General Assembly June 6 2012 – Minutes
MINUTES: From GSA June 6 General Assembly (important final decisions are highlighted in red)
(QUICK NOTE: If you have any questions about certain terms used in these minutes, or anything else regarding General Assemblies, please email external@gsaconcordia.ca)
Agenda
1. Appointments of chair, secretary, mood-watcher
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Legal presentation by Lawyer Patrice Blais about Bill 78
4. Motions (proposed ones here but not required)
5. Evaluation of GSA General Assemblies
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

PROCEEDINGS:
Process begins at 5:30pm, after Q&A with lawyer Patrice Blais
1. APPOINTMENTS OF CHAIR, SECRETARY, MOOD-WATCHER
1.1 Motion: Max Silverman chair the meeting, Andy Filipowich as mood-watcher and Kiley Goyette as secretary.
- Proposed by Nadia Hausfather;
- Seconded by Erik Chevrier;
- **Motion carries.**

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
2.1 Motion: Adopt the agenda with removal of point #3 "legal presentation" (since it already happened) and renumbered accordingly.
- Proposed by Nadia;
- Seconded by Erik;
- **Motion carries.**

3. MOTIONS
3.1 Procedural Motion: To enter into closed session: non-GSA members leave, social media abstained from, but contact with mood- watcher and other GSA members to encourage them to come.
- Proposed by: Nadia;
- Seconded by: Julie Tee.

3.1.1 Amendment: Remove "non-GSA members leave"
- Proposed by Jean-Sebastian;
- Seconded by: Tim;
- **Amendment carries.**

3.1 (Procedural motion now reads) To enter into closed session: social media abstained from, but contact with mood watcher and other GSA members to encourage them to come.
- Call to question by Tom McGurk:
- Seconded by Eric;
- Motion to call to question passes;
- Vote on motion 3.1: **Motion passes.**

Call for Quorum: Quorum is met.

3.2 Procedural Motion: Adopt a format of 3-in favour, 3-against for debate.
- Proposed by Jean-Sebastian;
- Seconded by Simon;
- **Procedural motion passes with 2/3 majority.**

3.3 Motion: To end the strike as per motion #1 in the package of motions:

WHEREAS Bill 78 states that the student "association take appropriate means to bring the students we represent not to contravene Articles 13 and 14," which mostly refer to blocking or slowing the right of a student to receive educational services and any type of assembly 50 meters away, which is included in our current strike mandate;

WHEREAS GSA executives fear for the future integrity of the GSA, and thus feel that they have to advise students of the limitations of this law and therefore our obligation – until the General Assembly vote – to recommend students to refrain from hard picketing, because it includes aspects that are now illegal under Bill 78;

WHEREAS most Concordia University graduate classes have taken place during the Summer semester, while most other striking departments or CEGEPs have had their summer semester cancelled, thus placing us in a particularly uncomfortable position vis-à-vis Bill 78;

WHEREAS most graduate students have either received IPs (In Progress marks) that last until the end of the summer, or have handed in their coursework for the Winter semester;

WHEREAS the GSA can continue to be members of the CLASSE even if we are no longer on strike;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA ceases to be on strike;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that from now on the GSA have general assemblies once a month until August, to be able to focus on other types of (more informal, educational) activities (about Bill 78, among others), unless there is a need for an emergency general assembly to be called.
- Proposed by Eric Lord;
- Seconded by Julie Tee;

Procedural Motion: Limit interventions to two minutes.
- Proposed by Holly;
- Seconded by Arwen;
- **This procedural motion fails by 2/3.**

Procedural motion: To allow debate on THIS question to have unlimited speaking turns.
- Proposed by Rushdia;
- Seconded by Nadia;
- **This procedural motion passes.**

3.3.1 Amendment: Add "which shall require 72 hours notice" at the end of the motion.
- Proposed by Rushdia;
- Seconded by Annelise;
- **Amendment 3.3.1 passes.**

3.3.2 Motion: Divide the two Be It Resolved clauses of Motion #1 (vote on them separately).
- Proposed by Eric;
- Seconded by Julie;
- **Motion 3.3.2 Passes by majority.**

3.3.3 Amendment: replace "GSA ceases to be on strike" with the "GSA suspends its strike".
- Proposed by Rushdia;

- Seconded by Nadia;
- Calling to Question:
- Proposed by Ricky-lee
- Seconded by Tom;
- Call to Question passes 2/3 majority
- **Amendment 3.3.3 fails.**

Call to question on 1st clause: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA ceases to be on strike.

- Proposed by Arwen;
- Seconded by ;
- **Call to question passes by 2/3 majority.**

3.3 Vote on 1st clause (BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA ceases to be on strike).

- Procedure: Ballot vote:
- Call for quorum: Attained;
- Vote results for 1st clause:
- For: 11;
- Against: 42;
- Abstain: 4;
- **Motion 3.3 fails.**

3.3 -2nd clause: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that from now on the GSA have general assemblies once a month until August, [alternating daytime and evening meetings the maximum number of participants] to be able to focus on other types of (more informal, educational) activities (about Bill 78, among others), unless there is a need for an emergency general assembly to be called which shall require 72 hours notice.

3.3.4 Amendment: To add "alternating daytime and evening meetings to facilitate the maximum number of participants"

- Proposed by Julie;
- Seconded by Ashley;
- **Amendment 3.3.4 adopted unanimously.**

Vote on Motion 3.3 – clause 2 (BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that from now on the GSA have general assemblies once a month until August, [alternating daytime and evening meetings the maximum number of participants] to be able to focus on other types of (more informal, educational) activities (about Bill 78, among others), unless there is a need for an emergency general assembly to be called which shall require 72 hours notice.)
Motion 3.3. -clause 2 adopted by majority.

Quorum is lost.
Motion to adjourn: adopted.