



Minutes

GSA Regular Council Meeting

6 November 2012

GSA Lounge, 2030 Mackay, Montreal

Attendance

Chair: Gretchen King

Voting Directors: Annelise Grube-Cavers (Arts and Science), Audrey Dahl (Arts and Science), Simon Vickers (Arts and Science), Poya Saffari (Arts and Science), Erik Chevrier (Independent Studies), Kavian Abhari (ENCS), Hasanain Al-rubaye (ENCS), Ahmed Atia (ENCS), Tareq Shawan (ENCS), Syed Abis Hassan Zaidi (ENCS), Gul Perrez (ENCS), Zouhair Briqech (ENCS), Mahmood Salehi (JMSB), Tara Walker (JMSB), Nirajan Bhakare (JMSB)

Non-Voting Directors: Daria Saryan (President), Roya Azarm (Vice-President Internal), Nadia Hausfather (Vice-President External)

Observers: Golam M M Aurup (Secretary), Roddy Doucet (Advocacy and Finance Manager)

Absent: Katherine Rossy (Arts and Science), Faisal Al-Saqqar (ENCS), Rachel Banton (JMSB), Patrick Leonard (Fine Arts)

Documents

CD-121106-01 Agenda

CD-121106-02 Report of President

CD-121106-03 Report of VP internal

CD-121106-04 Report of VP external

CD-121106-05 Report of Advocacy/Finance Manager

CD-121106-06 GSA Budget 2012

CD-121106-07 September Council Meeting- Visioning Minute

CD-121106-08 ASEQ Change of Coverage Report

CD-121106-09 Campaigns Budget

CD- 121106-10 Council Chair Job Description

CD 121106-11 New GSA Positions-job descriptions



1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Upon duly moved and seconded, agenda was approved by council.

3. Council Business

3.1 Chair

Gretchen King was appointed chair for the meeting.

3.2 Secretary

Golam M. M. Aurup was appointed secretary for the meeting

4. Approval of Minutes

Upon duly moved and seconded, minutes for the visioning council meeting on September 25th was approved by Council. See document CD-121106-07 for details.

5. Visioning Continued

5.1 Presentation:

Tabled

5.2 Priorities

a. Departmental Association Bylaws and Funding:

Simon informed that the campaigns committee feels that departmental associations should have regular elections, appropriate by-laws, and general assemblies. He informed that the by-laws committee reviewed all available by-laws and judged on a 5 criteria scale. He proposed that funding for associations be linked with approval of by-laws by GSA.

Erik mentioned that cost of holding elections is a concern for small associations and lack of interested students to run for associations.

Roya mentioned that as the associations are registered (and it is mandatory to have by-laws to get registered), there is no way to say the associations failed to provide with by-laws.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA strikes a committee to form policies for funding and review by-law criteria and election procedures of departmental associations. Moved by Simon and seconded by Tara, the motion was passed in a vote. 1 abstained in vote.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA appoints Simon Vickers to be chair for this committee. Seconded by Tareq, the motion was unanimously passed.

b. Advocacy Services:



Nadia mentioned that Advocacy fee levy should be a priority. Niranjana mentioned housing problem of new international students as they do not have access to Housing and Job bank run by the CSU.

c. Reaching Out to Students:

Gul mentioned that reaching out to students is a priority. It was discussed that GSA should try to reach students with activity through clubs, presence in social media, class presentation, and academic experience sharing.

5.3 Next Steps

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA figures out a way to make the priorities into work plans. Moved by Poya and seconded by Annelise, The motion was unanimously passed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA strikes a 'Strategic Planning Committee' to synthesize visioning and make work plans for executives and managers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Annelise and Simon be co-chairs for the committee. Moved by Tara and seconded by Tareq, both the motions were passed unanimously.

6. Reports

6.1 President

Daria was requested to include details of Dean of ENCS into her report. See document 'CD-121106-02 Report of President' for details

6.2 VP External

See document 'CD-121106-04 Report of VP external' for details.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA provides department associations with member lists. Moved by Nadia and seconded by Annelise, it was passed unanimously.

Council members expressed concerns regarding sharing of mail address and phone numbers. An amendment to the above motion was proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA provides only name and email address of students to respective departmental associations. Moved by Annelise and seconded by Mahmood, the motion passed unanimously.

In a discussion regarding tuition hikes, Erik expressed concerns that international tuition fee might see another hike.



6.3 VP Internal

See document 'CD-121106-03 Report of VP internal' for details.

6.4 Finance/Advocacy Manager

See document 'CD-121106-05 Report of Advocacy/Finance Manager' and 'CD-121106-06 GSA Budget 2012' for details.

In response to Tareq's questions, Roddy informed that the budget is flexible and would be able to accommodate suggestions coming from strategic planning committee. He also mentioned that de-federation from CFS and deposition of collected fund to a trust was approved by a General Assembly. It was also mentioned that historically GSA budget do not keep a lot of money for summer operation. Also, he mentioned that last fiscal year was very unique in a lot of ways which contributed to the figures in the budget.

In response to a question from Zouhair regarding legal expenses so far on the CFS case, Roddy mentioned that he would provide council with the data in the next meeting.

In response to Gul's suggestions regarding a smaller election budget, Roddy informed that the 2012 election budget would be presented in the next council meeting.

In response to request by Erik to review allocation for council meetings, Council decided to discuss the issue in the next meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA Council approves GSA Budget as presented as a 'living document'. Moved by Daria and seconded by Annelise, it was passed in a vote. Tareq voted against the motion, Simon abstained.

7. GSA Committee Appointments

7.1 Campaigns Committee:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council appoints Alex and Min members of the GSA Campaigns Committee. Moved by Simon and seconded by Tareq, it was passed unanimously.

7.2 Student Life Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA appoints Jim member of the GSA Student Life Committee. Moved by Poya and seconded by Annelise, it was passed unanimously.

7.3 Bylaw Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA strikes by-law committee with Daria as Chahir and Erik as a member. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE THAT the Committee would decide on



the number of members as deemed necessary. Moved by Poya and seconded by Annelise, both the motions were passed unanimously.

7.4 Conflict Resolution/Ethics Committee

Tabled

8. University Governing Body Nominations

All sub articles under 8 are Tabled.

8.1 CCSL Special Projects Committee

8.2 CCSL Awards Committee

8.3 Academic Information Technology (for A&S students only)

8.4 Arts and Science Dean Evaluation Committee (for A&S students only)

9. Motion to approve GSA permanent chairperson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gretchen King is appointed permanent Chair for GSA council 2012-13. Moved by Tareq and seconded by Ahmed, it was unanimously passed.

10. Scheduling of next Council meeting(s)

Tabled

11. Other Business

Tabled

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.