

**GSA COUNCIL – Minutes Carleton University Graduate Students’ Association,
Ottawa, Ontario 6:00 pm – Friday, November 29th, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:04 pm, Friday, November 29th, 2019

We, the members of GSA-Carleton are committed to following Indigenous legal traditions of acknowledging the sovereign waters, lands, and the Algonquin Anishinaabeg Nation in the territory of the Kitchissippi watershed, which includes the City of Ottawa. In doing so, we are also acknowledging the illegalities of our presence under Indigenous legal traditions, and acknowledging the ongoing and violent methods of settler colonialism. This acknowledgment is but a first step in accepting our responsibility to correct these injustices through action and furthering the education of ourselves and others.

1. INTRODUCTION OF CHAIR

a. Announcement of Proxies

Kevin Amiralk proxy for Eric Maclead (Social Work)
Nagasruti Gottipati for Adhithyan Haridas (Electronics)

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved: Carmen

Seconded: Nathaniel

Carries.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Minutes from the last meeting.

Moved: Ashley

Seconded: Simon

Carries.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nothing to report

5. ORDER OF THE DAY:

Discussion groups.

Amendment to Agenda:

Move point 9 (Motion to Support Roksana) to after point 5.

Moved: Ashley

Seconded: Hemant

Carries.

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President (Ashley Courchene)
- b. VP Finance (Jesse Whattam)
- c. VP Academic (Hemant Gupta)
- d. VP External (Namrata Tilokani)
- e. VP Operations (Shalimar Woods)
- f. Questions
 1. Has Jesse had a meeting with Carleton - what is Carleton's response on Student Choice? Will Carleton reimburse?
 2. Changes to Route 7, I was wondering what all changes will be made in the future?
 3. Jeremy: About the reimbursement, what about students who have opted-out for next semester already?
 4. Daren: Are you guys going to be doing another training event soon?

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)
- f. Board of Governors (BOG)
- e. Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA)
- i. Questions
 - No questions.

8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- Nothing to Report

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion 29.11.2019 –

01: Motion to support Roksana

Moved By: Namrata

Seconded By: Seconded

Whereas despite government policies that appear supportive of refugees and immigration, refugees and immigrants face significant barriers prior to and after entry, and

Whereas the GSA holds historic support for movements around migrant and refugee justice, and Whereas a family of refugees in Ottawa is facing deportation, through no error of their own, and

Whereas the father in this family has already been deported and

Whereas the mother, Celina is facing deportation and the two young woman Roksana and Camila the two stateless sisters face the same, and;

Whereas February 12, 2020 will officially mark 23 years that Celina, Roksana and Camila have been in Canada with no status and face a risk of family separation

Whereas the GSA is an organization which can be instrumental in aiding this family in avoiding unjust and unlawful deportation and

Whereas Roksana is an active member of the Carleton community;

Be It Resolved that the GSA write a letter in support of Roksana, Celina, and Camila

Be It Further Resolved that the GSA coordinate with the organizers of the Justice for Celina, Roksana and Camila campaign (<https://www.facebook.com/Justice4CRC/>) in Ottawa

Be It Further Resolved That the GSA aid in and advertise the protests and actions organized by the Justice for Celina, Roksana, and Camila campaign,

Be It Further Resolved that GSA councilors encourage their students in their department to get involved in the ongoing campaign to support the family

Be It Further Resolved that the GSA donate \$1000 to the campaign and legal defense fund for the family.

Discussion:

1. Jeremy: Where is this coming from GSA? Is it coming from donation or budget line?
2. Carmen: How is the amount of \$1000 to give reached?

Motion carries.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Announcement: On December 7, we are having a Disney Trivia! Come and join

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Hemant

Seconded by: Shalimar

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM

