

## **GSA COUNCIL – MINUTES**

**Carleton University Graduate Students' Association, Ottawa, Ontario  
Senate Chamber Robertson Hall – 6:30 pm – Friday, March 17, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:30pm, Friday, March 17, 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.*

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm.

### **Attendance**

- Emily Sandham (NPSIA)
- Bonnie Bates (History)
- Fawn Lewlie (Political Science)
- Danielle Taylor (English)
- Melissa Pullara (English)
- Jordan Boswell (Political Management)
- Jenna Smith (Sociology)
- Codie Fortin-Lalonde (ALDS)
- Ryan Barlow (NPSIA)
- Jay Ramasubramanyam (Legal Studies)
- Kirk Kitzul (Indigenous and Canadian Studies)
- Chloe Pedneault (Psychology)
- Michael Bueckert (Sociology/Anthropology)
- Alexa Dodge (Legal Studies)
- Simon Vodrey (Communication)
- Trycia Bazinet (Indigenous and Canadian Studies)
- Damiano Torre (Software Engineering)
- Charles Ozzoude (HSTP)
- Matt Dunford (Physics)
- Debbie Owusu Akyeeah (President)
- Eric Hitsman (VP-Operations)
- Taylor Howarth (VP-Finance)

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- Jenna Amirault (VP-External)
- Phil Robinson (Executive Coordinator)
- Vincent St-Martin (Office and Communications Coordinator)

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

- a. Announcement of Proxies
  - Simon Vodrey for Anna Hoque (Communication) (2 votes)
  - Danielle Taylor for Melissa Pullara (English) (2 votes)
  - Charles Ozzoude for Kirsten Zintel and Sarah Beaulands (HST Policy)

- b. Overview of Roberts Rules of Order

Minutes: Justine De Jaegher

Chair: Rick Telfer

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

**Moved:** Bonnie Bates (History)

**Seconded:** Simon Vodrey (Communications)

Motion carries.

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

a. E-Minutes from February 17, 2017

**Moved:** Jay Ramasubramanyam (Legal Studies/GFB)

**Seconded:** Ryan Barlow (NPSIA)

Motion carries.

b. Minutes from February 17, 2017

**Moved:** Codie Fortin-Lalonde (ALDS)

**Seconded:** Eric Hitsman (VP Operations)

Motion carries.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **5. ORDER OF THE DAY**

- a. GSA Elections – All Candidates Forum
  - Candidates presenting themselves for elections make remarks and answer questions.

### **6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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

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- f. Questions

### **7. 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. Rideau River Residence Association (RRRA)
- f. Board of Governors (BoG)
- g. Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA)
- h. Other
- i. Questions

### **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion 17.03.2017 – 01: Motion to Amend the GSA Policy Manuel to Include an Updated Agenda Notification Policy in Regards to the Publication Date of Final Agendas**

**Moved:** Sadie Harrison (SPPA)

**Seconded:** Warren Trottier (SPPA)

Whereas preamble 1 of the Agenda Notification Policy within the GSA Policy Manuel indicates: "The Vice-President Operations of the GSA shall produce and distribute an agenda including motions to all Council members no less than four (4) days prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meeting for inclusion in the agenda."

Whereas preamble 2 of the Agenda Notification Policy within the GSA Policy Manuel indicates: "Council members with motions to be presented to Council should inform the Vice-President Operations no less than (5) five days prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meeting for inclusion in the agenda."

Whereas having less than (4) four days notice of final motions may be detrimental to councilors' ability to make informed decision as the content of certain motions may be extensive and require time for research and reflection.

Be it resolved that the first preamble be amended to read: "The Vice-President Operations of the GSA shall produce and distribute a final agenda including complete motions to all Council members no less than four (4) days prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meeting for inclusion in the agenda."

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BIFR that the second preamble be amended to read: "Council members with motions to be presented to Council must provide the Vice-President Operations with a complete motion no less than (5) days prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meetings for inclusion in the agenda."

Motion carries.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved:** Simon Vodrey (Communications)

**Seconded:** Jay Ramasubramanyam (Legal Studies/GFB)

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.