

## **GSA Council Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Thursday, July 25th, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

**Venue:** EV 2.184

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**Chair:** Timir Baran Roy

**Meeting Facilitator:** Rouzbeh Ghouchani

**Minutes Taker:** Gaurav Markan (VP Internal)

### **Councillors:**

**Present:** Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli, Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Haamid Usman, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial, Kranthi Sankuru

**Absent:** Ashit Patel, Neerav Bhatia, Federico Bettini, Sara Mumtaz, Jacqueline Ristola

### **Executives:**

**Present:** Aditya Taneja, Gaurav Markan, Ahmad Memari, Gunvansh Singh Bhatia, Dima Kanaan

**Absent:**

### **Final Agenda:**

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 6:00 pm
2. Call to Order
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Introduction by Terry Kyle - Manager, Student Life, Dean of Students Office.
5. 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



6. Certain budget items to get approval on urgent basis.
7. Budget proposal for 2019-2020.
8. Creation of Steering Committee
9. Metrics to keep track of Council's productivity, and tools to ensure memory of resolutions in effect.
10. Grievance Policy based on Natural Justice; Governing Documents Committee mandate and membership; Policy on Sexual Harassment
11. Getting Info Up on Website as Fast and Professionally as Possible
12. Workshops for the ENCS Graduate students
13. Resolve the PCT issue with priority among all other motion.
14. GSA organize minimum 2 external trip during summer semester 2019.
15. Request to Release the Funding for ECSGA.
16. Every appointed committee should submit a brief report monthly.
17. There should be Two (2) Council meetings in August.
18. Business arising from the minutes.
19. New Business
20. Adjournment

**Minutes**

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

***Motion CO-20190725-01***

BIRT Adoption of the agenda

**Moved:**Stéphane Larin

**Seconded:**Carolyn Elizabeth

**For:** Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli, Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial, Kranthi Sankuru

**Against:**

**Abstain:**

**Adopted: Yes**

4. Introduction by Terry Kyle - Manager, Student Life, Dean of Students Office.
  - GSA should be made more student engaging, Council should talk about the hindrances to council proceedings.
  - Executives want to engage students, Sub-committee should be made functional.
  - Proposed to make GSA functional ; Adhoc Committee to be made from the interested parties from within and outside the Council; to have approval from the Council.
  - Purpose of Adhoc Committee : Analysis of GSA functioning, propose on how the functioning can be changed, suggestions for modifications in by-laws.

***Motion CO-20190725-02***

BIRT Council tables the discussion about ad-hoc committee until August Council Meeting.

Moved : Carolyn Elizabeth

Seconded: Yasser Jaber

**For :** Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Emanuel Odubanjo, Yasser Jaber, Anmol Singh, Hamed Esmaeeli, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Bhupinder Kaur, Bhargav Bhavsar

**Against :**

**Abstain:** Stéphane Larin, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Kranthi Sankuru

**Adopted: Yes**

***Motion CO-20190725-08***

BIRT Council to move item 15 to item 6.

Moved : Bhargav Bhavsar

Seconded: Bhupinder Kaur

- Amendment : BIRT to table the item until council reaches agenda item 15.

Moved : Manuel Lepage-Lévesque

Seconded : Yasser Jaber

- Amendment : BIRT to move the item 15 to item 7.

Moved : Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Seconded : Fauzia Gandhi

For : Hamed Esmaeeli, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Bhupinder Kaur, Bhargav Bhavsar, Félix Saint-Denis

Against : Carolyn Elizabeth, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber

Abstain : Anmol Singh, Emanuel Odubanjo, Haamid Usman, Xun He

Adopted: Yes

- President proposed to move the motion that presents 11 budget items which require urgent attention to improve GSA's functioning .

***Motion CO-20190725-09***

**Whereas** The GSA needs certain budget items to be approved by the Council on urgent basis to keep the GSA functioning.

BIRT the following budget amounts be allocated to the respective budget items (Supporting documents showing detailed calculations attached) to ensure functioning of GSA activities

|   |                                       |
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| Conference subsidies for students       | \$25,000.00                           |
| Fall Orientation                        | \$29,700.00                           |
| Academic events                         | \$13,750.00                           |
| Social events                           | \$22,000.00                           |
| Allocations to Departmental and Faculty | \$135,874.20 (amended to \$91,071.20) |
| Executive Bursary                       | \$68,500.00                           |
| Directors Honorarium                    | \$12,155.00                           |
| Council Chair Honorarium                | \$1,072.50                            |
| Council meeting                         | \$2,750.00                            |
| Office Supplies, Stationery & Printing  | \$6,600.00                            |

Executive Business-related Expenses \$275.00

**Moved:**Anmol Singh

**Seconded:**Dhvani Agola

- Amendment : BIRT the Allocations to Departmental and Faculty be modified to \$91,071.20 (current year allocation) and approve this budget item only in this motion.

Moved : Stéphane Larin

Seconded : Carolyn Elizabeth

**For:**Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli,Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Haamid Usman, Fauzia Gandhi, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

**Against:**

**Abstain:**Dhvani Agola,Yaseer Jaber

**Adopted: Yes**

***Motion CO-20190725-10***

BIRT To approve remaining 10 budget items (except for Departmental allocation).

Moved : Stéphane Larin

Seconded: Félix Saint-Denis

**For :** Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli,Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Haamid Usman, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Against :

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

***Motion CO-20190725-11***

BIRT Council to approve the ECSGA last year departmental allocation and request ECSGA to apply on time for next departmental allocation,provide audit report and the documents need to be submitted to the council (for this year and previous year).

Moved : Carolyn Elizabeth

Seconded: Emanuel Odubanjo

- President requests the ECSGA to provide documentation for application (as per the departmental allocation policy) and prepare application for last year.
- VP Finance of ECSGA responded that they would provide the same.

For : Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli, Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Against :

Abstain: Manuel Lepage-Lévesque

Adopted: Yes

***Motion CO-20190725-12***

BIRT Council to recess for 5 minutes.

Moved : Carolyn Elizabeth

Seconded: Bhargav Bhavsar

For : Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli, Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Against :

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Chair checks the Quorum of the House and announces that the House is in order.

- VP Academic & Advocacy proposed to have a report made by Appointment Committee to be approved for Student's Committee

***Motion CO-20190725-13***

BIRT Council to approve the appointments made by Appointment Committee with regards to student representatives at various university bodies.

Moved : Stéphane Larin

Seconded: Anmol Singh

- JMSB Director: Stéphane Larin explained about the selection procedure followed by Appointment Committee to the Council.

For : Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli, Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Against :

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

- Appointment Committee to decide for the two vacant positions (as no applications were received).
  
- 5. Budget proposal for 2019-2020.
  
- The students who submitted their application for the Month of June are curious to know about their funds (if any provided). Many have approached with much impatience. Hence, if the budget is approved, there would be a smooth operation of the process without any hindrance.
  
- The motion was approved with the other budget heads. Therefore, it was withdrawn.
  
- 6. Creation of Steering Committee

***Motion CO-20190725-14***

**Whereas** the GSA Council must have a Steering Committee mandated with coordinating Council's meeting agendas;

BIRT

**Be it resolved that** a Steering Committee is struck with the following membership:

- i) President, Committee Chair;
- ii) GSA Meeting Facilitator, ex officio;
- ii) Council Chair, ex officio;
- iii) 1 Director from each Faculty nominated by the Directors of each Faculty.

**Be It Further Resolved That**(BIFRT) going forward, the Steering Committee shall meet prior to all Council Meetings in order to organize Council's agenda.

**Moved:**Manuel Lepage-Lévesque

**Seconded:**Yaseer Jaber

- A&S Director Manuel Lepage-Lévesque told the Council about the function of Steering Committee.
- Chair responded that the motion is out-of-order and conflicts with the by-laws as well as Collective Agreement and asked if they wish to reconsider the motion?

- JMSB Director Carolyn Elizabeth asked Meeting Facilitator to have a separate list of motions that come after 5-days deadline and to have hyperlink to the agenda for the related items to the motion.
- **Amendment** :BIRT Council to table it to policy committee for creation of Steering Committee.  
**Moved** :Stéphane Larin  
**Seconded** :Anmol Singh
- **Amendment** :BIRT Council to have policy committee meeting as soon as possible; depending on those available.  
**Moved** :Manuel Lepage-Lévesque  
**Seconded** : Yaseer Jaber

For: Félix Saint-Denis, Stéphane Larin, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Bhupinder Kaur, Emanuel Odubanjo, Bhargav Bhavsar, Anmol Singh, Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Against:

Abstain: Carolyn Elizabeth, Hamed Esmaeeli

Adopted: Yes

The Chair mentioned that only Creation of Steering Committee will be sent to the policy committee, as the rest of the motion is out of order.

7. Metrics to keep track of Council's productivity, and tools to ensure memory of resolutions in effect.
  - a. Keeping track of productivity

***Motion CO-20190725-15***

**Whereas** the GSA council will benefit from maintaining a clear record of its productivity and effectiveness,

BIRT that the GSA Council minutes shall include the following numbers:

- i) Total motions presented in meeting, and year's cumulative;
- ii) Total amendments presented in meeting, and cumulative, where amendments of amendments are counted as amendments themselves.;
- iii) Total motions passed in the meeting, total cumulative;
- iv) Amendments passed in meeting, and years cumulative of passed amendments, where amendments of amendment are counted as amendments themselves;



- v) Total motions acted on or in progress;
- vi) Total motions acted on;
- vii) Total motions reversed during meeting, in meeting, year's cumulative.

BIFRT withdrawn motions will be accounted for separately.

**Moved:**Manuel Lepage-Lévesque

**Seconded:**

- Council Discussed about the pros and cons of the motion.

***Motion CO-20190725-16***

BIRT call to previous question.

Moved : Carolyn Elizabeth

Seconded: Haamid Usman

For : Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He

Against : Félix Saint-Denis, Bhupinder Kaur, Emanuel Odubanjo, Hamed Esmaeeli, Anmol Singh, Dhvani Agola, Arshdeep Singh Dandial, Haamid Usman, Carolyn Elizabeth

Abstain: Fauzia Gandhi, Stéphane Larin

Adopted: No

***Motion CO-20190725-17***

BIRT Council to adjourn the meeting.

Moved : Arshdeep Singh Dandial

Seconded: Hamed Esmaeeli

For : Bhupinder Kaur, Hamed Esmaeeli, Anmol Singh, Arshdeep Singh Dandial, Haamid Usman

Against : Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Emanuel Odubanjo, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He

Abstain: Stéphane Larin

Adopted: No

Chair checks the Quorum and announces that the House is out of Order, hence house is adjourned with rest of Motions being tabled to the next Council Meeting. .

- Fauzia Gandhi, Dhvani Agola, Carolyn Elizabeth, Félix Saint-Denis, Emanuel Odubanjo, Yasser Jaber, Manuel Lepage-Lévesque, Kailun Cao, Xun He, Haamid Usman, Stéphane Larin are left in the House; Total = 11 Directors.

Chair announces the House is adjourned.

**Adjournment** at 10:20 pm