**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm, Friday, March 18, 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 February 26, 2016

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

1. Minutes from February 26, 2016

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**4. ORDER OF THE DAY**

Presentation by candidates running for GSA executive positions for the 2016-17 term, followed by a short question period.

**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**

1. Senate & Senate Committees
2. Graduate Residence Caucus (GRC)
3. Graduate Faculty Board (GFB)
4. Canadian Union of Public Employees 4600 (CUPE 4600)
5. Carleton Post-doctoral Association (CUPA)
6. Board of Governors (BOG)
7. Carleton University Students’ Association (CUSA)
8. Carleton Athletics Board

Questions

**7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Motion 18.03.2016-01**: **Motion to support Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre**

**Moved**: Lauren Montgomery (Sociology & Anthropology)

**Seconded:**

Whereas everyone is responsible for ending rape culture and gender based violence; and,

Whereas, a significant amount of students (both undergrad and graduate) will experience physical, emotional, psychological and sexual violence, and

Whereas in Canada more than 50% of women will experience violence at some point in their lives, most before the age of 25. In a given year more than one in ten Canadian women suffer physical abuse at the hands of their partners and 25% of women undergraduate students experience some form of sexual abuse; and

Whereas the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre (ORCC) provides substantial support to survivors of sexual violence; and

Whereas, the ORCC provides a 24 hour crisis line, crisis counselling, support person counselling, group counselling, and public education including free workshops; and

Whereas the ORCC operates on a basis of integrity, mutual respect, trust, anonymity, confidentiality, honour, accessibility, humour, openness, honesty and non-judgment; and

Whereas the style of counselling undertaken by ORCC is feminist, anti-oppressive, client-centred, and strength-based; and

Whereas the ORCC is hosting a Spin-A-Thon fundraiser on April 30, 2016; therefore

Be it resolved that the GSA donates $250.00 to the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre; and

Be it further resolved that the GSA supports and promote the ORCC Spin-A-Thon; and,

Be it further resolved that the GSA encourage departmental reps to encourage students in their department to take part in the spin-a-thon and or promote the spin-a-thon, and to provide support in doing so, if needed.

**Motion Carried**

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

a) Emergency Motion

Moved by: Lauren Montgomery, Sociology & Anthropology

Seconded: Sarah Rodimon, Sociology and Anthropology

Motion Carries

Again only reading be it resolved clauses.

Whereas, the Punch Up Collective is hosting a workshop on Accountability within progressive organizations, and

Whereas, several community groups that operate both within Carleton and outside of Carleton that have positive impacts on undergraduate and graduate students have been invited to the workshop, and

Whereas, the Punch UP Collective has dedicated themselves to making the event as accessible as possible, as such the event is free for participants, and

Whereas, the Punch Up Collective is looking for funding from various groups in order to cover the cost of ASL, and

Whereas, the Punch Up Collective has similar anti-oppression politics of the Graduate Student’s Association, and they produce positive impacts on the Carleton and surrounding community, and

Whereas, are committed to anti-capitalism, anti-racism, decolonization, feminism, disability justice, queer liberation, gender self-determination, prison abolitionism, sex worker self-determination, and the free movement of people without regard for nation-state borders. We are also committed to resisting human exceptionalism while cultivating a politics of responsibility toward the ecosystems that sustain us, and

Whereas, the Punch Up Collective seeks to create a world in which everyone can flourish, and

Whereas, the Collective understands the social relations that constitute oppression as interlocking/interconnected, and they attempt to take an integrated approach to fighting these relations, and

Whereas, in their practice, the Collective is committed to building people’s capacities and collective power and, where appropriate, institutions that can last over the long haul.

Be it Resolved that the Graduate Student’s Association donate 200.00$ to the Punch Up Collective in order to help cover some of the costs of ASL.

**Motion Carried**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**