

Council Meeting December 13th 2013 minutes
(CO-20131213)

Meeting Facilitator: Gretchen King

Minutes Taker: David Clos-Sasseville

Final Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of GA Agenda
4. Motion to clarify election process at the GA
5. Revisions of Funding Policy
6. GSA Committee Appointments
 - 6.1 Nomination of graduate student representatives to the appraisal process
7. Winter Semester Meeting Schedule and possible follow-up meeting to GA
8. Council Business
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 - 8.2 Budget Training
9. Approval of Minutes
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 - 10.1 Follow-up point about CJLO
 - 10.2 GSA Swag
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 - 12.2 VP Internal
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 - 12.4 Finance Manager
 - 12.5 Advocacy Manager
 - 12.6 Service Manager

12.7 Campaigns/Departments Advocate

12.8 Other Reports

- a. Best Practices Report 2012-
- b. Report from the Council of the School of Grad Studies
- c. Tabled reports
- d. Board of Governors Report

13. Other Business

14. Adjournment

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The meetings open at at 10:10

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20140124-01

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Moved by: Audrey

Seconded by: Firas

Amendment - 01

Be It Resolved That the agenda be amended to do GA related items and items requiring quorum first:

3. GA agenda,

4. Elections,

5. Funding policy,

6. Meeting schedule,

7. Appointments

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Carla
Approved

Motion as amended (CO-20140124-01)

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Seconded by: Firas
Approved

3. Approval of GA Agenda

Motion CO-20140124-02

Be It Resolved That

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Appointment of Chair, Secretary, and Mood Watcher
4. Approval of the Minutes (April 30 & November 8)
5. Business Arising
 - a. Council Honorariums (submitted by Council)
 - b. Ratification of Referendum result on Advocacy fee
 - c. Motion to amend GSA Bylaws Article VIII.2 and Articles IX.4 and IX.5
 - d. Elections (2 Executives; 2 Arts & Science, 1 Fine Arts, and 1 JMSB Council Directors; plus 1 Senator)
 - e. Motion to amend GSA Bylaws Articles V, XII and XIII (submitted by members' petition)
 - f. Motion to amend GSA Bylaws Article XIX (submitted by Council)
 - g. Motion concerning university revoking support for student journals (Kristoffer Archibald)
 - h. Report to GA from President
6. New Business
 - a. Motion regarding GSA stance on Charter of Values
 - b. Funds and subsidies report

7. Other Business

Amendment - 01

Be It Resolved That the Item “a. Council Honorariums (submitted by Council)” and “b. Ratification of Referendum result on Advocacy fee” be moved after after “d”.

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Carla
Adopted

Amendment - 02

Be It Resolved That the Item “h. Report to GA from President” be moved ahead of the other items under Item 5.

Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Audrey
Adopted

Motion as amended (CO-20140124-02)

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Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Audrey
Adopted

Notes:

A stern reminder for the President to put his report on the website ASAP.

A stern reminder for councillors to help the mobilization for the January 30th General Assembly.

Motion CO-20140124-03

Be It Resolved that GSA no longer provides conference funding for individuals.

Be It Further Resolved that Holly presents the motion at the January 30th GA and write down whereas to explain the motion.

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Audrey
Adopted

4. Motion to clarify election process at the GA

Motion CO-20140124-04

Be it Resolved That Council recommend to the General Assembly that as Directors' primary responsibility is to represent their constituents while the Executive Team works for the GSA as a whole, no member shall be able to hold a Director position and an Executive position at the same time.

Be it Further Resolved That this matter be considered by the next General Assembly and if approved be added to the appropriate section of the GSA By-laws. (Suggested Placement - Section V - Council of Directors or Article VII - Executive)

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Geneviève

Amendment - 01

Be It Resolved That the motion be amended to add “GSA” in front of “Executive position”.

Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Firas
Adopted

Amendment - 02

Be It Resolved That the motion be amended to add “voting” in front of “Director position”

Moved by: Poya
Seconded by: Holly
Adopted

Motion as amended (CO-20140124-04)

Be it Resolved That Council recommend to the General Assembly that as Directors' primary responsibility is to represent their constituents while the Executive Team works for the GSA as a whole, no member shall be able to hold a voting Director position and a GSA Executive position at the same time.

Be it Further Resolved That this matter be considered by the next General Assembly and if approved be added to the appropriate section of the GSA By-laws. (Suggested Placement - Section V - Council of Directors or Article VII - Executive)

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Geneviève
Adopted

Motion CO-20140124-05

Be It Resolved That the following changes be applied to the by-laws:
Add to Article VIII: “No executive shall sit as a voting member on the council of directors.”

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Robert
Adopted by a 2/3 majority

5. Revisions of Funding Policy

Motion CO-20140124-06

Be It Resolved That Academic project funding be open to groups. The following changes will be applied to those articles:

Article 2.2.1, Replace the first paragraph by:

To be eligible a group must meet the following criteria:

- a. The representatives of the group must be members of the GSA.
- b. The group did not receive funding from GSA in the current academic year.

Article 2.3, Add:

- a. The group or the Departmental or Faculty Student Association is duly registered with the GSA
The listing will be adjusted accordingly

Moved by: Audrey

Seconded by: Firas

Adopted

Motion CO-20140124-06

Be It Resolved That the ratification of funding allocation by council must be done at the first Council meeting after the evaluation time of applications (4 weeks after the deadline of submission). The following changes should be applied to those articles:

Article 2.8 add as the last paragraph:

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Article 3.8 add as the last paragraph:

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Moved by: Geneviève

Seconded by: Poya

Adopted

Motion CO-20140124-07

Be It Resolved That the Funding policy be re-approved as revised and amended.

Moved by: Firas
Seconded by: Trevor
Adopted

6. GSA Committee Appointments

Motion CO-20140124-08

Be It Resolved That the council appoint Lex Gill as Graduate Student Representative on the Community Engagement Committee.

Moved by: Carla
Seconded by: Trevor
Adopted

Motion CO-20140124-09

Be It Resolved That the Council call for the GSA appointment Committee to meet and discuss new applicant and open positions, before next council meeting

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Monique
Adopted

Motion CO-20140124-10

Be It Resolved That Council meeting schedule rotates as follows 3rd Monday 5-8pm and 3rd Fridays 10am-1pm.

Be It Further Resolved the next monthly meeting be on February 17th from 5 to 8pm.

Moved by: Vivek
Seconded by: Carla
Adopted

7. Winter Semester Meeting Schedule and possible follow-up meeting to GA

Motion CO-20140124-11

Be It Resolved That a meeting of the council shall be called for Friday the 7th of February, from 10am to 1pm.

Moved by: Vivek
Seconded by: Carla

Noted Abstentions: Vivek
Adopted

[Note from Minute Taker: A motion Concerning the absolution of producing report for Staff and exec as been taken at the end of the meeting, see motion *Motion CO-20140124-16*]

8. Council Business

8.1 Chair Report & Circulation of Attendance Sheet

8.2 Budget Training

9. Approval of Minutes

Motion CO-20140124-12

Be It Resolved that the Minutes from December 13th 2013 be adopted

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Trevor

Amendment - 01

Add the word "Chair" to motion CO-20131213-05

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Trevor
The amendment disposes of the main motion
Approved

Motion as amended (CO-20140124-12)

Be It Resolved that the Minutes from December 13th 2013 be adopted with the following revision:

Add the word "Chair" to motion CO-20131213-05

Moved by: Audrey
Seconded by: Trevor
Adopted

10. Business Arising from the Minutes

10.1 Follow-up point about CJLO

The Item is tabled until the President is present.

10.2 GSA Swag

Motion CO-20140124-13

Be It Resolved That the Council to approve funding of four thousand dollars (4000\$) to buy products.

Moved by: Poya
Seconded by: Robert
Adopted

Notes: Council notes that there is 1000\$ in promotion of GSA budget line.

Amendment - 01

Be It Resolved That the amount be reduced to 3000\$.

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Trevor
Adopted

Amendment - 02

Be It Further Resolved That Vignesh be mandated to do this work.

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Firas
Adopted

Motion as amended (CO-20140124-13)

Be It Resolved That the Council to approve funding of three thousand dollars (3000\$) to buy products.

Be It Further Resolved That Vignesh be mandated to do this work.

Moved by: Poya
Seconded by: Robert
Opposition noted: Audrey
Adopted

Note: This should be a responsible and Eco-friendly purchase.

11. Motions

Motion CO-20140124-14

Be It Resolved That GSA Condemns the current practices of the exam office in their disrespectful treatment of the invigilators.

Be It Further Resolved That Vignesh be mandated to communicate with the exam office on the creation of a code of conduct selection criteria and prioritizing students for invigilation appointment.

Moved by: Vivek

Seconded by: Ruppom

Amendment - 01

Be It Rolved That the first paragraph be changed for: "GSA is concerned with the current labor practice of the exam office in case of disrespectful treatment of the invigilators."

Moved by: Trevor

Seconded by: Poya

Sub amendment - 01

Remove: "in case of disrespectful treatment of the invigilators." and replace by "and GSA calls for improved working conditions for and treatment of invigilators."

Moved by: Firas

Seconded by: Trevor

Fails

Sub amendment - 02

To add "GSA calls for improved working conditions for and treatment of invigilators."

Moved by: Vivek

Seconded by: Holly

Adopted

Amendment - 01 as sub amended

GSA is concerned with the current labor practice of the exam office in case of disrespectful treatment of the invigilators.

GSA calls for improved working conditions for and treatment of invigilators.

Moved by: Trevor
Seconded by: Poya
Opposition noted: Audrey
Adopted

Amendment - 02

Be It Resolved that the following be added to the main motion:

Be It Further Resolved That Vignesh be mandated to communicate with the exam office on the creation of a code of conduct selection criteria and prioritizing students for invigilation appointment.

Be It Further Resolved That If Vignesh doesn't receive a satisfactory response by march Council he is authorized to begin researching an option for forming a union for invigilators.

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Trevor
Adopted

Motion as amended (CO-20140124-14)

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GSA calls for improved working conditions for and treatment of invigilators.

Be It Further Resolved That Vignesh be mandated to communicate with the exam office on the creation of a code of conduct selection criteria and prioritizing students for invigilation appointment.

Moved by: Vivek
Seconded by: Ruppom
Noted Abstention: Firas
Adopted

12. Reports

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Note: Vignesh raises concerns about the lack of involvements of councillors in committees and mobilizations activities.

A discussion on possible by-law amendment related to councillor's role and responsibilities will be held next meeting February 7th. Carla will prepare something to address the issue.

Motion CO-20140124-15

Be It Resolved That members representing GSA or Graduate students in different university committees or positions should either have monthly meetings together or meet during the council to discuss how collectively they can utilize the graduate representation in different university positions or committees. The three senators who are not the president of GSA should rotate this responsibility.

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Carla
Approved

Motion CO-20140124-16

Be It Resolved That the staff and exec be absolved of making reports to Feb 7th meeting.

Moved by: Holly
Seconded by: Trevor
Approved

Quorum lost at 1:20pm, The meeting is adjourned