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**GSA Regular Council Meeting – Sunday April 2, 2016, 6:00PM to 9:00PM,
Location: GSA House / **PLEASE PRINT YOUR OWN COPY****

DRAFT AGENDA

0. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30pm
1. Call to Order
 - 1.1 Appointment of minute taker and chair
 - 1.2 Chair's remarks
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Approval of March 20th 2016 and March 22, 2016 meeting minutes
4. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 4.1 Adding outcome of CFS vs RAE vs GSA vote to the minutes
 - 4.2 Petition to amend the bylaws
 - 4.3 Appointments committee recommendations
 - 4.4 Councillors accountability
 - 4.5 Length of candidates stay in office
 - 4.6 Justification for closed sessions (Vinay)
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Letter of Agreement for New staff positions (Alex)
 - 5.2 Upcoming Legal proceedings (Information)
 - 5.3 ECSGA Funding Application
 - 5.4 Funding Committee Recommendation
 - 5.5 CRO appointment
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment

**Council Meeting March 6th, 2016 MINUTES
CO-20160306**

Meeting Facilitator:

Minutes Taker:

Present

Councilors:

Executives:

Staff:

Observers:

Absent:

Councilors:

Executives:

1. Call to Order

Called to order at

1.1 Appointment of minute-taker and chair:

Chair: Ribal

Minute Taker: Marina

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

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BIRT the agenda be approved with the above modifications

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

3. Approval of Minutes

BIRT that the minutes from March 20, 2016 be approved

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

BIRT that the minutes from March 22th 2016 be approved

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Business Arising from Minutes

4.1 Adding outcome of CFS vs RAE vs GSA vote to the minutes

Whereas the taken by council during the last council meeting should be made public so that the GSA can function properly.

BIRT the decision made in closed session during the previous council meeting be made public without including the mover, seconder, or the vote count.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

4.2 Appointments committee recommendations

4.3 Councilors accountability

Whereas GSA executives are accountable to their members via reporting to council

BIRT the councilors be mandated to submit a report to their respective faculty/department association at the end of each semester regarding their involvement in council

BIFRT that the report should include a confirmation of attendance of meetings

BIFRT that the VP Internal and/chair be cc'd in the email that the councilors will send to their respective association

BIFRT failure to submit the report will result in having their bursary being suspended up to the moment the report is submitted

BIFRT this motion be effective (council decides the date)

Explanation:

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

4.4 Eligibility for office

Whereas Article XVIII – Eligibility for Office states that “A person is eligible to sit on the G.S.A. Council or become a member of the Executive if she or he is a G.S.A. member in good standing (as per the criteria laid forth in Article III) for the full duration of her/his term in office.

Whereas the Election policy does not clearly specifies it and it has been observed that this issue needs to be addressed as it has been repeatedly observed people leaving in the half way of their current mandate.

BIRT Candidates should have minimum 16 credits left to complete in their respective program to be eligible to run for either director or executive in GSA.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

4.5 Justification for closed sessions

Whereas the purpose of closed sessions are for receiving sensitive information, giving directions on and discuss sensitive matters.

Whereas GSA is an association and needs to be transparent to its members.

Whereas GSA representatives and employees feel uncomfortable when discussions are held about them in closed sessions where they are not present.

BIRT any motion to go into a closed session should include a statement on the justification for the closed session.

BIRT closed session should not be used a forum to talk about other GSA representatives.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

New Business

5.1 Letter of Agreement for New staff positions

Whereas new staff positions were earlier created by council.

Whereas these positions require an letter of agreement with the union to update the collective agreement.

BIRT council approves the letter of agreement with the union for the Graduate student advocate position, the department/Faculty Manager position, the communications coordinator position, and the campaigns coordinator position.

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

5.2 Upcoming legal proceedings (information)

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

5.3 ECSGA Funding Application

Whereas the policy on Departmental Allocation eligibility criteria states that departmental or faculty associations should hold a least one General Assembly (GA) every academic year.

Whereas the policy also states that "If quorum for the said general assembly is not met, according to the internal bylaws of the Graduate Department Association, approval of this criterion is left to the discretion of the GSA council"

To consider this and reach a decision please read the ECSGA internal bylaws.

BIRT

Moved:

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

5.4 Funding Committee Recommendation

Moved:
Seconded:
For:
Against:
Abstain:

5.5 CRO appointment

Whereas there was not enough time to properly follow the timeline for elections and have the council ratify the CRO's hiring before he starts.

Whereas in council it was discussed that the elections must take place from the 12th to the 14th and this cannot be extended, seeing it's the last week of classes.

BIRT council ratifies the recommendation of the Hiring Committee to contract Stuart Caldwell as CRO.

BIFRT this decision be retroactive starting the 31st of March 2016.

Moved:
Seconded:
For:
Against:
Abstain:

6. Other Business

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