

GSA COUNCIL – E-MINUTES

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Robertson Hall, Senate Chamber - 6:00 pm - Thursday, June 23, 2016***

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm, Thursday, June 23, 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

- a. E-minutes from April 08, 2016
Moved: Sarah Rodimon
Seconded: Matthew Hazen Jonah

- b. Minutes from April 08, 2016
Moved: Bonnie Bates
Seconded: Matthew Hazen Jonah

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President (Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah)
- b. VP Finance (Taylor Howarth)
- c. VP Operations (Eric Hitsman)
- d. VP Academic (William Felupchuk)
- e. VP External (Jenna Amirault)
- f. 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

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8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Motion 23.06.2016 - 01: Motion to Condemn Carleton University's approach to the standalone sexual violence policy

Moved: Lauren Montgomery (Sociology & Anthropology)

Seconded: Sarah Rodimon (Sociology & Anthropology)

Put forth by the Sociology & Anthropology Graduate Student's Caucus

Whereas, sexual violence is a prevalent part of Canadian society; and

Whereas, sexual violence impacts everyone; and

Whereas, people who experience multiple vectors of oppression are disproportionately impacted by sexual violence, including but not limited to women, people of colour, Indigenous people, members of the LGBTQQNIAS community, people without citizenship status; and

Whereas, universities across Canada are deeply embedded in a culture that normalizes and legitimizes sexual violence; and

Whereas, the Canadian Federation of Students and students' unions across Canada have long advocated for the need to address sexual violence on university and college campuses through the No Means No campaign and the "Toolkit for Creating Consent Culture"; and,

Whereas, upper and mid level management and administration of Carleton University have furthered the invisibility of sexual violence on campus by denying the presence of rape culture at Carleton, and by failing to provide adequate services for survivors of sexual violence; and

Whereas, Carleton University continues to be an unsafe space for survivors of sexual violence; and,

Whereas, within the Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan for Ontario, Universities in the province are mandated to address sexual violence through standalone sexual violence policies; and

Whereas, the upper and mid level management of Carleton University have stalled the process for the creation of Carleton's standalone policy; and,

Whereas, during stakeholder meetings concerning the policy, upper and mid level management continually disrespected survivors as well as representatives from various student's associations, services centers, and unions; and,

Whereas, upper and mid level management of Carleton have failed to meaningfully consult with students and unions on the policy; and,

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Whereas, in April, GSA council unanimously passed a motion of non-confidence in the Carleton University Board of Governors and Senior Administration; and

Whereas, the standalone sexual violence policy has the potential to provide additional prevention mechanisms and services for survivors of sexual violence; and,

Whereas, according to the legislation, Carleton University must provide a standalone sexual violence policy, and must consult with students; therefore,

Be It Resolved That, the Graduate Student's Association write an open letter condemning the fact that the upper and mid level management of Carleton University has stalled the policy creation process, and have neglected to communicate any further information with students and workers stakeholder groups; and,

BIFRT, the Graduate Student's Association invite President Runte to the September GSA Council meeting to provide an update regarding the policy and to answer questions from students regarding the policy; and,

BIFRT, the Graduate Student's Association advertise this meeting to all members, as well as student service centers, organizations and unions on campus.

Motion to Amend

To Carry this Motion to August

Motion carries for Amendment

Motion Fails

Motion to Reconsider

Motion Carries

Motion to change : Language from condemning to Addressing

Motion fails

Original motion

Motion Carries

a) Motion 23.06.2016 - 02: Motion to Approve the GSA Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Moved: Taylor Howarth

Seconded: Sarah Rodimon

Motion Carries

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. ADJOURN TO GSA CARLETON INC. MEETING

Moved by: Ehsan Ghias-Belgoo

Seconded by: Sarah Rodimon

Motion Carries

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