



Council Meeting -- Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, 5-8pm
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DRAFT AGENDA

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 4:30pm
1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Council Business
 - 3.1 Appointing Minute Taker
 - 3.2 Approval of Dec. 6 minutes ([LINK](#))
 - 3.3 Chair's remarks
 - 3.4 Presentation by MCC
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 4.1 Rescinding Motion *CO-20151101-10* ([LINK](#))
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Appointing VP Academic
 - 5.2 Appointing Members to Hiring Committee
 - 5.3 New Staff Positions (requires $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote)
 - 5.4 Recommendation from Appointments Committee
6. Reports
 - 6.1 VP External
 - 6.2 VP Academic
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment



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Appendix I – Motions

1.1 Call to Order

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

Council Business

3.1 Appointing Minute Taker

3.2 Approval of Dec. 6 minutes ([LINK](#))

3.3 Chair's remarks

3.4 Presentation by MCC

Presentation by the Management Consulting Club (MCC) on GSA staff positions (summer lay-offs for the Outreach coordinator and the Campaigns Coordinator)

Business Arising

4.1 Rescinding Motion *CO-20151101-10* ([LINK](#)) (Motion to rescind previous motion - simple majority vote)

Whereas Motion CO-20151101-10 does not take into consideration the manner in which the GSA operates.

Whereas Motion CO-20151101-10 goes against GSA by-laws which puts the website and Internal communications as the responsibilities of the president.

Whereas Motion CO-20151101-10 states the president should seek the consent of the VP Mob to fulfill his responsibilities.

BIRT Motion CO-20151101-10 be rescinded

New Business

5.1 Appointing VP Academic

Whereas the VP Academic has resigned from GSA due to her family constrain and the winter orientation is approaching.



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BIRT Ashley Michel fill the vacant VP Academic position until the General Assembly in the Winter semester.

5.2 Appointing Members to Hiring Committee

Whereas the Hiring Committee is the major part of GSA and in past few months there has been no hiring committee held due to lack of quorum and absence of Aidan MACDONALD in working of the Committee.

BIRT Mathilde NGO MBOM be assigned to represent JMSB in Hiring Committee and Aidan MACDONALD should be released from committee duties.

5.3 New Staff Positions (two-thirds majority vote required - GSA Bylaws Article XI - 10)

Be it resolved that the following staff positions be created:

- Communications Coordinator (as a separate position from the advocacy manager)
- Campaigns Coordinator (as a separate position from the Departmental/Faculty manager)

5.4 Recommendation from Appointments Committee

A new recommendation has been made be Appointments Committee :

Evaluation committee for the President & Vice-Chancellor : Alex Ocheoha

Reports

6.1 VP External

November 21st (2 hours)	1. GA Committee meeting for December 9 th council meeting.
	1. Executive committee meeting.



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November 23 rd (5 hours)	2. Student life committee meeting.
November 24 th (1 hour)	1. Email coordination with VP mobilization for General Assembly promotion material.
November 25 th (2 hours)	1. Worked on Preliminary draft of GSA clubs policy.
November 26 th (2 hours)	1. Email coordination with travel agents for Miami trip.
November 27 th (3 hours)	1. Meeting with external officer of FEACUM regarding UEQ.
November 30 th (1 hour)	1. Prepared the General assembly event on Official GSA group and promoted it.
December 1 st (2 hours)	1. Worked on draft for conference subsidy policy. 2. Coordination with Executives regarding the approval of GA agenda.
December 2 nd (1 hour)	1. Email coordination with travel agents for price quotes for Miami trip with an option of accommodation at beach house.
December 5 th (2 hours)	1. Discussed with finance manager and funding committee members (personally) regarding conference subsidy policy.



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December 6 th (3.5 hours)	1. Council meeting.
December 8 th (3.5 hours)	1. Executive committee meeting. 2. Promoted the GSA academic Survey.
December 9 th (4 hours)	1. General assembly.
December 10 th (4 hours)	1. Coordination with STM marketing director, she suggested to meet after the holiday period. 2. On phone conversation with Quebec student union representatives about the affiliation process. 3. Launched the Christmas party event and promoted it on facebook.
December 11 th (3 hours)	1. Started planning for orientation events and General assembly, reserved location in coordination with VP internal for winter semester first general assembly.
December 14 th (3 hours)	1. Meeting CSU external regarding the student federation affiliation with AVEQ. (more details will be given in the council meeting).
December 17 th (2 hours)	1. School of graduate studies coffee break.



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December 21 st (3 hours)	1. Prepared the call out for orientation assistants and GA mobilizers and promoted it on facebook.
December 22 nd (6 hours)	1. Christmas party.

Peoples Potato fee levy issue:

As of the 2007 fall term, the People's Potato has been receiving a fee levy of \$2.00 per grad student. The original resolution stated that the fee would be adjusted annually to the Consumer Price Index of Montreal, however since it was implemented, the adjustment has not been made. We recently realized that this error had occurred with both the undergraduate and graduate fee levies, and the undergraduate levy has since been adjusted to reflect the CPI of 2015.

Graduate Students' Association (GSA) fee levies R-2007-5-18

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Board of Governors authorize the University to collect a fee of \$2.00 per semester from all graduate students, annually adjusted to the Customer Price Index of Montreal as advised by the GSA, to support the People Potato's Collective, to be implemented with registration for the Fall term of 2007 (2007/2), in accordance with the University billing, refund and withdrawal policy;

The issue lies in the phrase "as advised by the GSA". The Board of Governors were able to implement the CPI adjustment in regards to the People's Potato's undergraduate fee levy, because the resolution did not indicate that the matter was to be "advised by the CSU". Due to this difference in wording, it falls to the GSA, each year, to advise the Board of Governors of the need to implement the annual adjustment.

According to the CPI of Montreal of 2015, the People's Potato fee levy should now be \$2.27 per graduate student.

6.2 VP Academic

Dear Members of GSA Council,



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The update on past month on the academic and advocacy front is as follows:

1. Advocacy Centre Planning: The office for Advocacy Centre has been setup. We had three rounds of meeting Mr. Stephen Brown regarding the pay scale for positions for Advocacy centre (Advocacy Coordinator and Advocacy Assistant). Position of Advocacy Coordinator has been finalized at the same scale as other staff members. Position of Advocacy Assistant has not been negotiated so far. Meeting was conducted with President CSU and VP Academic and Advocacy to discuss the training of Advocacy Coordinator. They have agreed to provide training to Advocacy Coordinator of GSA. An agreement has been signed for the same. Alex will send the call out for this position in Jan 2016.
2. Senate: APPC (Academic Priority Planning Committee) conducted Grow Smartly consultation to discuss various strategies for growth, there was active participation of all the members present. Senate Steering Committee meeting took place on Nov 24, 2015. Academic Caucus Meeting was conducted on Dec 3, 2015 to discuss the meeting agenda. Regular Meeting was held on Dec 4, 2015. Senator's Breakfast Meet was also conducted on Dec, 2014. There was active discussion on the issues being faced by the students and several other strategies. APPC (Academic Priority Planning Committee) meeting was held on Dec 7, 2015.
3. Appointment Committee: Meeting of Appointment Committee was conducted in Nov 26, 2015 to finalize the appointment for Faculty of Fine Arts University Appraisal Committee, SIS Committee, Sexual Assault Policy Committee and Central Advisory Health and Safety Committee.
4. A joint meeting of all the University Committees was conducted on Dec 8, 2015 to discuss the activities going on in various committees. Members presented a brief report on the committees being served by them. It was recommended by members to cap the number of committees a student can serve as a graduate student has way more pressure on academic front.
5. French and English Classes: The registration for the classes has been opened in the GSA Newsletter. We were able to get excellent teachers. I appreciate the help provided by Professor from Continuing Education in streamlining the French Courses.
6. Academic Survey: Academic survey has been opened. We have got very good response from the students so far.

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- Communicating with University Bodies and Candidates for Committee Appointments
- Guiding Graduate Student Representatives serving on various committees
- Final Interaction with French teachers and English Teacher to implement the New Improved System.
- Christmas Party support .

Meetings Attended:

Date	Meeting
18 Nov 2015	APPC Grow Smartly Consultation
20 Nov 2015	Meeting with Mr. Steven to Advocacy Centre Staff negotiations
23 Nov 2015	Executive Meeting
23 Nov 2015	Student Life Committee Meeting
26 Nov 2015	Appointment Committee Meeting



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1 Dec 2015	Final Meeting for Academic Survey
3 Dec 2015	Pre Senate/Academic Caucus Meeting
4 Dec 2015	Senate Meeting
4 Dec 2015	Senator's Breakfast Meet
7 Dec 2015	APPC Meeting
8 Dec 2015	Joint Meeting of University Committee Representatives of GSA
9 Dec 2015	GA
9 Dec 2015	Meeting with French Professor



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9 Dec 2015	Meeting with Mr. Steven
11 Dec 2015	Meeting with Legal Info Clinic(CSU)
11 Dec 2015	Meeting with CSU for Advocacy Centre Training of GSA
14 Dec 2015	Meeting with Dean of Students

Please feel free to contact for any further details if required.

Other Business

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Adjournment

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