

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 31st, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Venue: MB S2.455

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Chair: Nura Jabagi

Meeting Facilitator: Rouzbeh Ghouchani

Minutes Taker: Nura Jabagi

Councillors:

Present: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Panteha, Boshra Arghavani, Karolyne Courville, Masoumeh Zaare

Absent: Divya Divya, Anuj Bisani, Avneet Singh Chawla, Fangfang Gu, Nancy Shukla, Abhi B

Executives:

Present: Nafisa Jamal, Likith Kumar Reddy Chavva, Aeisha Vyas, Aathi Prasath Agasthiappan

Absent: Amir Molaei

Final Agenda:

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 9:30 AM
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

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 - What can the elected people do for graduate students with only three months since assuming office?
7. Why did the executives not act on all ideas we had discussed in our December council meeting to increase voter turnout, especially to encourage more Arts and Science students to run for election? (As far as I know as an Arts and Science student, the GSA executive team was just seeking the help of coordinators and were promoting the event on social media)
8. Website.

I saw that the website update was discussed last month, but I missed that conversation and there are some things that I'd like to discuss further: it'd be great to get an update on what's happened with the website since then and be able to continue the conversation to identify further updates that could happen. Specifically, about the funding pages.
9. Why has the GSA executive team not updated the GSA website completely yet?
 - For example, why have they only put the name of "Student Life Committee" on the GSA website under the category of "Committee"?
 - Why have GSA executive team not written up the name of the representative in Faculty Curriculum committee Arts & science on the GSA website?
 - Why have GSA executive team not updated mental health services (under Services section)?
10. Upcoming GA agenda
11. Action Planning.

We also started an action plan last meeting but further discussion of this is not on the agenda, so I'd like to add that to keep the conversation going.
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along with their February reports, discuss the successful plans with the directors, vote on the plans at the February meeting, take action accordingly and make recommendation to the next team at the end of their mandate.

13. The executive team should go back to the previous executive reports since May 2018 and should follow up or act on all issues that have been raised during their mandate.
14. Business arising from the minutes
15. New Business
16. Adjournment

Minutes

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2. Call to order 9:30 am
3. Adoption of the agenda

Motion CO-20190131-01

Item 5 to 11

Moved: Masoumeh

Seconded: Karoline

For: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Panteha, Boshra Arghavani, Karolyne Courville, Masoumeh Zaare

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Motion CO-20190131-02

BIRT Remove item 11 re: executive reports before bursary review

Moved: Etta

Seconded: Masoumeh

For: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Panteha, Boshra Arghavani, Karolyne Courville, Masoumeh Zaare

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Motion CO-20190131-03

BIRT Adopt agenda

Moved: Etta

Seconded: Masoumeh

For: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Panteha, Boshra Arghavani, Karolyne Courville, Masoumeh Zaare

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

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

Motion CO-20190131-04

BIRT move to closed session

Moved: Etta

Seconded: Sahar

For: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Anumeet Kaur, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Panteha, Boshra Arghavani, Karolyne Courville, Masoumeh Zaare

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Motion CO-20190131-06

BIRT move to open session

Moved: Etta

Seconded: Boshra

For: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Masoumeh Zaare, Karolyne Courville, Boshra

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

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Items 8 and 9 both discussed in Item 4

10. Upcoming GA agenda

Motion CO-20190131-07

BIRT GA agenda adopted

Moved: Etta

Seconded: Sahar

For: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurthy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Masoumeh Zaare, Karolyne Courville, Boshra

Against:

Abstain:

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16. **Adjournment**

Motion CO-20190131-08

Moved: Etta

Seconded: Karolyne

For: Yihan Wu, Mahmud Joarder, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Etta Sandry, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Sahar, Masoumeh Zaare, Karolyne Courville, Boshra

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes