



GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, Feb 19th, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Venue: MB14.250

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Agenda:

1. Attendance sheet verification at 5:55pm.
2. Call to order

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-01	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to call meeting to order
Moved	Parth
Seconded	Wade
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-02	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to adopt the agenda
Moved	Prateek
Seconded	Carlos
For	Unanimous
Against	None

Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

4. Approval of the January 29th council meeting minutes

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-03	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to approve January 29th meeting minutes
Moved	Sindoora
Seconded	Nilesh
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

5. Council discussion about winter funding

- a. Parth suggested if we allocate so less budget and we receive more applications should we consider a different strategy
- b. Carlos added instead of providing very low funding for each application we should have a strategy where we should stop accepting applications after a certain amount is claimed.

6. Approval of the Committee Monthly Reports

- a. Budget and Funding Committee
 - i. ICOP (JMSB) case competition - budget approved 465 CAD
 - ii. Innovate Montreal (IRANSA) - budget approved 452.72 CAD
 - iii. CREATE conference funding - budget approved 1000 CAD
 - iv. Ice hotel trip budget (rediscussed)

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-04	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to approved the Q1 Budget and Funding Committee Meeting minutes
Moved	Nilesh

Seconded	Carlos
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

b. Hiring Committee

- i. The hiring decision was made to proceed with the 2nd candidate from the list of interviewed candidates, who confirmed their availability for the position.
- ii. Selected Yeswanth, GINA CODY School, Construction Engineering and Management

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-05	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move approved the QI Hiring Committee Meeting minutes
Moved	Melisa
Seconded	Nilesh
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

c. Student Life Committee

- i. Ice hotel trip planning
- ii. Discussion on ticket pricing and itinerary

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-06	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move approved the QI Student Life Committee Meeting minutes
Moved	Parth

Seconded	Sanaz
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

7. Approval of the Executive Monthly Reports (EMRs)

a. President

- i. Financial services with DOS
- ii. Tax clinic discussions with JMGSA
- iii. Student health care support on student issues
- iv. Meeting with the legal advisor regarding upcoming elections and referendum

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-07	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to approve President EMR
Moved	Harsha
Seconded	Jyothi Basu
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

b. VP Internal (Presented by Raghul)

- i. Budget and funding committee meeting and discussions
- ii. French classes budget allotment
- iii. Q1 and Q2 pending tasks
- iv. Winter funding discussions

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-08	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to approve VP Internal EMR
Moved	Shyam

Seconded	Roshan
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

c. VP External

- i. Explore orientation tabling event management
- ii. Hertz car rental service management discussions
- iii. Ice hotel tri arrangements
- iv. Jackets for the council members

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219- 09	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to approve VP External EMR
Moved	Tuly
Seconded	Fairuz
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

d. VP Academic and Advocacy

- i. Senate meeting
- ii. French classes arrangements
- iii. Advocacy meetings
- iv. ACTL discussions
- v. Steering committee meeting

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-10	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to approve VP Academic and Advocacy EMR
Moved	Hrushith

Seconded	Jyothi basu
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

e. VP Mobilization

- i. Ice hotel trip arrangements
- ii. Management with communications manager
- iii. Newsletter updates
- iv. Executive meetings

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-11	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to approve VP Mobilization EMR
Moved	Nilesh
Seconded	Maheshvaran
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes

8. New Business

a. Elections

- i. From the consultation of legal advisor the nominations for elections 2024-25 should take place between march 25th to april 2nd
- ii. A general communication will be sent to all the students explaining the nomination process and elections information
- iii. Hiring committee has decided to continue with the same CRO DRO we had for by-elections for the upcoming elections as well
- iv. Elections voting will be kept open for 2 days and CRO DRO are already starting to plan a strategy around it
- v. The council hopes to have involvement from fine arts for the upcoming mandate.

- b. Career Workshop
 - i. VP mobilization is working alongside the faculty and funding manager to connect with the industry and bring them onboard for giving valuable insights to the students so they can have their best foot forward into their career
 - ii. Nilesh asked if we are focusing only on engineering industry
 - iii. Rutu replied the current scenario suggests so, but the insights will be general and not focused on specific domain also not to mention engineering industry do hire talent from outside of engineering community
 - iv. Rutu will be forwarding sample emails and requests the council to extend it to their contacts to have great participation in terms of industry
- c. General Assembly
 - i. Executives are planning to push the general assembly after the elections
 - ii. General assembly is expected to occur in the duration between may 1 to may 7
 - iii. The general assembly committee should start working on it.
 - iv. We wish to have the general assembly to take place in hybrid format
- d. Collaborate with Shift Concordia
 - i. The team is planning to have an event in collaboration with SHIFT concordia
 - ii. Discussions have been started
 - iii. Executives will present it soon
- e. Performance bonus for directors
 - i. Parth suggested in the council there are directors who are honestly working hard and efficiently for the betterment of students on the contrary there are directors who are not seen actively participating in GSA
 - ii. There should be a recognition bonus for the directors who are working hard.
 - iii. Rutu mentioned that this discussion has already been started within the executives and we should look forward to recognizing good work.

Motion Number: Motion CO-20240219-12	
Motion Agenda:	BIRT move to adjourn
Moved	Nilesh
Seconded	Sanaz
For	Unanimous

Against	None
Abstained	None
Adopted	Yes