

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

CALL TO ORDER – 6:04pm, Friday, December 09, 2016

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.

Members present:

- Alexa Dodge (Legal Studies)
- Anna Hoque (Communications)
- Anna Przednowek (Social Work)
- Bonnie Bates (History)
- Charles Ossoude (HSTP)
- Christina Doré (ALDS)
- Codie Fortin Lalonde (ALDS)
- Danielle Taylor (English)
- Debbie Owusu Akyeeah (President)
- Demi Plagianakos (Psychology)
- Emily Sandham (NPSIA)
- Eric Hitsman (VP Operations)
- Fawn Leslie (Political Science)
- Greg Owens (Board of Governors – Guest)
- Jessie Gamarra (Art History)
- Jenna Amirault (VP External)
- Jordan Boswell (Political Management)
- Kirk Kitzal (Ind. & Canadian Studies)
- Kristen Zintel (HSTP)
- Kristopher Brazil (Psychology)
- Matt Dunford (Physics)

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

- Melissa Pullara (English)
- Michael Bueckert (Soc/Anth)
- Miles Krauter (CUPE 4600)
- Nina Dore (ALDS)
- Phil Robinson (Executive Coordinator)
- Ryan Barlow (NPSIA)
- Ryan Paterson (Earth Sciences)
- Sadie Harrison (SPPA)
- Sarah Beanlands (HSTP)
- Simon Vodrey (Communications)
- Taylor Howarth (VP Finance)
- Trycia Bazinet (Ind. & Canadian Studies)
- Victor Malkov (Physics)
- Vincent St-Martin (Office & Communications Coordinator)
- Warren Trottier (PAPM)
- Wesley Petite (CUPE 4600)

1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR

a. Announcement of Proxies

Anna Przednowek for Dillon Black in Social Work.

Kris Brazil for Chloe Pedneault in Psychology.

Demi Plagianakos for Aleandra Slwtorich in Psychology

Nina Dore for Pablo Prentice in ALDS

Alexa Dodge for Jay Ramasubramanyam in Legal Studies

Minutes: Vincent St-Martin

Chair: Rick Telfer

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Bonnie Bates (History)

Seconded: Warren Trottier (PAPM)

Carried

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. E-minutes from Nov 11, 2016

Moved: Codie Fortin Lalonde (ALDS)

Seconded: Warren Trottier (PAPM)

***GSA COUNCIL – minutes
Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

Carried

- b. Minutes from Nov 11, 2016
Moved: Jessie Gamarra (Art History)
Seconded: Codie Fortin Lalonde (ALDS)
Carried

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. ORDER OF THE DAY

- a. Neuroscience Eviction Presentation
- b. Student Building Presentation

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President (Debbie Owusu Akyeeah)

Sexual Violence Policy and Violence at Protest:

On Thursday, December 1st the final draft of the sexual violence policy went to the Board of Governors to be approved.

This draft of the policy still included the following factors:

1. That would force a survivor to be in the same court room as their abuser
2. Survivor could be penalized if it is discovered they were drunk or high
3. Rape culture still not included throughout the policy

A group of students protested the Board of Governors meeting in attempt to show the Board that students are NOT happy with the sexual violence policy that was being voted on.

The students were refused entry to the meeting and campus security blocked off parts of the building. The Board kept the blinds closed during their meeting and campus security got violent with us when we tried to go inside Richcraft Hall.

There is a video of Al Burns, Campus Safety director, forcefully pushed protestors out of the entrance of Richcraft Hall. You can find this video on the Carleton Human Rights Society's Facebook page.

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

The policy passed, with only the three student representatives voting against it, despite students and staff loudly showing our opposition to the policy outside their windows.

Look out for more updates on the sexual violence policy

Women's Only Gym Hour:

There will be a town hall/panel/information session January 18th, 2017.

This is an opportunity for women-identified and non-binary students to discuss questions about the campaign.

Grad Wellness

Outreach to promote the grad wellness group will begin in the next year.

Office Closure

The GSA offices and Mike Place Pub will be closed Monday December 19, 2016 until January 3, 2017. We will be open again on Wednesday January 4, 2017.

- b. VP Finance (Taylor Howarth)

Student Union Building

The undergraduate referendum to decide whether a Unicentre extension should be built using majority student financing was held this Tuesday and Wednesday. The referendum was quorate with 43% voter turnout and the results were 64.9% voted No and 35.1% voted Yes.

Mike's Place

New Beer

We have found a replacement for Sam Adam's Boston Lager: Hops City 8th Sin. It is a black lager "that is black in colour with hints of espresso and chocolate in the aroma, a medium body and a smooth sweet taste in the finish".

New Hire

We had a round of interviews last week and found a successful candidate to fill an opening on our bar staff roster.

- c. VP Operations (Eric Hitsman)

Mikes Place Union Night

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016

A potential strike vote is looming. In a partnership with CUPE 4600, Mike's Place Pub will be holding a Union Night at the bar every Monday evening at 7pm. This is an opportunity for students who cannot attend official meetings to keep up to date with what is happening with the union. There will be a limited supply of complimentary nachos for members to indulge in. Additionally, it will take place on Meatless Mondays (10% off veggie foods) and 5\$ beer night. This will start next Monday.

Winter Break Closure

As the winter break approaches, Mike's Place will be closed from December 19th 2016 until January 4th 2017

Winter Orientation

Winter break is coming up, and we can all take a short break from our studies. As the new semester starts, a new group of graduate students will make it to Carleton's campus. The GSA, in collaboration with the FGPA will be participating a winter orientation day on January 13th 2017. The GSA will be hosting a social in the lounge for these students, which will include a trivia event, as well as free pizza.

d. VP Academic (William Felepchuk)

Presented by Jenna Amirault in William's absence.

Advocacy

A central part of my role as VPA, I have been working a few open cases of academic advocacy, including research and advice for the student and advocacy on their behalf with the administration. These include some important International student issues, among others.

Graduate Academic Caucus (GAC)

We had a very successful and well attended GAC meeting on Dec. 1st, at which the main topic of conversation was the drafting of a Carleton-specific campaign to reduce the burden of tuition on grads. This will be brought to council in January.

Neuroscience

I have been working closely with the students in Neuroscience to advocate for them in their difficult situation at the Grad Faculty Board, Senate, and other aspects of my role (you'll hear more about this in other parts of today's council).

Senate

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016

At the last Senate meeting, we attempted to bring an emergency motion on behalf of the students in Neuroscience. In order to be admitted to the agenda, the motion would have to be approved by 60% of senate. The motion to add it to the agenda failed, though we did get remarkable support from faculty resulting in 54% in our favour. We still also managed to have a healthy discussion at Senate on this issue, including calling the upper admin to account for their lack of consultation with our members and other affected parties in Neuroscience.

December's Senate meeting was going to be cancelled for lack of agenda items and so we attempted to bring a regular motion to Senate executive. We argued for almost an hour with mainly President Runte and Provost Ricketts that our motion was relevant to Senate. They almost voted the motion out of order but we succeeded in insisting that they table it for further discussion (in revised form) at January's Senate Exec. The President kept on trying to adjourn the meeting before this was even decided upon and to thereby cut the discussion short. So the December meeting was still cancelled but we managed to keep it on the Senate radar in the New Year. We have a meeting on Dec. 20th with the Clerk of Senate in order to redraft our motion in a way that might be more successful at Senate Executive in January. The Clerk is being very helpful and impartial in this regard.

In the new year I will be organizing a senate student caucus for all undergrad and grad student senators (there is 17 of us in total!) to try to better coordinate the student voice in senate. We could be a very powerful voting bloc on this important University body.

e. VP External (Jenna Amirault)

National General Meeting of CFS

The National General Meeting (NGM) of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) met from November 18 to 21. The meeting had a number of contentious motions come forward from member locals who are not friendly to the CFS. These motions were defeated while others were tabled to the next NGM.

The meeting included workshops on free education, education justice, and a presentation by Chilean student activists who successfully won free post-secondary education in their country.

The CFS also took part in the Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil in Ottawa and we had a workshop on building a trans-inclusive student movement.

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

This meeting also included elections for Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, and National Treasurer. Coty Zachariah is our new Chairperson, Charlotte Kiddell is our new Deputy Chairperson, and Peyton Veitch remains the National Treasurer.

New Post-Doc Union

The Carleton University Postdoctoral Alliance recently signed a collective agreement with the university and are now an official union local of the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC). They are now known as the Carleton University Postdoctoral Union (CUPU).

f. Questions

7. OTHER REPORTS

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

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Motion 12.09.2016 – 01 – Solidarity with Sandy Hudson

Moved: Jenna Amirault

Seconded: Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah

Whereas the University of Toronto Students' Union (UTSU), local 98 of the Canadian Federation of Students, wrongfully terminated Sandra Hudson and is pursuing an unjust lawsuit against her;

Whereas Sandra Hudson was the first Black woman President to serve as Executive Director of the UTSU;

Whereas Sandra Hudson is an important leader within the Black Lives Matter Movement, was instrumental in advancing the rights of students and faculty on her campus, and is a committed to challenging racism and injustice in her community; and

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

Whereas the wrongful termination of, and lawsuit being pursued against Sandra Hudson is one example of the anti-black racism and economic forms of anti-Black violence that UTSU is committing against Black students;

Be it resolved that the Graduate Students' Association support the demands of ImWithSandy and the Black Liberation Collective to:

1. Drop the unjust lawsuit against former Executive Director and the current University of Toronto student, Sandra Hudson.
2. Host a town hall on anti-blackness within the UTSU.
3. Demand UTSU commit funding to support the work of Black student groups at the University of Toronto; and

Be it resolved that the Graduate Students' Association write a letter in support of Sandra Hudson.

Carried

b. Motion 12.09.2016 – 02 – Solidarity with IRRG Protestors

Moved: Jenna Amirault

Seconded: Kirk Kitzal (Indigenous and Canadian Studies)

Whereas on November 14 and 15 Carleton University and its Infrastructure Resilience Research Group (IRRG) helped to host a Symposium for state agencies, private security, and representatives of the oil and gas sector to discuss the use of the widely opposed Bill C-51 against protesters and activists;

Whereas Martin Rudner, one of the Symposium organizers and “Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus” at Carleton told the *Globe and Mail* on November 14 that Indigenous people exercising their sovereignty or protesting was one of the main concerns of the event; and

Whereas students and community members protested the Symposium's closing Dean's Lecture on November 15 until the event was cancelled pointing out that in the context of the brutal violence being used against Indigenous people at Standing Rock, North Dakota and similar issues in Canada, it is unacceptable for the university to sponsor or allow such events to take place on campus;

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

Be it resolved that the Graduate Students' Association support the demands of IRRG student and community protesters and organizers:

1. Publicly apologize for sponsoring the "2016 Symposium on Security and Infrastructure Resilience," the Dean's Lecture on November 15 and for allowing the event to take place on the traditional, unceded territories of the Algonquin nation.
2. Publicly disavow the criminalization of Indigenous peoples and protesters, and state unequivocally that Indigenous peoples defending their sovereignty and rights are not terrorists.
3. Publicly disclose relevant information about the IRRG including:
 - Any funds Carleton University has directed towards the organization;
 - Any funds that Carleton University has received to support the organization;
 - The rental cost of the IRRG's on-campus offices at 310 Minto Centre and by whom rent is paid;
 - Any corporate or state partners in the organization;
4. Immediately cease all funding towards the IRRG, and cease accepting any funds including from corporate donors in the name of supporting the IRRG.
5. Cease rental of 310 Minto Centre to the IRRG through immediate delivery of notice, with eviction to be scheduled for the earliest possible date; offer the space to Indigenous students to decide on a suitable alternative purpose.
6. Immediately withdraw support of Carleton and the IRRG for the "2017 Urban Security and Resilience Conference, Workshop, and Exhibition" to be held in Toronto from May 16 to 19, 2017.
7. Terminate the IRRG by ending all sponsorship and material support.

Carried.

c. Motion 12.09.2016 – 03 – Motion to support Women in Val D'Or in light of sexual abuse by SQ Police Officers Statement #OnVousCroit #Ibelieveindigenouswomen

Moved: Trycia Bazinet

Seconded: Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah

Content Warning: Sexual Assault

Considering that post-secondary institutions are part of the actors cited by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, their roles including the advancement of "the understanding of reconciliation" (#65), the integration of "Indigenous Knowledge" (#62) and the creation of "programs in Aboriginal Languages" (#16), not only should school directors and

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016

faculties take steps forward in ensuring that the basic conditions for the implementation of these calls are met, but so should student organizations and governing bodies too,

Considering also that it has been nationally acknowledged that Canada has a crisis of Indigenous women who are missing and who have been murdered, launching an official inquiry in 2015 after decades of tireless grassroots advocacy by the most affected themselves,

Considering that continued state-sanctioned violence against Indigenous women constitute the primary weapon for the replication of colonialism and that, when left unaddressed, severely hinders the condition for any reconciliation to even begin to take place, the Graduate Student Association of Carleton University, in the similar spirit of the launch of its Sexual Violence Policy, should publicly oppose this large scale case of sexual abuse against Indigenous women;

Whereas 38 cases of sexual assault and/or abuse against Indigenous Women by local police officers have led to 0 charges in Val D'Or, Abitibi-Temiscamingue, QC – and that the only pursued charges may be against two retired police officers outside of the region,

Whereas reports state that the police asked a woman to perform oral sex in exchange of alcohol, drugs or money – or again that they were picked up in the police vehicles only to be abandoned in isolated roads, in the cold, kilometers away from their homes, and that reports states that this practice continues up to today,

Whereas some of police officers were given a tv news platform to tell “their side of the story” right after the announcement that no charges were laid,

Whereas local journalists wrote articles citing that the young police officers were “sacrificed” by these “false” accusations,

Whereas one of the “solution” undertaken in light of this injustice was to merely hire more Indigenous police officers,

Whereas 41 SQ police officers are suing the news outlet that aired the testimonies of the women for 2.3 millions,

Whereas Indigenous women have shown incredible courage to speak out against this rampant abuse, symptomatic of white settler occupation and state enforcement,

Whereas student organizations must oppose and refuse rape culture in all spaces; on its campus like in the case of its Sexual Violence Policy, and elsewhere, setting a standard for all other urban universities follow suit,

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

***Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

Be it resolved that the GSA will condemn the verdict by drafting a bilingual (French-English) statement (and in Anishinaabemowin if possible),

Be it further resolved that this statement will center the fact that we believe Indigenous women and that we support the launch of an independent provincial inquiry regarding the treatment of Indigenous women by police officers,

Be it further resolved that the statement will be publicly open, widely circulated and directly sent to the Native Friendship Center of Val D'Or, the Lac Simon Community, the City of Val D'Or, Quebec AFN chief Ghislain Picard, Chief Matthew Coon Come, Other Chiefs from nearby communities, and the local SQ Police Station, the Prime Minister of Quebec, Vice Prime-Minister and Responsible of Women's Condition Lise Theriault, as well as to other relevant actors,

Be it further resolved that the Indigenous and Canadian Grad Studies community will build relationships with the local community of Lac Simon, Pikogan and other urban Indigenous people in Val-D'or to offer future assistance within its means.

Motion to Amend the final BIFRT to read:

Be it further resolved that the Indigenous and Canadian Grad Studies community be encouraged to build relationships with the local community of Lac Simon, Pikogan and other urban Indigenous people in Val-D'or to offer future assistance with its means.

Moved: Jenna Amirault

Seconded: Alexa Dodge

Amendment carried.

Main motion carried with amendment.

**d. Motion 12.09.2016 – 04 – Mining in the Territory of the Algonquins of Barriere Lake:
Oppose the CopperOne Corporation and Donate to the Land and Water Defenders**

Moved: Trycia Bazinet

Seconded: Anna Hoque

Whereas, Considering that post-secondary institutions are part of the actors cited by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, their roles including the advancement of "the understanding of reconciliation" (#65), the integration of "Indigenous Knowledge" (#62) and the creation of "programs in Aboriginal Languages" (#16), not only should school directors and

GSA COUNCIL – minutes

Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario

Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016

faculties take steps forward in ensuring that the basic conditions for the implementation of these calls are met, but so should student organizations and governing bodies too,

Whereas, Considering that the basic conditions for Reconciliation is severely hindered by illegal extractivism on unceded territories of Indigenous peoples and that the TRC also calls for the corporate sector to commit to United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)'s Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) (#92, i.), the Graduate Student Association of Carleton University, which is also on unceded Algonquin Territory, should therefore be aware and take action on the following issue;

Whereas, The Algonquins of Barriere Lake or Mitchikanibikok Inik, a small Algonquins community of located in the provincial La Verendrye Wildlife Reserve, live on their ancestral territory of 15,000km square, and they have never ceded or surrendered it to the settler-colonial Nation known as Canada,

Whereas the Algonquins of Barriere Lake are signatories of the 1991 Trilateral Agreement (Between Canada, Quebec and Algonquins of Barriere Lake), the Bilateral Agreement of 1998 (Between Quebec and Algonquins of Barriere Lake), which both stipulate that they have a decisive say in extractions project to take place in their territory,

Whereas the mining moratorium, in place since 2011, was lifted by the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, without consultation, consent or any prior advice, allowing mining companies to explore and develop their projects and successfully placing the government as breaker of its own laws,

Whereas Copper One Inc. corporation raised 2,4 millions dollars for exploration work and have finished their illegitimate exploration work and have been attempting to move in onto the unceded Territory of the Algonquins of Barriere Lake to begin development for the last 9 weeks,

Whereas, Considering that Quebec's Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources claims that they will deny the permit but that Copper One Inc. has made clear that it plans to sue the government to then seek an injunction against the land defenders at Barriere Lake,

Whereas, Considering that any mine in the region would contaminate the water, burial grounds, affect wildlife and negatively impact the health and way of life of the Algonquins peoples living there,

Whereas, Considering that Copper One Inc. is attempting to hire community members and risking to cause lateral violence within the community,

***GSA COUNCIL – minutes
Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

Whereas, Considering that local police officers are paying random visits to land defenders and questioning them, sometimes in the middle of the night, as a form of harassment, even if the Algonquins of Barriere Lake have always remain peaceful in their refusals, assertions and protests,

Whereas, Considering that Algonquin community Elder Michel Thusky, in the motion advanced by Quebec Solidaire on November 22nd 2016 in the National Legislative Assembly of Quebec, have called this project and its accomplices an attempt “to bury our cultural identity alive under the debris of mining tailings”

Be it resolved that the GSA will donate 500\$ to directly fund land defenders for their expenses regarding the maintenance of the camp, the surveying of their territory and the coverage of legal funds,

Be it resolved that the GSA, in collaboration with the Indigenous and Canadian Grad Studies Community, will endorse the statement of solidarity groups engaged with Algonquins of Barriere Lake (QPIRG McGill),

Be it resolved that the GSA, in collaboration with the Indigenous and Canadian Grad Studies Community, will write an open public statement to shed light on the colonial corporate trespassing of the Copper One Corporation,

Be it further resolved that the GSA, along with the Indigenous and Canadian Grad Studies Community, will establish a continued forum of communication to leverage the issues that the Algonquins of Barrieres Lake are facing.

Motion to amend \$500 to \$300

Moved by: Taylor Howarth (VP-Finance)

Seconded by: Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah (President)

Amendment carried

Motion to amend the final BIFRT clause to replace ‘will’ with ‘strive to’.

Moved: Jenna Amirault

Seconded: Taylor Howarth

Amendment carried

Motion as amended

Carried

GSA COUNCIL – minutes
Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016

e. Motion 12.09.2016 – 05 – Motion to support Neuroscience

Moved: Eric Hitsman

Seconded: Alexa Dodge

Whereas Carleton University’s Strategic Integrated Plan highlights the importance of research and teaching, as well as the student experience, and;

Whereas the Department of Neuroscience is a fast-growing department with over 550 undergraduate students, 49 graduate students, and faculty that have been very successful in acquiring external research funding, and;

Whereas graduate students were notified on November 11, 2016, that labs in the Life Sciences Research Building must be vacated by March 1, 2017, in order to meet timelines for the ARISE project, and;

Whereas research programs will be effectively displaced for a minimum of seven months, and;

Whereas the proposed interim location at University of Ottawa is inadequate to meet current research needs, and;

Whereas presently no detailed project plan has been provided to faculty, staff and students in Neuroscience, and;

Whereas many senior undergraduate and graduate students will be unable to complete current research projects, or will have their completion delayed by up to a year, and;

Whereas faculty and graduate students risk losing grant funding if Carleton University fails to fulfill its obligation to provide appropriate facilities to conduct research, and;

Whereas the reputation of Carleton University, and the Department of Neuroscience specifically, is being put at risk, threatening future grant applications, research productivity, student recruitment and engagement, and;

Whereas new pre-tenure faculty, including two Tier II Canada Research Chairs, will have great difficulty establishing their research careers, and;

Whereas labs in the Life Sciences Research Building contain specialized and very expensive equipment which requires months of lead-time to book specialists to dismantle, pack and move and then recalibrate and configure for set-up, and;

***GSA COUNCIL – minutes
Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association, Ottawa, Ontario
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall - 6:04 pm - Friday, December 9, 2016***

Whereas all academic departments at Carleton University should be concerned about the treatment received by the Department of Neuroscience, as it suggests any department could be put in a similar position, and;

Whereas all parties have an obligation to consult each other and to act collegially, therefore;

Be It Resolved That the Graduate Students’ Association call on the President of Carleton University to halt the eviction of the Department of Neuroscience until a comprehensive plan for a single move is developed in consultation with faculty, staff and students.

Motion to amend by adding the following:

BIFRT the GSA encourage academic departments and departmental societies to write letters of support and solidarity.

Moved: Codie Fortin Lalonde (ALDS)

Seconded: Debbie Osuwu-Akyeeah (President)

Amendment Carried

Motion as amended

Carried

10. OTHER BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Simon Vodrey (Communications)

Seconded: Codie Fortin Lalonde (ALDS)

Carried