

## **GSA COUNCIL – E-MINUTES**

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario  
Robertson Hall, Senate Chamber - 6:00 pm - Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

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### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm, Monday, June 26, 2017**

*The GSA recognizes and acknowledges that the lands on which we live, work, and study belong to the Algonquin nation.*

*The Algonquin nation, whose territories comprise the entire Kichi Sibi (Ottawa River) watershed and include the city of Ottawa, never ceded or surrendered its territories to Canada. The Canadian state laid claim to these territories through violent systems of colonization that resulted and continue to result in the dispossession, marginalization, and impoverishment of Algonquin people and the overexploitation of land and waters within their territory.*

*The GSA commits to fully supporting Algonquin struggles and Algonquin assertions of self-determination and nationhood. We are not innocent in the ongoing colonization of these lands and we resolve to challenge the presence of colonialism in our words, actions, and communities. We extend our ongoing solidarity to the Algonquin nation with our words, actions, time, skills, and resources.*

### **Attendance**

- Bonnie Bates (History)
- Kirsten Paula (ALDS)
- Freddy Stoneypoint (Sociology – GUEST)
- Jessie Camarra (Art History)
- Sarah Beaulands (Health STP)
- Michael Bueckert (Sociology/Anthropology/BOG)
- Danielle Taylor (English)
- Melissa Pullara (English)
- Victor Malkov (Physics)
- Codie Fortin Lalonde (ALDS)
- Fawn Leslie (Political Science)
- Simon Vodrey (Communications)
- Trycia Bazinet (Indigenous and Canadian Studies)
- Damiano Torre (SKSC)
- Alexandra Skutonich (Psychology)
- Jay Ramasubramanyam (VP-Academic)
- Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah (VP-Operations)
- Eric Hitsman (President)
- Taylor Howarth (VP-Finance)
- Jenna Amirault (VP-External)
- Zidane Mohamed (Membership Coordinator)
- Vincent St-Martin (Office and Communications Coordinator)

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## **1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR**

### **a. Announcement of Proxies**

Anna Hoque (Communications) has appointed Simon Vodrey (Communications) (2 votes)

## **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Bonnie Bates (History)

**Seconded by:** Codie Fortin-Lalonde (ALDS)

Adopted

## **3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **a. E-minutes from April 7, 2017**

**Moved:** Fawn Leslie (Political Science)

**Seconded:** Sarah Beaulands (Health STP)

Adopted

### **b. Minutes from April 7, 2017**

**Moved:** Eric Hitsman (President)

**Seconded:** Danielle Taylor (English)

Adopted

## **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- a. President (Eric Hitsman)
- b. VP Finance (Taylor Howarth)
- c. VP Operations (Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah)
- d. VP Academic (Jay Ramasubramanyam)
- 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
- f. Questions

## **7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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**a) Motion 06.26.2017 - 01: Motion to Amend the Emergency Dental Grant Policy and the Childcare Grant Policy**

**Moved:** Taylor Howarth (VP-Finance)

**Seconded:** Bonnie Bates (History)

Whereas the Emergency Dental Grant Policy and the Childcare Grant Policy set certain spending caps in their respective policies;

and whereas these amounts are better set in the annual budget.

Be it resolved that the GSA Council adopt the following amendments to the two policies:

- In the Emergency Dental Grant Policy section 2 replace: “The allotment for the Emergency Dental Grant fund is \$5000.00 per fiscal year,” with “The allotment for the Emergency Dental Grant will be set by Council in the annual budget,”
- In the Childcare Grant Policy replace: “The Childcare Grant: Student-Parent Participation in Extracurricular Academic Activities will be funded by \$4,000.00 annually” with “The Childcare Grant: Student-Parent Participation in Extracurricular Academic Activities will be funded by Council in the annual budget.”

**Motion adopted**

**b) Motion 06.26.2017- 02: Motion to accept work proposal from VPO Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah (Appendix A)**

**Moved By:** Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah (VP-Operations)

**Seconded:** Jenna Amirault (VP External)

Whereas Article 4.1.6.2 of the Constitution states that "An Executive member who accepts the equivalent of fulltime employment shall petition Council (as per 4.1.6.3) at the first meeting after having accepted the position(s). Said executive member shall also petition Council at the first meeting of each subsequent academic term."; and

Whereas Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah has accepted such a position and submitted a work proposal as per article 4.1.6.3; therefore

BIRT GSA Council accept the work plan submitted by Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah.

**Motion Passed**

**Motion to destroy the ballots**

**Moved:** Jenna Amirault (VP External)

**Seconded:** Kristen Paula (ALDS)

**Motion Adopted**

**Appendix A**

**Work Plan – Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah, VP Operations**

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*Working part time at the GSA (10 hours/week) from May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017- September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (15 weeks)*

Executive Meetings – 3 hours/week (x 15)

Welcome Weeks Prep – 5 hours/week (x 15)

Council Prep – 30 minutes/week (x 15)

Responding to e-mails, meetings etc – 1.5 hours/week (x15)

Total Hours: 150 hours over 15 weeks at 10 hours per week

### **c) Motion 06.26.2017 - 03: Motion to Support Bawating Water Protectors**

**Moved:** Eric Hitsman (President)

**Seconded:** Bonnie Bates (History)

Whereas Canada is spending 500 million dollars to celebrate its 150th year of land theft and colonial violence; and

Whereas celebrations of Canada 150 further reinforce structures of whiteness; and

Whereas Indigenous communities across Canada continue to be marginalized and many endure acute poverty without access to clean water; and

Whereas, essential social services for Indigenous communities to alleviate crisis-level socio-economic conditions go chronically underfunded; and

Whereas Bawating Water Protectors Indigenous led education project centered on ceremony; and

Whereas Bawating Water Protectors are hosting a series of events reasserting Indigenous sovereignty through panels, art displays and ceremonies;

Be it resolved that the GSA write an open letter to challenge current narratives about Canadian Confederation with an understanding that Confederation was made possible through the dispossession and expropriation of Indigenous land; and

Be it further resolved that the GSA donate \$600 to Bawating Water Protectors to support Indigenous events between June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>; and

Be it further resolved that the GSA publicize these events on its Grad Bulletin and social media pages.

### **Motion Adopted**

### **d) Motion 06.26.2017 - 04: Motion to Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2018**

**Moved:** Taylor Howarth (VP-Finance)

**Seconded:** Kristen Paula

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Be it resolved that the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 be adopted as presented.

**Motion Adopted**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:** Simon Vaudry (Communications)

**Seconded by:** Jay Ramasubramanyam (VP Academic)

**Motion carried.**