

GSA – COUNCIL E - MINUTES

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

Tuesday, 16 August 2011

CALL TO ORDER – 6pm, 16 August 2011, Robertson Hall Senate Chambers

Council Members Present

- Elizabeth Whyte (President)
- Holly Gilroy (VP Academic)
- Kim Wucher (Office and Communications Coordinator)
- Phil Robinson (Executive Coordinator)
- Kelly Black (VP Operations)
- Graeme Turner (Math & Stats)
- Lisa Neville (Earth Science)
- Naeim Karimi (Journalism)
- Natassia Ciuriak (MAPA)
- Denise Freedman (Senate)
- Timson Omayemi (Economics)
- Carla Sowinski (Psychology)
- Ehsam Karksoti (Proxy for Stephen Crane -Earth Science)
- Ryan Zanatta (Geography & Environmental Studies)
- Darren Pacione (Legal Studies)
- Kritee Ahmed (Political Economy)
- Dan Stadnioci (Music & Culture –Guest)
- Austin Lui (Music & Culture)
- Simon Vodrey (Communications)
- Mohammad Zahirul Alam (Electronics)
- Austin Miller (VP External)
- Ashley Kearns (Economics)

1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR

- a. Announcement of Proxies

Jessica Squires was Chair of the Meeting

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Natassia Ciuriak (MAPA)

Seconded: Austin Miller (VP External)

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a. E-minutes from 27 July 2011

Moved: Kelly Black (VP Operations)

Seconded: Natassia Ciuriak (MAPA)

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- b. Minutes from 27 July 2011

Moved: Natassia Ciuriak (MAPA)

Seconded: Elizabeth Whyte (President)

CARRIED

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Welcome weeks are almost here. Check out www.gsacarleton.ca for more details.
- b. This is the last council meeting for the 2010-11 academic year. Thank you to all counsellors! As a small token of our appreciation join us at Mike's Place following the meeting for some light snacks and a free beverage of your choice (see Kelly for your free drink ticket).

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President –Elizabeth Whyte
- b. VP Operations –Kelly Black
- c. VP External –Austin Miller
- d. VP Finance –Nick Falvo
- e. VP Academic –Holly Gilroy
- f. Questions

6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

None

7. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Board of Governors Representatives (BoG)

None

- b. Senate & Senate Committees

Denise Freedman (Senate) –Senate voted on an alumni representative at the last meeting.

- c. Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC)

None

- d. Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA)

None

- e. Rideau River Residence Association (RRRA)

None

- f. Graduate Faculty Board (GFB)

None

- g. Carleton Post-doctoral Association (CUPA)

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None

- h. Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600)

None

- i. Questions

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motions:

Motion 2011.08.16.01: Motion to Endorse *Jordan's Principle* and *I am a Witness* campaign

Moved: Kelly Black (VP Operations)

Seconded: Denise Freedman (Senate)

Whereas First Nations children are over represented in child welfare care and there are currently more First Nations children in child welfare care in Canada than at the height of residential schools; and
Whereas First Nations children are more likely to be reported for neglect which is driven by poverty, poor housing and caregiver substance misuse; and

Whereas Provincial child welfare laws apply both on and off reserves but the provinces expect the federal government to fund it on reserve and the little funding provided by the federal government is wholly inadequate, resulting in a two tiered child welfare system; and

Whereas reports, including by the Auditor General of Canada (2008) and Standing Committee on Public Accounts (2009) confirm that federal government funding for child welfare services on reserves is inadequate and must be changed in order to ensure comparable and culturally based child welfare services for First Nations children; and

Whereas in October of 2008, the Canadian Human Rights Commission ordered a tribunal to determine whether or not discrimination with regards to First Nations child welfare has occurred pursuant to the Canadian Human Rights Act; and

Whereas the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society is appealing the dismissal of the case in March 2011 on a technicality and will be presenting its case again in February 2012; and

Whereas payment and jurisdictional disputes between the federal and provincial/territorial governments have led to First Nations children being denied medical services available to all other children; and

Whereas *Jordan's Principle* is a child first principle named in memory of Jordan River Anderson and calls on the government of first contact to pay for services for the child and then seek reimbursement later; therefore

Be it resolved that the Graduate Students' Association endorse the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society's *I am a Witness* and *Jordan's Principle* campaigns.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 2011.06.22-07: Motion to Amend Article 7.0 (Finances) of the GSA Constitution

Moved: Kelly Black (VP Operations)

Seconded: Simon Vodrey (Communications)

Whereas the GSA Budget Committee has not met in recent years and replicates the role of the Board of Directors ; and

Whereas current wording in the Constitution requires a timeline which makes it difficult to provide accurate estimates; therefore

Be it resolved that the following changes be made to the GSA Constitution:

Article 7.1: All the monies received by the GSA shall be disbursed by the Executive for the defraying of expenses which are in accordance with the appropriations by Council and/or the Executive and/or the Board of Directors.

Article 7.2.2: Prior to the upcoming fiscal year, the Vice-President Finance, with the advice of the Executive and the Board of Directors shall prepare the estimates for the expenditure of GSA funds for the next fiscal year. These estimates shall be presented and voted on at the May or June meeting of Council and the approved estimates shall constitute the budget for the fiscal year.

Article 7.2.4 shall be deleted.

Motion to Object to Consideration.

Moved: Naeim Karimi (Journalism)

Seconded: Zahirul Alam (Electronics)

Roll Call Vote.

Those in Favour of Object to Consideration:

Mohammad Zahirul Alam (Electronics)

Ehsam Karksoti (Earth Science)

Lisa Neville (Earth Science)

Naeim Karimi (Journalism)

Abstentions

Natassia Ciuriak (MAPA)

DEFEATED

Call the Question –Daren Pacione (Legal Studies)

DEFEATED

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Those Opposed to the Motion:

Mohammad Zahirul Alam (Electronics)

Ehsam Karksoti (Earth Science)

Lisa Neville (Earth Science)

Naeim Karimi (Journalism)

Abstentions:

RyanZanatt (Geography & Environmental Studies)

CARRIED

Motion 2011.06.22-08: Motion to Amend Article 8.0 (Elections) of the GSA Constitution and By-Law #11:

Moved: Graeme Turner (Math & Stats)

Seconded: Mohammad Zahirul Alam (Electronics)

Whereas Article 8.3.2 of the GSA Constitution and Sections 1(f) and 4(e) of the GSA By-Law #11 were written prior to the establishment of the Faculty of Business, therefore;

Be it resolved that Article 8.3.2 of the GSA Constitution be amended to read:

Representatives to the Senate will normally consist of at least one doctoral student, at least one graduate student from either the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Business, or from the Faculty of Public Affairs, and at least one graduate student from either the Faculty of Engineering and Design or from the Faculty of Science.

BIFRT Section 1(f) of the GSA By-Law #11 be amended to read:

Graduate representatives to the Senate will normally consist of at least one doctoral student, at least one graduate student from either the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Business, or from the Faculty of Public Affairs, and at least one graduate student from either the Faculty of Engineering and Design or from the Faculty of Science.

BIFRT Section 4(e) of the GSA By-Law #11 be amended to read:

In the event of an empty ballot for the Senate seat allocated for a doctoral representative, a representative from the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Business or the Faculty of Public Affairs, or a representative from the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Engineering and Design, a candidate(s) that does not meet the criteria but receives the next highest number of votes may assume the seat.

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Emergency Motion for GSA Council

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Seconded: Natassia Ciuriak (MAPA)

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Whereas the Carleton University administration is proposing changes to the Policy on the Accreditation of Student Organizations, and;

Whereas graduate students are currently entitled to initiate or join clubs and societies through the CUSA-GSA Clubs and Societies, which is partially funded through the GSA, and;

Whereas the GSA has informally acted as an accreditation body for graduate departmental societies, and;

Whereas the GSA has a number of concerns with the proposed policy, including:

- The faculty deans would be responsible for accrediting of graduate academic societies and could revoke the accreditation if the actions of the society are deemed to potentially impinge upon the reputation of the faculty or the University
- Unaccredited societies would be unable to book space on campus, use Carleton University in the societies' names, or poster on-campus
- Require groups to complete University Risk Management Forms two weeks prior to any events that include an external speaker, may have over 50 participants, or have the potential to result in damage to the University's reputation
- The removal of graduate student representation from the Campus Group Accreditation Committee, therefore;

BIRT the GSA Council direct and empower the executive to seek autonomous accrediting powers for graduate departmental societies.

BIFRT the GSA Council direct and empower the executive to develop a GSA accreditation policy for graduate departmental associations.

BIFRT the GSA Council direct the executive to communicate the position of Council to the administration of Carleton University.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Graeme Turner (Math & Stats)

Seconded: Natassia Ciuriak (MAPA)

CARRIED