

GSA Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, November 20th, 2018

Time: 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Venue: MB-1.210

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Chair: Nura Jabagi

Meeting Facilitator: Rouzbeh Ghouchani

Minutes Taker: Nura Jabagi

Councillors:

Present: Anuj Bisani, Divya Divya, Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Boshra Arghavani, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Avneet Singh Chawla, Etta Sandry, Abhi Bhowmick, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Fangfang Gu, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Mahmud Joarder

Absent:

Executives:

Present: Amir Molaei, Likith Kumar Reddy Chavva,

Absent: Aeisha Vyas, Aathi Prasath Agasthiappan, Nafisa Jamal

Final Agenda:

1. Attendance Sheet verification at 2:00 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. GSA Council Meeting food
6. Cost of textbooks. The graduate students in the Education departments explored some interesting alternatives and we, the GSA team, could actually support and promote this

initiative especially at the graduate level. The alternative for high cost of textbooks is to use open resource textbook; they are books professors chose and if needed modify; they can also write these books.

The adoption of open educational resources is part of Concordia's digital strategy and some profs have already started the adoption of OER process. Students can contribute in assisting profs with the main tasks and research OERs, modify and review their content. Therefore, in our council meeting, we can discuss how we can support this initiative.

7. Business arising from the minutes
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Minutes

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3. Adoption of the agenda

Motion CO-20181120-01

BIRT Adoption of the agenda

Moved: Etta Sandry

Seconded: Yihan Wu

For: Divya Divya, Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Boshra Arghavani, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Avneet Singh Chawla, Etta Sandry, Abhi Bhowmick, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Fangfang Gu, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

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

Motion CO-20181120-02

BIRT move to closed session

Moved: Divya Divya

Seconded: Yihan Wu

For: Divya Divya, Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Yinglin Zhang, Boshra Arghavani, Anumeet Kaur, Masoumeh Zaare, Avneet Singh Chawla, Etta Sandry, Abhi Bhowmick, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Fangfang Gu, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

Motion CO-20181120-05

BIRT move to open session

Moved: Jean-Simon Castonguay

Seconded: Yihan Wu

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes

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Motion CO-20181120-06

BIRT that the meeting is adjourned

Moved: Masoumeh Zaare

Seconded: Jean-Simon Castonguay

For: Anuj Bisani, Divya Divya, Yihan Wu, Harish Babu Mullapudi, Boshra Arghavani, Masoumeh Zaare, Avneet Singh Chawla, Etta Sandry, Abhi Bhowmick, Shreyas Krishnamurathy, Fangfang Gu, Karolyne Courville, Nancy Shukla, Jean-Simon Castonguay, Mahmud Joarder

Against:

Abstain:

Adopted: Yes