**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm, Thursday, April 8, 2016**

We would like to recognize that this GSA council meeting is taking place on unceded and unsurrendered Algonquin Territory.

**1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR**

a. Announcement of Proxies

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

1. E-minutes from March 18, 2016

**Moved:** Kevin Dick (Systems and Computer Engineering)

**Seconded:** Lauren Montgomery (Sociology/Anthropology)

**Motion Approved**

1. Minutes from March 18, 2016

**Moved:** Bonnies Bates (History)

**Seconded:** Kevin Dick (Systems and Computer Engineering)

**Minutes Approved**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. Join us at Mike’s Place after the GSA Inc. meeting! We will be giving out beverage tickets to celebrate the last Council meeting of the current GSA executive.

**5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

1. President (Michael Bueckert)
2. VP Finance (Roxana Barcelo-Singh)
3. VP Operations (Vidushi Gupta)
4. VP Academic (Alannah James)
5. VP External (Taylor Howarth)
6. Questions

**6. OTHER REPORTS**

a. Senate & Senate Committees

b. Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC)

c. Graduate Faculty Board (GFB)

d. Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600)

e. Carleton Post-doctoral Association (CUPA)

f. Board of Governors (BOG)

g. Carleton University Students’ Association (CUSA)

h. Carleton Athletics Board

 Questions

**7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Presentation of the 2016 Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Report**
2. **Motion 08.04.2016- 01: Motion to Adopt GSA Election Results**

**Moved:** Matt Dunford (Electoral Board)

**Seconded:** Ehsaan Ghias-Begloo (Electronics)

Whereas GSA Council has been presented with the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for the GSA General Elections; therefore

BIRT Council adopt the Elections 2016 report of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO); and

BIFRT Council ratify the election, in accordance with the GSA Constitution, of Debbie Owusu Akyeeah to the position of President; and

BIFRT Council ratify the election, in accordance with the GSA Constitution, of Jenna Amirault to the position of Vice-President (External); and

BIFRT Council ratify the election, in accordance with the GSA Constitution, of Eric Hitsman to the position of Vice-President (Operations); and

BIFRT Council ratify the election, in accordance with the GSA Constitution, of Taylor Howarth to the position of Vice-President (Finance); and

BIFRT Council ratify the election, in accordance with the GSA Constitution, of William Felepchuk to the position of Vice-President (Academic); and

BIFRT Council ratify the election, in accordance with the GSA Constitution, of Alexa Dodge, Adam Christianson as the Graduate Students’ Association representatives to the Carleton University Senate; and

BIFRT Council ratify the election, in accordance with the GSA Constitution, of Anna Hoque as a Graduate Students’ Association representative to the Carleton University Graduate Faculty Board; and

BIFRT Council ratify the results of the 2016 referendum on the graduate student health, dental, and accident plan.

**Motion passed**

1. **Nomination and Selection of one GSA Member (1) to the Carleton University Senate**
2. **Motion 08.04.2016 - 02: Motion to Elect one GSA Member (1) to the Carleton University Senate**

**Moved:** Michael Bueckert (President)

**Seconded:** Ehsaan Ghias-Begloo (Electronics)

Whereas there is one vacant seat for GSA member on the Carleton University Senate that is normally filled by a graduate student from either the Faculty of Science or the Faculty of Engineering and Design; therefore

BIRT GSA Council approve the election of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as representative to the Carleton University Senate.

**Martin Martinov (Physics) was elected as respresentative.**

1. **Nomination and Selection of four GSA Members (4) to the Carleton University Graduate Faculty Board**
2. **Motion 08.04.2016 - 03: Motion to Elect four GSA Members (4) to the Carleton University Graduate Faculty Board**

**Moved:** Michael Bueckert (President)

**Seconded:** Anna

Whereas there are four vacant seats for GSA members on the Carleton University Graduate Faculty Board; and

Whereas normally the four remaining seats would be filled by two doctoral students and two masters students; therefore

BIRT GSA Council approve the election of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as representatives to the Carleton University Graduate Faculty Board.

Lauren, Bethany and Charles Ozzoude  were elected as representatives to the Carleton University Graduate Faculty Board.

1. **Nomination and Selection of a GSA Member to the Carleton University Board of Governors**
2. **Motion 08.04.2016 - 04: Motion to Elect the Graduate Students’ Association Representative to the Carleton University Board of Governors**

**Moved:** Bonnie Bates (History)

**Seconded:** Russell Burgess (PECO)

**Motion passes**

Whereas a policy was adopted by GSA Council in March 2010 (Motion 2010.03.19-03) giving Council the authority to elect a graduate student representative to the Board of Governors; therefore

BIRT GSA Council approve the election of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_as representative to the Carleton University Board of Governors.

Michael Beuckert ws elected as representative to the Carleton University Board of Governors.

1. **Motion 08.04.2016 - 05: Motion to Endorse the Fight For $15 and Fairness Campaign**

**Moved:** Michael Bueckert (President)

**Seconded:** Lauren Montgomery (Sociology/Anthropology)

Whereas the Ontario government is currently reviewing employment and labour laws; and

Whereas many students and recent graduates are currently engaged in precarious, low wage employment; and

Whereas the Fight For $15 and Fairness campaign is a province-wide effort to fight for a $15 minimum wage, paid sick days, decent hours, access to unions, and other workplace protections that are currently denied to precarious and young workers; and

Whereas the Fight For $15 and Fairness campaign has been endorsed by many partners and allies of the GSA, including the Canadian Federation of Students—Ontario (CFS-O), the York University Graduate Students’ Association (YUGSA), and CUPE 4600; and

Whereas the Fight For $15 and Fairness campaign is holding a rally in Ottawa on April 15 as part of a provincial Day of Action; therefore

Be it resolved that the GSA endorses the Fight For $15 and Fairness campaign and promotes participation in the April 15 Day of Action.

 **Motion Passed**

**j) Motion 08.04.2016 - 06: Motion to Endorse Black Lives Matter-Toronto (BLM-TO) and the Tent City Action**

 **Moved:** Alannah James (VP Academic)

**Seconded:** Sarah Rodimon (Sociology and Anthropology)

Whereas from March 20th to April 5th 2016, people from all over Toronto and beyond, including Black Torontonians and their allies, had been peacefully camped outside of Toronto Police headquarters to draw attention to anti-Black racism in their communities;

Whereas this movement, #BLMTOtentcity, sought to draw attention to the ways in which Black bodies are systematically discriminated against, in racially motivated and violent ways, by Toronto Policy Services, including through the practice of racist carding, or random street checks, and the disproportionate violence and deaths borne by Black communities;

Whereas no race-based statistics on fatal police encounters are kept by Ontario’s Special Investigations Unit (SIU), Statistics Canada, Toronto police, or the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, despite calls for the tracking and release of this information;

Whereas despite this dearth of information, journalists have revealed that since the founding of the SIU in 1990, of the 51 fatal shootings involving the Toronto police, at least 18 involved Black men, representing 35 per cent of fatal shootings though Toronto’s Black population is only about 9 per cent;

Whereas BLM-TO has been joined in solidarity by labour unions, student unions, including the Canadian Federation of Students, and Indigenous groups in recognition of the intersections of identity that endure systemic violence;

Whereas BLM-TO is calling on Toronto City Council to: review and overhaul the SIU, in consultation with the families of victims of police violence, Black communities throughout the province, and the broader community; eliminate the practice of carding; and increase the transparency and accountability of the police force;

Whereas this week, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne finally agreed to meet with leaders of BLM-TO, ending the camp-out by promising reform;

BIRT the GSA send letters to Wynne, Toronto City Council, Toronto Mayor John Tory, and the Toronto Police Service condemning inaction on racialized violence in Toronto and holding them to account for future reform;

BIFRT the GSA send $250 to the BLM-TO organization to continue the momentum gained through the “tent city” action.

Motion Passed

**k) Motion 08.04.2016 - 07:** **Motion of Non-Confidence in the Carleton University Board**

**of Governors and Senior Administration**

**Moved**: Michael Bueckert (President)

**Seconded:** Bonnies Bates (History)

Whereas Carleton University is a public institution funded through provincial operating grants and tuition fees paid by students; and

Whereas on March 21, 2016, the Board of Governors approved new Bylaw changes that close the Board off from the Carleton community by increasing secrecy and centralizing power; and

Whereas the Board has repeatedly ignored its own Bylaws and, in fact, knowingly disregarded the notice requirements in its own Bylaws when amending the Bylaws on March 21; and

Whereas the Board refused to consider the many recommendations put forward from community groups, including the GSA, the Carleton University Students Association, the Carleton University Academic Staff Association, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 4600, CUPE Local 2424, CUPE Local 910, the Ontario Public Sector Employees Union Local 404, and the Carleton University Post-Doctoral Association, and rejected all amendments from students and faculty on the Board; and

Whereas the new Bylaws codify the Board’s recently introduced Code of Conduct, which is known as a “gag order” that prevents elected representatives from meaningfully engaging with the campus community; and

Whereas the Board’s “gag order” has been condemned by the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) and the Canadian Federation of Students—Ontario (CFS-O), and could lead to Carleton University being blacklisted internationally; and

Whereas the Board has threatened to remove Dr. Root Gorelick over his blogging about Open Meetings; and

Whereas the GSA has learned that senior administration has threatened Dr. Root Gorelick's employment in retaliation for his blog posts criticizing the Board, and that President Runte instructed Information Security to lock Dr. Gorelick out of his teaching and research website on the Carleton server, both of which are severe violations of academic freedom; and

Whereas senior administration, and in particular President Runte, have blocked repeated attempts by the GSA and faculty to compel the Board of Governors to give a report to the Senate, which means that the Senate has no opportunity to seek answers or accountability from the Board; and

Whereas the Board has excluded the public from attending Open Meetings, except for a small number of vetted individuals, and has changed its Bylaws such that all meetings of Board committees are in camera (secret and confidential); and

Whereas the new Bylaws remove the connection between the GSA and the Board, by taking away the right of the GSA to nominate a representative to the Board by means of GSA-run elections; and

Whereas student candidates for the Board have been told by the University Secretary that they cannot express opinions on student issues or present an election platform, despite the absence of any codified rules to this effect, denying constituents the possibility of an informed vote; and

Whereas the introduction of the new Bylaws has been overseen by the Chair of the Governance Committee, Michael Wernick, who has previously compared peaceful student protestors to Nazis, and has never issued an apology for those inappropriate statements, and has in fact been supported by the Board and senior administration; and

Whereas the Board has repeatedly approved increases to tuition based on misleading information as presented by VP Finance and Administration Duncan Watt, to the effect that Carleton University is claiming tuition fees are frozen for some students when in fact the fees are increasing for these students, at times in violation of provincial policy; and

Whereas the Board has, on numerous times in the past, condoned the actions of senior administration in arbitrarily withholding student levies from student unions, threatening the finances of student unions, and rejecting student referendum results; and

Whereas the Chair of the Board of Governors, Tony Tattersfield, has acted aggressively and inappropriately towards student and faculty Board members, and has repeatedly attempted to limit debate and close off participation; and

Whereas the Board and senior administration has refused to respond to the concerns of the Carleton community about the repeated egregious actions above, and instead have taken further action to close themselves off from students and workers on campus; and

Whereas it can be concluded that the Board and senior administration do not have the best interests of the Carleton University community at heart, but are deeply committed to undemocratic and exclusionary forms of governance; and

Whereas students and workers are left with no meaningful participation in university governance, raising the question of whether the Board can be trusted to make important decisions about tuition fees, strategic planning, collective bargaining, or the creation of a Sexual Assault Policy, among other issues facing the Board; therefore

Be it resolved that the Council of the Graduate Students’ Association express its lack of confidence in the Carleton University Board of Governors and in the senior administration of Carleton University, including Dr. Roseann O’Reilly Runte (President & Vice-Chancellor), Duncan Watt (Vice President Finance and Administration), Tony Tattersfield (Chair of the Board of Governors), and Michael Wernick (Chair of the Board’s Governance Committee).

 **Motion Passed**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURN TO GSA CARLETON INC. MEETING**

**Moved by:** Ehsaan Ghias-Begloo (Electronics)

**Seconded by:** Lauren Montgomery (Sociology/Anthropology)