

**General Assembly October 23rd 2014 minutes  
(GA-20141023)**

**Chair:** Gretchen King  
**Secretary:** Eric Martin

**Final Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
  2. Appointment of Chair and Secretary
  3. Approval of the Agenda
  4. Elections
    1. VPs
      1. Candidate introductions (3 mins each)
      2. Vote
    2. Senators
      1. Candidate introductions (3 mins each)
      2. Vote
    3. Councillors
      1. Candidate introductions (3 mins each)
      2. Vote
  5. Recording of minority votes in council meetings
  6. Bylaw compulsory audit
  7. "Concerns about the procedures and content issues..."
  8. Approval of the past GA minutes
  9. Reports
    1. President
    2. Finances
      1. Council Honorarium
    3. Accreditation
  10. Motions
    1. Quebec Austerity
    2. Endorsing the Student Against the Pipelines (ECO)
  11. Other Business
    1. Financial Update
  12. Adjournment
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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is called to order at 17:27

## 2. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY

*Motion GA-20141023-01*

Be it resolved that the Chair and Secretary of the General Assembly of the 23rd october 2014 will be Gretchen King (Chair) and Eric Martin (Secretary)

**Moved by:** Audrey  
**Seconded by:** Harkirat  
**Adopted**

*Firas Al Hammoud notes his abstention on the vote above*

## 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

*Motion GA-20141023-02*

Be It Resolved That The following agenda be adopted for today's General Assembly:

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**Moved by:** Elise  
**Seconded by:** Houda

*Amendment 01*

To move item 7 (Elections) after item 3 (Approval of the Agenda) and to shift down the remaining Items.

**Moved by:** Mustafa  
**Seconded by:** Ousama  
**Adopted**

*Amendment 02*

To add an item regarding “recording minority votes in council meetings”, as Item 7.3, under item Motions (current: 7)

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Alex  
**Rejected**

*Amendment 03*

Tabled last GA should be going before number 4  
To Add an agenda item pertaining to a motion of bylaw change (tabled during previous GA) after item Elections (current: 4) pertaining to compulsory audits, and to shift down the remaining items.

**Moved by:** Alex  
**Seconded by:** Louis  
**Rejected**

*Amendment 04*

To add, before item Elections (current: 4) an item to discuss motions on the following: “Concerns about the procedures and content issues with respect to motions, presented at the october 9th meeting of the GSA council, Which Reprimanded The Graduate Student Governor”, and to shift down the remaining items.

**Moved by:** Firas  
**Seconded by:** Bob  
**Rejected**

*Amendment 05*

To add, after item Elections (current: 4) an item to discuss motions on the following: “Concerns about the procedures and content issues with respect to motions, presented at the october 9th meeting of the GSA council, Which Reprimanded The Graduate Student Governor”, and to shift down the remaining items.

**Moved by:** Firas  
**Seconded by:** Bob  
**Adopted**

*Amendment 06*

To Add an agenda item pertaining to a motion of bylaw change (tabled during previous GA) after item 4 (current: Elections) pertaining to compulsory audits, and to shift down the remaining items.

**Moved by:** Alex  
**Seconded by:** Bob  
**Adopted**

*Amendment 07*

To move item Accreditation (current: 8.3) before item Elections (current: 4), and to shift down the remaining items.

**Moved by:** Erik  
**Seconded by:** Isabelle  
**Rejected**

*Amendment 08*

To move item Motions (current: 9) after item Elections (current: 4), and to shift down the remaining items.

**Moved by:** Jon  
**Seconded by:** Trevor  
**Adopted**

*Amendment 09*

To add an item pertaining to the recording of minority votes in council meetings after item Elections (current: 4), and to shift down the remaining items.

**Moved by:** Keroles  
**Seconded by:** Rohit  
**Adopted**

*Amendment 10*

To move down the item 4.2 (current: Senators) after item 4.3 (current: Councillors).

**Moved by:** Isabelle  
**Seconded by:** Marilou  
**Rejected**

*Motion as amended (GA-20141023-02)*

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**Moved by:** Elise  
**Seconded by:** Houda  
**Adopted**

#### **4. ELECTIONS**

*Motions GA-20141023-03*

Be It Resolved That the votes for the elections shall be conducted by a secret ballot in session of the present General Assembly.

**Moved by:** Marilou  
**Seconded by:** Carosel  
**Rejected** (*For: 44, Against :78, Abstentions: 5*)

#### 4.1 VICE-PRESIDENCY

*Votes are to be conducted as the following: each present member is entitled to one vote by seat to be elected, for one of the multiple candidates presenting for that seat. Election is won by a simple majority of votes.*

##### ***ELECTIONS = VICE-PRESIDENCY MOBILIZATION***

Be it Resolved That the VP of Mobilization is to be **Sheikh M Danish**

##### ***ELECTIONS-VICE-PRESIDENCY ACADEMIC & ADVOCACY***

Be It Resolved That the VP of Academic & Advocacy is to be **TABLED**

*--- The votes presented a very close vote favoring for Dina Alizadeh by 58 over 57 for Trevor Smith in a first instance. However, as the scrutineers requested to have the votes recounted, but did so for Trevor Smith alone, last votes counted were 45 for him --- as people had started leaving the room since the beginning of the votes for all three candidates, people objected to have the entire votes recounted. Therefore, the General Assembly and the members still present debated the following two motions and consequently **TABLED** the above election ---*

##### *Motion GA-20141023-04*

Be It Resolved That the General Assembly contests the election for VP Academic advocacy and call for a secret ballot right now, during the present General Assembly in lieu of the previous vote.

**Moved by:** Trevor  
**Seconded by:** Isabelle  
**Rejected**

##### *Motion GA-20141023-05*

Be It Resolved That the General Assembly is to have a rerun of the election between the two top candidates for the the Vice-Presidency (**Dina Alizadeh** and **Trevor Smith**) during the next General Assembly.

**Moved by:** Alex  
**Seconded by:** Keroles  
**Adopted**

## 4.2 SENATORS

*Motion GA-20141023-06*

Be It Resolved That the elections for the Senator seats are to be conducted as secret ballots

**Moved by:** Jane  
**Seconded by:** Jon  
**Rejected**

*Motion GA-20141023-07*

Be It Resolved That the General Assembly will conduct the voting of senators by each present member voting no more than 3 times to select 3 of the 5 candidates for the 3 available senator seats.

**Moved by:** Nadia  
**Seconded by:** Claire  
**Adopted**

### ***ELECTIONS RESULTS - SENATORS***

Be It Resolved That the three Senators elected are to be :

1. **Koroch Koochekian Sabor**
2. **Marilou Andre**
3. **Kerolos Riad**

## 4.3 COUNCILLORS – *NO QUORUM*

As requested by members present, Quorum was counted and **Absence of Quorum is observed at 20:15, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014.**

The following members presented themselves for the Councillors Seats. However, due to absence of Quorum no vote could be taken and no election could be conducted:

Sean Boivin (Arts & Science)  
Ribal Abi Raad (Arts & Science)  
Elise Windsor (Fine Arts)  
Shadi Salimi Darestani (Fine Arts)  
Kerelos Riad (Indie)

## ALL OTHER ITEMS – *NO QUORUM*

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion GA-20141023-8*  
Adjournment 20:29

**Moved by:** Isabelle  
**Seconded by:** Agnes  
**Adopted**