified at 4:00 pm and meeting called to order at 4:30pm.

ASEQ – Presentation

Motion CO-20170518-01

BIRT the motion (CO-20150629-03) passed by the previous executive council must be implemented.

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Esmaeel

For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Jessica, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Ribal

Adopted

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20170518-02

BIRT add item under new business: “discuss paying volunteers for events.”

Moved: Rishi

Seconded: Ribal

For: Samer, Emma, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Jessica, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Mengijao

Adopted

Motion CO-20170518-03

BIRT add item under new business to talk about end of year party.

Moved: Syed

Seconded: Rishi

For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Jessica, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170518-04

BIRT the Agenda is approved.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Jessica

For: Samer, Emma, Mengijao, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Jessica, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

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

5. Business arising from the minutes

- a. Policy committee updates

Motion CO-20170518-10

BIRT council approves the new and updated "Special by-laws" handbook

BIFRT a 'tick' box be added to the departmental allocation form with the following text "Did you submit the list of co-curricular activities to the dean of students? Failure to do so, or providing misinformation regarding this, could result in loss of funding or future funding for the association"

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Keroles

For: Samer, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Mohd, Jessica, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against: Magdalena

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170518-11

BIRT a recommendation be sent from council for the next team to update the executive bursary policy, and approve the updated bylaws via online referendum.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Samer

For: Samer, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Mohd, Jessica, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

Motion CO-20170518-12

BIRT approved policy committee recommendations be appended to last council (20th April 2017) minutes. (Motion CO-20170420-14).

BIFRT last council meeting minutes approved as amended.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: Mohd

For: Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Mohd, Jessica, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

- b. Elections report
Akash (CRO) presented election report.
- c. Collective agreement Negotiations updates (Closed Session)
- d. Legal case updates (Closed Session)
- e. TEDx Concordia

Motion CO-20170518-15

BIRT table discussion for the next council meeting.

Moved: Samer

Seconded: Rishi

For: Samer, Rishi, Magdalena, Boyang

Against: Mohammed, Mohd, Keroles, Ribal

Abstain: Esmaeel, Syed, Jessica, Fatina

Tied

Motion CO-20170518-16

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.

Note from Ribal – information presented is not adequate for some council members.

Moved: Esmaeel

Seconded: Fatina

For: Esmaeel, Syed, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang, Mohd

Against: Samer

Abstain: Rishi, Mohammed, Jessica, Magdalena

Adopted

f. Accessibility discussion

Soliman presents efforts made throughout the academic year to improve accessibility for all the GSA events.

Motion CO-20170518-17

BIRT a recommendation be provided to the next team to plan a proper campaign to support accessibility and have a physical accessible office. Ask support from the university that is equal to the support given to other Concordia University student associations.

Moved: Magdalena

Seconded: Ribal

For: Samer, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohd, Jessica, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted

g. Budget Committee updates

Motion CO-20170518-18

BIRT the meeting is extended until all items are exhausted.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Jessica

For: Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohammed, Mohd, Jessica, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Samer

Adopted

Motion CO-20170518-19

BIRT the “notice to reader” for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 is performed.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Esmaeel

For: Esmaeel, Syed, Mohd, Jessica, Magdalena, Fatina, Boyang

Against: Keroles

Abstain: Samer, Rishi, Ribal

Adopted

Motion CO-20170518-20

BIRT council ratifies the exceeded amounts within the budget as recommended by the executive committee.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Keroles

For: Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohd, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Samer

Adopted

Motion CO-20170518-21

BIRT \$10K be allocated for the incoming team for the month of June to meet the day to day expenses of GSA.

Moved: Keroles

Seconded: Ribal

For: Esmaeel, Syed, Mohd, , Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain: Samer, Rishi, Jessica, Magdalena

Adopted

h. AG1023 Health and Dental Insurance Interest (tabled)

i. May events

Soliman presents.

j. Transition of Authority summary

Soliman presents.

k. Thank you 😊

6. New Business

Motion CO-20170518-22

BIRT volunteers will be paid for all events.

Moved: Rishi

Seconded: Syed

For: Rishi, Syed

Against: Samer, Esmaeel, Mohd, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal

Abstain: Boyang

Adopted

7. Adjournment

Motion CO-20170518-23

BIRT the meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm.

Moved: Ribal

Seconded: Keroles

For: Samer, Rishi, Esmaeel, Syed, Mohd, Magdalena, Fatina, Keroles, Ribal, Boyang

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted