



GSA Council Meeting (Special Meeting, September)

Date: Sunday, September 22nd, 2019

Time: 4:30 pm to 8pm

Venue: GSA house

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Chair: Timir Baran Roy

Meeting Facilitator: Rouzbeh Ghouchani

Minutes Taker: Gaurav Markan

Councillors:

Present: Carolyn Elizabeth, Stéphane Larin, Federico Bettini, Xun He, Jacqueline Ristola, Hamed Esmaeeli, Neerav Bhatia, Emanuel Odubanjo, Haamid Usman, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Absent: Félix Saint-Denis, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Sara Mumtaz, Bhupinder Kaur, Ashit Patel, Bhargav Bhavsar, Kranthi Sankuru

Executives:

Present: Karan Pande, Gaurav Markan, Ahmad Memari, Gunvansh Singh Bhatia, Anmol Singh

Absent:

Final Agenda:

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 04:30 pm
2. Call to Order
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Verification the petition submitted by the GSA members for the General Assembly
5. Finalization of General Assembly Agenda
6. Discussion on the President's Report for the General Assembly
7. Financial Statement for General Assembly
8. Review of the Executive Action Plans (Closed Session) a. President b. VP Internal c. VP External d. VP Academic and Advocacy e. VP Mobilization
9. Adjournment

Minutes

1. Attendance sheet verification at 4:30 pm
2. Call to order 5:00 pm
3. Adoption of the agenda

Motion CO-20190922-01

BIRT Adoption of the agenda

Moved: Jacqueline Ristola

Seconded: Hamed Esmaeeli

For: Stéphane Larin, Federico Bettini, Xun He, Jacqueline Ristola, Hamed Esmaeeli, Neerav Bhatia, Emanuel Odubanjo, Haamid Usman, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

4. Verification of the petition submitted by the GSA members for the General Assembly

Chair informed the Council about a petition for General Assembly, that was received by GSA submitted by some GSA members.

Chair requested the Directors to discuss and asked the Directors' opinion regarding how to proceed with that in the General Assembly.

Chair asked if any Director would like to get the floor to speak on behalf of the petition.

JMSB Director Stéphane was given the floor to speak for the petition.

Subsequently, Fine Arts Director Jacqueline emphasized on it be a legal document and it is a representation from graduate community. Arts & Science Director Federico asked about its verification and asked the petition to be posted for the graduate community as early as possible.

Motion CO-20190922-02

Considering GSA has received petition by GSA members,
whereas the Council shall verify petition which violates Robert's
Rules, whereas the petition directly targets particular representation,
whereas the petition, if passed, would violate various articles of the existing bylaws, and the
Council cannot function smoothly,
whereas it violates the Law of land, which cannot be amended

BIRT to protect the sovereignty of Graduate Students' Association GSA Council rejects the petition and the Council to exclude the same from the General Assembly agenda.

Moved: Haamid Usman

Seconded: Hamed Esmaeeli

Fine Arts Director Jacqueline objected that the Motion was not valid and asked the Council to verify signature of over 40 graduate students who signed on the petition.

JMSB Director Stéphane told the Council that we would have serious problem and Dean of Students has asked to forward the same motion. He also informed that Dean of Students office and Terry (from Dean of Students' office) had interest in this petition. He pleaded the Council to allow the petition to go for the General Assembly.

ENCS Director Haamid Usman highlighted that we have a motion on the floor and to vote because We couldn't just let it go and Dean of Students should not have any interest in the same. He also focused that the Directors are elected by the students, and the Dean should not have any hidden agenda for the GSA.

- A&S Director Xun Left.

A&S Director Federico walked out thrashing the table and chair, telling the Council that there was no Quorum now, as he broke the Quorum, used whistles disrespectfully to everyone, and used abusive languages and signs towards everyone present in the Council meeting.

Chair Named A&S Director Federico and asked the Minute Taker to record his behavior in the meeting minutes. Chair also informed the Council that such behavior would not be tolerated, and actions would be taken against the perpetrator for violation of the parliamentary meeting protocol for disrespecting the Council members.

JMSB Director Carolyn requested Minute Taker to put down some quotes in the minutes:

“I, Carolyn Elizabeth, JMSB Representation, not within our part, we need to represent the same, whether I agree with, should be presented, not to be legally liable.”

Minute Taker informed the Chair that House was out of Order.

Chair adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment.