



## GSA Council Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Monday, August 21st, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Venue:** MB14.250

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### Final Agenda:

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 06:15 pm.
2. Call to Order

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-01</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to call meeting to order
Moved	Parth
Seconded	Sadath

3. Adoption of the Agenda

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-02</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to adopt the agenda
Moved	Sadath
Seconded	Shaynaz
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

4. Enuf Canada Presentation

- Hyperconsumption is a problem, lack of awareness about what people can do to change things.
- Provide services for habit-changing and environmentally-friendly actions.
- Impact since they began: 200% more composting, diverting organic waste from landfill to composting. Last few years have seen a change for the better in waste management.
- Waste reduction crucial to sustainability efforts. Canada makes the most waste per capita than any other country in the world.

5. Approval of the July 12th council meeting minutes

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-03</b>	
<b>Motion</b>	BIRT move to approve the July 12th council meeting
<b>Agenda:</b>	minutes
Moved	Sadath
Seconded	Nilesh
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

6. Approval of Committee Monthly Reports

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-04</b>	
<b>Motion</b>	BIRT move to approve Healthcare Committee report
<b>Agenda:</b>	
Moved	Carlos
Seconded	Sandoora
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-05</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve Appointment Committee report
Moved	Sadath
Seconded	Negarsadath
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-06</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve Budget and Funding Committee report
Moved	Wade
Seconded	Parth
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-07</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve Handbook Committee report
Moved	Sandoora
Seconded	Sadath
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-08</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve Student Life Committee report
Moved	Sadath
Seconded	Nelish
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

- Policy Committee will be presenting final document in next council meeting.
- Policy Committee did not receive any documents from last year to understand discussion and general assembly.
- Documents will be shared with Policy Committee and drafting on final document will be approved.
- Skill Up Bursary – \$12,000 CAD allocated for certification exams for one academic year. Reimbursements will take place at the end of the Fall, Winter, and Summer semesters.
- Certification reimbursements recommended specifically for students taking exams in the present and into the future. Justification is that its not fair to reimburse students who have already taken the exams in the past.

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-09</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve Policy Committee report and Certification Policy
Moved	Sadath
Seconded	Nelish
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

7. Approval of Executive Monthly Reports

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-10</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve President EMR
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

- Full Bursary approved for President

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-11</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve VP Internal EMR
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

- Full Bursary approved for VP Internal

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-12</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve VP External EMR
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

- Full Bursary approved for VP External

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-13</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to approve VP Academic Advocacy EMR

For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

- Full Bursary approved for VP Academic Advocacy

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-14</b>	
<b>Motion</b>	BIRT move to approve VP Mobilization EMR
<b>Agenda:</b>	
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

- Full Bursary approved for VP Mobilization

8. NDA form signature

- General NDA meant to protect information discussed in the meeting.
- Concerns about NDA not allowing directors to communicate with students on topics of concern that arise in the GSA meeting.
- NDA explained to apply only to information not yet approved by the council.
- Questions raised about what will and what won't be a breach of the NDA.
- Request for Amendment of the NDA. Clearer description of the definition of Confidential Information requested.

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-15</b>	
<b>Motion</b>	BIRT move to add the NDA to the next council meeting
<b>Agenda:</b>	agenda.
Moved	Carlos
Seconded	Wade
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-16</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to break for recess
Moved	Carlos
Seconded	Wade
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-17</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to reconvene the meeting
Moved	Wade
Seconded	Nilesh
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

9. Review of recent event with CAPS

- LinkedIn workshop and photoshoot had good student turnout, successful event.
- Resume Writing was for graduating students and teachers.
- Photoshoot had 88 registrations, good cameraman and good feedback from students.
- LinkedIn workshop also a success, positive outcome of the event.
- Photoshoot was a GSA investment, LinkedIn workshop was a CAPS investment.
- Feedback list pitched for seeing how our events impact students – see how many of them have received employment since the events.

10. Previous mandate (Q3 and Q4) expense report and annual report

11. Frosh Event Details

- a. Events and planning
  - i. Orientation on Aug. 31st, Loyola
    - Scavenger hunt

- Advocacy table
    - Health care table
  - ii. Orientation on Sept. 1st, SGW
    - Advocacy table
  - iii. Loyola Picnic on Sept. 12th, Loyola
    - Pizza
    - Soft drinks and hard drinks
    - Movie screening
  - iv. Zap Arena on Sept. 22nd, 2pm–8pm
    - Laser tag
  - v. Walk-a-thon, month of September
    - Prizes distributed every 10 days
  - vi. Fuel Fest (Sports event), month of September
    - Badminton (Sept. 25th–30th)
  - vii. Buddy Program, month of September
    - New Students connecting with Old Students
- b. Distribution of t-shirts for GSA team
  - i. Volunteering for GSA events will be rewarded with a t-shirt
  - ii. Hoodies in the agenda for the colder months
- c. Sponsorship
  - i. Sponsorship package using amount approved by Student Life Committee
  - ii. Money we're getting is for publicizing companies during the GSA event. Space for publicizing is in the handbook and is limited space.
  - iii. The tradeoff for sponsoring company in handbook is an amount of money that would benefit the student body.

## 12. Executive pay raise request

## 13. General Director, General Assembly and Healthcare Committee

- Various volunteer positions have opened up. Offered to GSA representatives.
- General Assembly – position accepted by Meena and Sadath
- Healthcare Committee – Niles, Meena, Shraman and Sadath

## 14. Student Wellness

- Students experiencing issues beyond university, not many resources available.
- Proposal for protocols where GSA can advise or direct students who deal with harassment, abuse, prejudice, etc. outside of the university.
- Carlos – Believe the GSA can support students in a public way, help students reach proper institution or means to receive assistance in a time of need.
- Propose the Policy Committee sit down and take some time to see what this would look like.
- Establishing protocols that are accessible to students.
- Carlos – Belief that GSA is an important institution that can put its weight behind students.
- Raghulkanna – Student Wellness is already addressing these issues and supporting students this way.
- GSA agreed to engage in discussion on this at a later date.



15. New Business

- Grad student writing groups
  - Carlos – Booking rooms requires being a part of a student group, and no student can be part of more than one association.
  - Trying to figure out how student writing groups can be formed without having to go through alternate methods.
  - GSA provides service to book room on behalf of you. Request must be made through the GSA.
  - Room booking forms must be filled out beforehand. Rooms must be left exactly as they were found upon the start of the booking.
- International health insurance
  - No update so far – Arbaaz meeting with Concordia Tuesday, Aug. 22 to discuss pricing.
  - New students will be paying a larger amount for international health insurance.
  - Dental plan could be external, health plan comes straight from Concordia.
  - You must pay health insurance through Concordia, and if you get your own insurance, you must still pay Concordia’s health insurance as well.
- TRAC upcoming meeting
  - Holding a GA on Tuesday, Aug. 22nd, seems like they’re trying to elect an executive branch.
  - Wade – Suggests GSA taking the position to encourage the courts to resolve the issue between TRAC and CREW before starting the negotiation process.
  - Arbaaz – GSA has said they will remain neutral until a resolution has come about. They will respect and follow whatever union is victorious.
  - Carlos – TRAC has failed to submit the previous Collective Agreement for the last two. Battle has once again become an instance of gathering votes from students. CREW is now in a position to prove themselves as a union that can better support TAs and RAs.
  - TRAC still represents TAs and RAs even if they pledge to vote for CREW.
- Promotions and extra services from university
  - Sanaz – Suggests GSA getting discounts for students on services like renting cars, bikes, housing.
  - Arbaaz – BIXI was not responding properly to the GSA’s approaches about discounts, but will try again.
- Try to recruit Fine Arts Director for GSA
- Communicating with businesses about social media collaborations and discounts

<b>Motion Number: Motion CO-20230821-18</b>	
<b>Motion Agenda:</b>	BIRT move to adjourn meeting
Moved	Carlos

Seconded	Wade
For	Unanimous
Against	None
Adopted	Yes

16. Adjournment