

GSA Council Meeting

Attending – Mah, Erik, Altayeb, Faisal, Sussan, Shikui, Manu, PeiPei, Roddy, Nadia, Svetla

Pre-meeting

Faisal asks to discuss TRAC concerns

Erik asks to discuss Media Co-op funding

Move to approve agenda Peipei – Shikui second

Approval unanimous

1. Approval of December 9 meeting minutes

- a. Altayeb has concerns in regards to minutes, specifically council's decision to issue requests.
- b. Altayeb states that executives were either honorarium positions or paid positions – he believes they are semi-voluntary
- c. Erik explains that the positions were validated last year as paid positions as the workload far surpasses the norm for a volunteer position. This was based on a 15\$ per hour rate and the executive far surpasses this amount of hours.
- d. Roddy – there is an obvious communication problem
- e. Mah states that executive are employees – council approves the amount annually
- f. Altayeb – I would do this job voluntarily, and at the executive meeting nobody mentioned any delays to me or concerns. This makes me feel that there is an injustice and I am not sure where I stand with everybody. This is not fair.
- g. Svetla – We require executive meeting minutes and there are delays in receiving council meeting minutes. It makes it difficult for us to know what is going on and then decisions are made in executive meetings that we are unaware of. We also do not receive reports regularly so in the end we have no idea what is going on.
- h. Erik – We need to establish better communications among executives.
- i. Mah – I am sending e-mails and some of the executives do not respond.
- j. Manu – Can we doodle? This would make scheduling much easier...
- k. Mah – It is too difficult to know whether we have quorum...and nobody responds to e-mails.
- l. Faisal – I concerned about minutes, I have no problems with VP Finance
- m. Erik – All of my financial concerns have been taken care of – I spoke with Altayeb this week.
- n. Sussan – do you confront him as directly as you are now complaining about him (Manu)

- o. Faisal – major concern is whether Manu needs help with advocacy center
- p. Erik – he knows that there are problems
- q. Svetla – Can we trust him to do this?
- r. Faisal – he has been doing stuff, proposal for CCSL and other projects were completed – we need all minutes on time.
- s. Mah – my major concerns are minutes, auditor, and budget committee meeting
- t. Altayeb – We can have budget committee meeting, and I will contact the auditor.
- u. Peipei – We have one council meeting per month and if executive member does not show up we have no way of speaking to them to find out what they are doing.
- v. Nadia – I propose we accept minutes of December 9, 2009 striking portions referring to Altayeb's performance, and making other necessary corrections as mandated by council. Roddy will provide updated minutes by January 4, 2010. Seconded by Peipei
 - i. Motion passes unanimously.
- w. Mah –Faisal can you give a report on VP external appointment process?
- x. Faisal – members are Svetla, Sussan, Zack, Faisal, and Natheer – and we will send an update to council by Monday December 21, 2009
- y. Svetla – this will have to be sent twice
- z. Nadia – do we have to open VP external position?
- aa. Mah – we decided this in a past meeting, and we cannot just appoint someone.
- bb. Mah – Executive Reports?
- cc. Faisal – submitted mine to everybody
- dd. Mah – Had a board of governor meeting, and Alumni and Advancement Vice President has asked for a meeting
- ee. Altayeb – Finance committee of Senate – ASEQ is paid and CFS payments are going to be released by year-end.
- ff. Shikui – Did we sponsor JMSB case competition this year?
- gg. Mah – We asked them to come and present to us, they missed the meeting and the executive committee approved 500\$ pending payment once we see proof of sponsorship.
- hh. Roddy moves to place meeting en camera – Svetla seconds – passes unanimously
- ii. Erik moves to take meeting out of camera – Faisal seconds – passes unanimously
- jj. Sussan moves that Mah extend an invitation to the TRAC executive to present the new union contract to our council. Faisal seconds
 - i. Motion passes unanimously

- kk. Erik – Went to a media co-op meeting Monday and they are looking for support from members in order to develop an office in Montreal. They require membership dues in order to exist and is asking Council to consider supporting this co-op.
 - ll. Peipei – we need to know where money is going and how it will benefit.
 - mm. Shikui – what do we get out of this?
 - nn. Erik – it is an independent media co-op and magazine and they select a few stories to run in the print magazine
 - oo. Svetla – do they have charitable status? I have asked council subscribe to magazines dozens of times so that our member could read these...
 - pp. Erik – anybody can contribute what they want
 - qq. Nadia – magazines are available in the library? We should check that out first and the Dominion is not available here probably
 - rr. Svetla – These magazines would only be available to graduate students.
 - ss. Erik – The Dominion delivers magazines to supporters – I will provide information to everybody.
 - tt. Svetla – we need more information
2. Faisal moves to adjourn – Shikui seconds
 - a. Motions passes unanimously
 3. Mah – Happy Holidays!