**GSA Council Meeting**

**CO-20230130**

**GSA Council Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, January 30th, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM to 09:30 PM

**Venue:** GSA House

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**Final Agenda:**

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 06:00 pm.
2. Call to Order

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| **Motion Number: Motion CO-20230130-01** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT Call the meeting to order |
| Moved | Navaneet |
| Seconded | Gautham |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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| **Motion Number: Motion CO-20230130-02** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT Adoption of agenda |
| Moved | Pramod |
| Seconded | Satgopan |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

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| **Motion Number: Motion CO-20230130-03** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT move to next agenda |
| Moved | Harman |
| Seconded | Kyana |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

1. Approval of the December 03rd council meeting minutes
* All council members have reviewed the December minutes and there were no comments.

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| **Motion Number: Motion - CO-20230130-04** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT approval of December minutes |
| Moved | Gifty |
| Seconded | Satgopan |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

1. Approval of executive and committee reports

Executive monthly reports:

* 1. President
	2. VP Internal
	3. VP External
	4. VP Academic and Advocacy
	5. VP Mobilization

Committee monthly reports:

* 1. Appointments committee
	2. Hiring committee
	3. Budget and funding committee
	4. Student Life Committee
* All reports were presented to the satisfaction of the council.

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| **Motion Number: Motion CO-20230130-05** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT to move to next agenda. |
| Moved | Carlos |
| Seconded | Manan |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

1. GSA Winter Career fair
* Executives met various faculties, Concordia departments and alumni for the event.
* There are multiple difficulties and challenges to execute this event especially given the scale, timelines and resource constraints for this mandate.
* To tackle the challenges and bottlenecks, council members proposed to get involved.
* Manan, Samir, Satgopan, Nirdesh, Gautham volunteered to work with the executives to realize this event.

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| **Motion Number: Motion CO-20230130-06** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT move to the next agenda |
| Moved | Sridharan |
| Seconded | Nirdesh |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

1. Anti-Poverty Initiative
* After stipend/fellowship reductions, PhD students have been struggling financially.
* Some talks and discussions are ongoing to increase the stipends, however they have been quite slow. Hence, a request was made to GSA to assist and resolve this situation given the urgency of this matter.
* Carlos proposed to initiate a survey to understand the ground reality of PhD Students. This survey will help quantify the problem and set a strong background to discuss this issue with University.

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| **Motion Number: Motion CO-20230130-07** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT move to the next agenda |
| Moved | Sujit |
| Seconded | Aravind |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

1. Listing the Certification Exams
* Requested Fine Arts to provide a more comprehensive tentative list of exams or professional courses. With respect to Fine Arts, the major challenge is the diversity of courses and budget range of such courses.
* The subsidy would be tentatively rolled out by February.
1. Business arising from the minutes
	* Affordable Plants for students – Discuss best season, obtain some estimate contracts.
	* Contract with car rentals for Concordia Students (like McGill-CommunoAuto and UQAM-Enterprise).
	* Discount for students to buy Laptops
	* Ski Event – discuss budget and quotes.
	* Update on Anti-Poverty Initiative.
2. New Business
* Involvement of GSA in Black History Event.

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| **Motion Number: Motion CO-20230130-08** |
| **Motion Agenda:** | BIRT adjourn the Council Meeting |
| Moved | Sridharan |
| Seconded | Arvind |
| For | Unanimous |
| Against | None |
| Adopted | Yes |

1. Adjournment