

## **GSA COUNCIL – MINUTES**

*Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario  
Robertson Hall, Senate Chambers, 6:00 pm, Wednesday, 5 December 2012*

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### **CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm, Wednesday, 5 December 2012**

**Chair: Jessica Squires**

**Recording Secretary: Sam Heaton**

#### **Council Members Present**

- Kelly Black (President)
- Anna Goldfinch (VP External)
- Vincent St-Martin (GSA)
- Phil Robinson (Executive Coordinator)
- Elizabeth Whyte (VP Finance)
- Chloë Grace Fogarty-Bourget (VP Operations)
- Holly Gilroy (VP Academic)
- Colin Cordner (Political Science)
- Peter Holdsworth (History)
- Nick Bourgeois (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering)
- Ron Couchman (Sociology and Anthropology)
- Abigail Kidd (Sociology and Anthropology)
- Chris Bisson (Geography)
- Jesse Howell (Neuroscience)
- James Splinter (Economics)
- Darren Pacione (Legal Studies)
- Emile Scheffel (Political Management)
- Guy Massie (Senate)
- Johnny El-Alam (ICSLAC)
- Cecilia Jorgenson (Psychology)
- Lisa Menard (Psychology)
- Tabatha Armstrong (Canadian Studies)
- Chris Hurl (CUPE 4600)
- Nicci Sharpe (Social Work)
- Genevieve Neelin (Canadian Studies)
- Ehsan Ghias-Begloo (Electronics)
- Andrew Connolly (English)
- Chelsea Houde (English)
- Lauren Montgomery (Graduate Residence Caucus)
- Diane Pellicone (Art History)
- Scott Marchant (Music and Culture)
- Wesley Petite (Political Economy)
- Glen Barber (Economics)
- Katy Hartling (Physics)
- Nicholi Shiell (Psychics)
- Graeme Turner (Mathematics and Statistics)
- Abid Akram (Civil and Environmental Engineering)

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- Paul Donaldson (NPSIA)
- Justine De Jaegher (SPPA)
- Samantha Allen (Journalism)
- Nick Falvo (Board of Governors)

### **1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR**

- a. Announcement of Proxies

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Moved:** Colin Cordner (Political Science)

**Seconded:** Ehsan Ghas-Begloo (Electronics)

**Carried**

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

- a. E-minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Moved:** Ehsan Ghas-Begloo (Electronics)

**Seconded:** Lisa Menard (Psychology)

**Carried**

- b. Minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

**Moved:** Kelly Black (President)

**Seconded:** Chloë Grace Fogarty-Bourget (VP Operations)

**Carried**

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

National day of Remembrance and Action to End Violence Against Women 2012

Outdoor Vigil: 6:00 PM Women's Monument at Minto Park, (Elgin and Gilmour)

Indoor Vigil: 7:30 PM First United & All Saints Westboro Churches (347 Richmond Rd, just west of Churchill) For more information: Women's Events Network 613-230-6700 or First United 613-232-1016

Email: [communityevents@wiseottawa.ca](mailto:communityevents@wiseottawa.ca) or [office@firstunitedchurch.org](mailto:office@firstunitedchurch.org)

### **5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- a. President (Kelly Black)

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Black

- b. VP Finance (Elizabeth Whyte)

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Whyte

- c. VP Operations (Chloë Grace Fogarty-Bourget)

Respectfully Submitted by Chloe Grace Fogarty-Bourget

- d. VP Academic (Holly Gilroy)

Respectfully Submitted by Holly Gilroy

- e. VP External (Anna Goldfinch)

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Respectfully Submitted by Anna Goldfinch

f. Questions

### **6. OTHER REPORTS**

- a. Senate & Senate Committees
- b. Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC)
- c. Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA)
- d. Rideau River Residence Association (RRRA)
- e. Graduate Faculty Board (GFB)
- f. Carleton Post-doctoral Association (CUPA)
- g. Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600)
- h. Board of Governors (BoG)
- i. Athletics Board
- j. Questions

### **7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **8. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a) Motion 05.12.2012 – 01: Motion to endorse the Canada's Past Matter's campaign:**

**Moved by:** Kelly Black (President)

**Seconded by:** Colin Cordner (Political Science)

Whereas the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) has unveiled a national campaign titled "Canada's Past Matters" that will highlight how federal funding cuts and policy changes are putting the survival of libraries, archives, museums and historical sites across the country at risk; and

Whereas the federal institution responsible for preserving Canada's history and cultural heritage is seriously threatened by major budget cuts, service reductions, and a narrowing of its mandate; and

Whereas a \$29 million reduction in the budget for Parks Canada is threatening the future of Canada's 167 historic and archaeological sites; and

Whereas the inter-library loan program between Library & Archives Canada and regional public libraries is being eliminated along with public internet access in local libraries, making it more difficult for Canadians to access information and knowledge; and

Whereas the elimination of the National Archival Development Program has put at risk regional archives and their projects across Canada; and

Whereas the government plans to significantly alter Canada's largest and most popular museum – the only museum committed to promoting knowledge and critical understanding of, and appreciation and respect for, human cultural achievements and human behaviour; therefore

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Be it resolved that the Graduate Students' Association endorse the "Canada's Past Matter's" campaign; and

BIFRT GSA departmental societies and councillors be encouraged to disseminate information relating to this campaign; and

BIFRT the GSA write an open letter to the minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, the minister of Environment and the prime minister condemning these cuts; and

BIFRT GSA departmental societies be encouraged to write similar letters.

### **Vote on motion as amended**

**Carried**

### **b) Motion 05.12.2012 – 02: Motion to oppose graduate student exclusion from child care subsidy**

**Moved by:** Anna Goldfinch (VP External)

**Seconded by:** Cecilia Jorgenson (Psychology)

Whereas the child care subsidy office of Ottawa recently changed their policy to make parents who are graduate students ineligible for a child care subsidy;

Whereas this policy has already and will continue to adversely and disproportionately affect members of the Carleton University Graduate Students' Association;

Whereas the Graduate Students' Association advocates for accessible education and student services for all;

Be it resolved that the GSA write a letter with the University of Ottawa Graduate Students' Association des étudiant.e.s diplôm.e.s (GSAÉD) to the City of Ottawa opposing this policy.

Be it further resolved that the GSA write a letter to the Ministry of Education demanding that municipal policies that discriminate against graduate students be repealed.

**Carried unanimously.**

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10. ADJOURNMENT 7:42**

**Moved by:** Graeme Turner (Mathematics and Statistics)

**Seconded by:** Anna Goldfinch (VP External)

**Carried**