



## **GSA Council Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 13th, 2018

**Time:** 5:30 PM to 9 PM

**Venue:** GSA House

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendance:**

**Executive:** S. Bathini, M. Taufiquizzman, A. Sadra, D. Erropole, T. Ariful

**Chair :** N. Jabagi

**Directors:** Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Fatina Siblino, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Jaskaran Singh, Fatemeh Ahmadi

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 6:00pm
2. Call to Order
3. Adoption of the Agenda

#### *Motion CO-20180413-01*

BIRT an agenda item be added 6c to discuss student life committee trip.

Moved: Angelica

Seconded: Parth

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Fatina Siblino, Rouzbeh

Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Jaskaran Singh, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes/No

#### *Motion CO-20180413-02*

BIRT an agenda item be added 6d to discuss GA.

Moved: Angelica

Seconded: Parth

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth

Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Fatina Siblino, Rouzbeh

Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Jaskaran Singh, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes/No

*Motion CO-20180413-03*

BIRT the agenda is adopted.

Moved: Krupa

Seconded: Geoff

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth

Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Fatina Siblino, Rouzbeh

Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Jaskaran Singh, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes/No

#### 4. Approval of executive reports and action plans

##### a. President

- i. Met with RBC related to the bank providing a session on financial acumen to graduate students.
- ii. Judicial Committee Meeting to advise on election rules.
- iii. Met with finance manager to explain roles and responsibilities for next 2 months.
  1. **Fatemeh requested financial report for the final Council meeting (May meeting).**
- iv. Negotiations with union, next meetings scheduled for 23/4 April.

##### b. VP Internal

- i. Room booking, IT and organization for GA.
  - ii. Attended RBC Meeting (see above).
  - iii. Attended finance manager meeting (see above).
  - iv. Attended Judicial Committee meeting (see above).
  - v. Attended faculty manager training meeting.
- c. VP External
  - i. Attended RBC Meeting (see above).
  - ii. Met with Psych PHD Dept to discuss plans about mental health initiative.
  - iii. Worked to organize student life committee trip.
  - iv. Supported other execs as needed.
- d. VP Academic and Advocacy
  - i. French classes completed for this GSA Mandate, teachers paid and had a the highest student attendance within this mandate.
  - ii. Met with students to guide them towards CSU legal clinic.
  - iii. Proposal from Alum to develop graduate soft skills: teambuilding, communications (via. Workshop)
  - iv. Alum reached out with graduate job opportunity **(Who? Company?)**.
  - v. Trained new funding manager
    - 1. Still have some applications pending.
  - vi. Recommended students towards university selection committee for faculty chair selection of faculty committees.
  - vii. Answered inquiries for conference funding.
- e. VP Mobilization
  - i. Supported running and organizing GA.
  - ii. Met with someone from QSU to help set agendas for next term.
  - iii. Supported CRO.
  - iv. Sat on evaluation committee for sr. librarian.

*Motion CO-20180413-05*

BIRT the meeting will go to closed session.

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: Angelica

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth

Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Fatina Siblino, Rouzbeh

Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Jaskaran Singh, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes/No

*Motion CO-20180413-07*

BIRT the meeting will go to open session.

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: Angelica

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth

Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Fatina Siblino, Rouzbeh

Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Jaskaran Singh, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

5. Business arising from prior meeting

a. Club policy ratification (Taufiq)

- i. How do we decide how clubs will register with GSA, how many clubs can we support? How do we deal with conflicts? Political or social disagreements.

- ii. **Can we ask dean of students if Concordia has a general policy to deal with this question? - Geoff to Email. (David Baker)**

6. New Business

- a. To change collective agreement asap (not to hire any staff till it gets updated)

- i. Discussion tabled.

BIRT the meeting will go to closed session with executives.

Motion CO-20180413-07

BIRT the meeting will go to open session.

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: Angelica

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Fatina Siblino, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Jaskaran Singh, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

- b. Student life committee trip (Amir)

- i. Proposal to send students (#X) to Cuba at approx. ~700/student where GSA would pay 50% of each student.

- 1. Q: Do we have the money / how much?

- a. A: Don't know

- i. Amir (VP External) to Verify financials and inform council and propose an amount in partnership with President and VP Internal.
          - ii. VP External to send a clear defined request with location (destination) cost per student to be funded by GSA, and number of students to be covered. This information to be provided to Council of Directors by email by Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Motion CO-20180413-08

BIRT VP External to Verify financials and inform council and propose an amount in partnership with President and VP Internal. Following this, VP External to send a clear defined request with location (destination) cost per student to be funded by GSA total student would have to pay, number of students to be covered, and finally total cost request including taxes and fees. This information to be provided to Council of Directors by email by Wednesday April 18th.

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: Fatemeh

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

c. General Assembly

- i. Did not obtain quorum, instead, had a Q&A period with executive.
- ii. We have added 3 ENCS Director candidates, this has given ENCS more than 51% of the Council, this creates the risk of a Block faculty vote.

Motion CO-20180413-07

BIRT Policy committee will draft a solution within the bylaws to ensure that no single faculty has more than 49% of the positions on the Council of Directors by Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM.

Moved: Geoff

Seconded: Fatemeh

For: Krupa Rajani, Manoj Pai, Nishant Sirdeshpande, Parth Chandarana, Angelica Restrepo, Rouzbeh Ghouchani, Geoff Weissbach, Fatemeh Ahmadi

Against:  
Abstain:  
Adopted: Yes

## 7. Online motions review

*BIRT whenever the GSA council is composed of an odd number of councilors leading to a quorum with a fractional component, the effective quorum shall be rounded down to a whole number. As an example, in the current case we have 17 councilors, with a quorum of 8.5, then the effective quorum should be rounded down to 8.*

**Motioned:** Angelica

**Seconded:** Breanna

**For:** Angelica, Breanna, Krupa, Parth, Fatina, Manoj, Fatmeh, Nishant, Sherif, Geoff, Ronok

**Against:**

**Abstain:** Everyone else

**Adopted**

*BIRT Sarah Ghorbani Elizeh (Director of Arts and Science) is dismissed from the council due to missing the November and December 2017 council meetings without valid written excuse as confirmed by the meeting facilitator. This is in accordance to Article XVII.2 of the by-laws that states, "a director may be dismissed by the council in the event of two (2) unaccounted absences from council meetings". Since council is finding it difficult to agree on meeting dates, and since Sarah has been unable to indicate availability for any of the Winter 2018 meeting dates it will be*

*easier for scheduling the rest of the meetings with one less councilor and hence a reduced quorum.*

**Motioned:** Angelica

**Seconded:** Breanna

**For:** Angelica, Breanna, Krupa, Manoj, Fatmeh, Sherif, Fatina

**Against:**

**Abstain:** Everyone else.

**Adopted**

**Note:** Comments in red throughout the minutes are actions for individual members of the council or executive as called out in each individual actions.

## 8. Adjournment