

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, December 13th, 2018

Time: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Venue: MB-2.430

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Chair: Nura Jabagi

Meeting Facilitator: Rouzbeh Ghouchani

Minutes Taker: Nura Jabagi

Councillors:

Present: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Abhi Bhowmick

Absent: Divya Divya, Mahmud Joarder, Fangfang Gu, Anuj Bisani, Boshra Arghavani, Avneet Singh Chawla, Etta Sandry

Executives:

Present: Amir Molaei, Nafisa Jamal, Aisha Vyas, Likith Kumar Reddy Chavva

Absent: Aathi Prasath Agasthiappan

Final Agenda:

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 5:30 PM
2. Call to Order
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of executive reports and action plans (Closed Session)
 - a. President
 - b. VP Internal
 - c. VP External
 - d. VP Academic and Advocacy
 - e. VP Mobilization
5. GA Action Plan
6. GA Quorum initiatives

7. The Executives explain why the GSA website has not been updated yet and when they plan on updating it (example: directors are not updated, executives don't have photo except Amir, latest information is from last year's mandate, etc.)
8. The executives should explain why they have not yet filled the vacant positions; they have spoken about the issue with action or seeming intention to resolve the problem.
9. The executives' team also needs to be held accountable for not holding the elections sooner, despite having eight full months since assuming office.
10. The timing to introduce the Chief Returning Officer as an open position was inconsiderate taking into account the students interested in applying will have an added pressure, therefore, a limited opportunity to do so because of constraints of the final period. What is important to note, I am not against the election as it should have been held a long time ago. However, planning within the executive team should have been made earlier to increase voter turnout and therefore participation within the committee. End of the semester brings along stress, with consideration to exams, studying and finishing up assignments.
11. Business arising from the minutes
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

Minutes

1. Attendance sheet verification at 5:30 pm
2. Call to order 6:00 pm
3. Adoption of the agenda

Motion CO-20181213-01

BIRT Add Action plan to agenda, Item 5

Moved: Jean-Simon

Seconded: Karolyne Courville

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Motion CO-20181213-02

BIRT Move Item 9 to Item 6

Moved: Karolyne Courville

Seconded: Jean-Simon

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Motion CO-20181213-03

BIRT Adoption of the agenda

Moved: Masoumeh Zaare

Seconded: Harish Babu Mullapudi

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

4. Approval of executive reports and action plans (Closed Session)

Motion CO-20181213-04

BIRT move to closed session

Moved: Yihan Wu

Seconded: Harish Babu Mullapudi

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Motion CO-20181213-07

BIRT move to open session

Moved: Jean-Simon

Seconded: Masoumeh

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

5. Action Plan

Motion CO-20181213-08

BIRT Draft Action Plan to be ready with the January reports and uploaded. To be discussed and voted on at January Meeting. Meeting facilitator to make brainstorming document.

Moved: Karolyne

Seconded: Masoumeh

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Abhi Bhowmick

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

6. GA Quorum - The executive team should explain why they have not brought forth any ideas to bring more participation towards the "GA Quorum" despite being aware of the issue, caused because of the exam period.

Action plan to include section on GA Quorum

7. The Executives explain why the GSA website has not been updated yet and when they plan on updating it (example: directors are not updated, executives don't have photo except Amir, latest information is from last year's mandate, etc.)

Motion CO-20181213-09

BIRT for the January meeting, the following items should be uploaded: (i) Profiles; (ii) Minutes; (iii) updated mental health services (under Services section); (iv) number of bursaries provided (names of winners in a separate link); (v) new page with name of GSA representatives in university bodies. Meeting facilitator will send a link to folder for storing photos and bios of the directors.

Moved: Karolyne

Seconded: Masoumeh

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Abhi Bhomwick

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

8. The executives should explain why they have not yet filled the vacant positions; they have spoken about the issue with action or seeming intention to resolve the problem.

Motion CO-20181213-10

BIRT elections for the vacant positions (Jan 10-15)

Moved: Karolyne Courville

Seconded: Jean-Simon Castonguay

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Abhi Bhomwick

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

9. The executives' team also needs to be held accountable for not holding the elections sooner, despite having eight full months since assuming office.

Discussed in Item 8

10. The timing to introduce the Chief Returning Officer as an open position was inconsiderate taking into account the students interested in applying will have an added pressure, therefore, a limited opportunity to do so because of constraints of the final period. What is important to note, I am not against the election as it should have been held a long time ago. However, planning within the executive team should have been made earlier to increase voter turnout and therefore participation within the committee. End of the semester brings along stress, with consideration to exams, studying and finishing up assignments.

Discussed in Item 8

11. Business arising from the minutes

12. New Business

13. **Adjournment**

Motion CO-20181213-11

BIRT meeting is adjourned

Moved: Mousemeh

Seconded: Jean-Simon Castonguay

For: Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Abhi Bhomwick

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes