Minutes

Attendees: Natalie D’Silva (President), Lucia Lee (VP External), Ashley Ravenscroft (DoO), Jonathan Tran (FRC Science), Sara King Dowling (FRC Science), Marguerite Marlin (FRC Social Science), Rodrigo Narro (BoG), Vi Dang (International Representative), Angela Orasch (VP Internal), Mohamed Zaher (FRC Engineering), Hanie Yousefi (FRC Engineering), Alexander Nielsen (Senator Science), Rodrigo Narro (BoG), Vi Dang (International Representative), Angela Orasch (VP Internal), Mohamed Zaher (FRC Engineering), Hanie Yousefi (FRC Engineering), Alexander Nielsen (Senator Science)

Regrets: Philip Tominac (Senator Engineering), (Senator Science), Samira Farivar (FRC Business), Megan Murphy (VP Administration), Colette Nyirakamana (VP Services), Firat Sayin (FRC Business), Maleeha Qazi (FRC Health Science), Arun Jacob (FRC Social Science), Beautiful and elegant

Observer: sasha Kovalchuk (Phd student in Department of political science)

Absent: Mariam Munawar (Senator Business), Sid Nath (Senator Health Science), David Bakhshinyan (FRC Health Science)

1.0 Call to Order at 6:06 PM

2.0 Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda; first by Lucia, seconded by Zaher, all in favour, motion carried.

- sasha Kovalchuk requested to attend the Council meeting as an observer, and speak during discussion.

Motion to allow sasha to speak during the Council discussion first by Marguerite, seconded by Hanie, all in favour, motion carried.

3.0 Approval of Minutes from the Council meeting of November 28th, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes from November 28th, 2016; first by Angela, seconded by Zaher, 8 in favour, 3 abstentions, motion carried.

4.0 Consent Agenda (5 mins)

- Starting next meeting Council members are request to send their reports one week earlier in order to allow other members time to review.
4.1 Reports from the Board  
4.1.1 President’s Report  
4.1.1.1 Board of Directors

Natalie mentioned the following:

- The Board discussed and passed a policy for writing reference letters for employees.
- The Board was also made aware of OGSA’s new fee model and that the AAC and Council will continue those discussions.
- The Board carefully reviewed and discussed the consultant’s report on the Phoenix’s operations and noted they are not in agreement with some of the analysis and conclusions provided. The consultants provided many constructive suggestions to improve the business model of the Phoenix; however, there were identifiable gaps in the information used for their analysis and not all data represents the population that we serve, meaning that some examples were five star restaurants rather than comparable bars. The Board took the position that it would be fiscally irresponsible of them to sign a new lease that at this time is not supported by a proven business model and strategies.
- Continuing from the Boards previous meeting, the Board discussed sponsorship and donations to groups outside of the GSA Clubs umbrella. The Board confirmed the use of $6000 from the budget towards sponsorship and donations, and $2000 towards clubs, in addition to the $100 given to clubs as seed money.

General:
University Services Review
The SGS underwent a review last year, and the GSA was invited to the discussions. The results of the review can be found on the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) website.

- The University's Information Technology Services also underwent a review, which the GSA was invited to. The results of the review can be found online on the daily news.

Payroll

- Roger Cauldrey pursued the GSAs suggestion of changing the funding formula however he noted that they would carry on with making individual changes to accommodate concerns either at the SGS or through the department, rather than changing the formula across the board. The GSA’s only concern with this is that this was already an option; however, we saw a lot of students suffer since departments did not know how to change the formula for individuals.

- Roger also suggested that maybe a change to the charging formula for the ancillary fees might help, as this is the reason the current funding formula doesn't work. He is currently pursuing this option.
- Ashley added that the GSA will send a survey tomorrow, the survey will have 2 specific questions in this regards the formal equation a what students want. According to the survey answers the GSA will have then have more analytics to approach Roger with what is suitable or not for grad students.
- Marguerite mentioned that some grad students approached her regarding the winter term TA opt-out and the dental reimbursement. Ashley explained that this issue is 100% not a GSA or Studentcare issue it is a university issue. She has been in contact with the director of HR, however, they have to wait to get a list from CUPE about who is covered by the CUPE plan.
Unfortunately, the proposed reimbursement date is March; however, the GSA will continue to work with the provider to see if there is anything we can do internally to help get funds to these students!

4.1.2 Bylaws Committee

- A doodle was sent, and the meeting time will be announced soon.

4.1.2 Senate Report

- No new business

4.1.3 Board of Governor’s Report

- No new business

4.2 Vice President (VP) and Faculty Representatives to Council (FRC) Reports

4.2.1 VP Administration Reports

4.2.1.1 Finance Committee

Megan sent a report mentioning:

- They met on December 13th with the bookkeeper and other committee members. They reviewed the financial position of both houses. They also have started reviewing the responsibilities document provided by the auditors to determine who is responsible for certain financial tasks and controls, and how often these items should be completed and reviewed. They are meeting again on February 3rd and will complete the review during that meeting.

4.2.1.2 Phoenix Executive Committee

Megan sent a report mentioning:

- The current project of the Phoenix is completing the new menu in order to have it ready on time for distribution. They have also sent around (and posted) a couple logo ideas for the new menu launch. They also discussed inventory and purchasing. Randy is working with the newer kitchen staff to ensure better purchasing procedures to reduce inventory and waste in the kitchen. The last major topic was related to the restaurant's atmosphere. There have been a few events and entertainment which have gone well. As always, we are open to ideas for new events and themed nights that students would be interested in.

4.2.2 VP External Reports

4.2.2.1 Events and Trips Planning Committee

Lucia mentioned that:

- She is arranging a tubing trip in January or February, she is currently asking for the quotation from companies.
- She is planning 2 trips to Snow Valley in March.
- The Events committee have a couple of new members, and they are scheduling a meeting soon.

4.2.2.2 Students Issues Action Committee

Lucia mentioned the following:

- There were 2 surveys that went out in November and December, she will issue a report of the surveys analytics soon.
• The GSA is transitioning into a new website, the major work on the website is done, she is currently working on some little details to update. She will send the link to Council members to send their feedback reviews.

4.2.3  VP Internal Reports
4.2.3.1  Academic Affairs Committee

Angela mentioned the following:
• Next Friday is the ACC meeting, they will be discussing the issues with funding for grad students and referendum proposed.
• She attends graduate students’ council session at SGS
• She is currently preparing a handbook for the GSA. The handbook has collected information grad students will need.

4.2.4  VP Services Reports
4.2.4.1  Graduate Student Services Review Committee (Co-Chaired with President)

Colette sent a report mentioning:
• The GSSRC committee met on Dec 2nd, 2016 to discuss the University’s proposal to reinstate MHS (Mental Health Services), DBAC fees, and GSA’s MHS initiative for graduate students. The meeting was attended by 4 members. For the MHS discussion a large focus was reviewing the University’s proposal and the potentiality organizing a referendum if the fee increase proposed by the University is deemed satisfying for graduate students.
• McMaster University has created a proposal to enhance the student experience by expanding access to recreational and student life facilities on campus. The proposed expansions include the Athletics & Recreation expansion and the construction of a Student Building which will provide students with additional study, social, meeting, and event space, including a multi-faith prayer room, an e-sports gaming center, and napping pods.

• The underlying assumption on the GSA’s side is that if undergraduate students agree to pay the fees proposed, the University will reach out to graduate students to ask them to embark in the same project. For this reason, the GSSRC needs to anticipate a future discussion on this matter with the university.

• In terms of GSA’s mental health initiatives, the decision of using the $10 000 available for a graduate students’ initiative has been postponed to a next GSSRC committee meeting.

• In the meantime, the GSA is partnering with Arrive and Thrive, OpenCircle and Grad Wellness Initiative (GWI) for the planning of wellness activities until the end of the Winter term. In January 2017, Arrive and Thrive will organize on behalf of the GSA a session on how to avoid procrastination. OpenCircle will organize a Personal Discovery Course for graduate students and will use the GSA board room for one-on-one meetings with graduate students.
• Natalie added that she and Ashley have met with Sean and Gina, regarding mental health services, that will be going back to GSSRC, the document is also circulated to council members.
• Marguerite mentioned that the last GSSRC was Dec 2nd, they discussed CUPE unit bargaining, and what arouse out of that discussion is the essentialness of mental health coverage and as of September all TAs/RAs will have access to an Employee Family Assistance Plan (EFAP). She added the program is comprehensive and students can use it online.
• She added in June the Council passed a motion requesting the discretionary fund of $25,800 to be allocated to mental health. Also there are now approximately 2000 grad students, which are now covered under the EFAP plan. So with the discretionary fund there should be money left to close the gap and cover the rest of grad students. Ashley commented that the university has provided a proof that all the discretionary funding has been allocated too SWC.

• Ashley asked that what kind of services EFAP provided? Marguerite mentioned that counselling is available in person by telephone or online, and appointments are made as soon as possible. More details are on their website or the pamphlet.

• Ashley mentioned that the GSA has been offered a EAP, but for students for between $5 - $15 per student depending on the service level, the GSA is trying to understand the complexity of the service level of the health insurance provider, to provide students with good coverage.

• Sasha commented that he had challenges when he started at McMaster, the tuition is very high, he had to pay double the tuition he used to pay at York university. Another challenge grad students face is the mental health, in case of crisis or break down, every moment on those people life counts. The grad students don’t have access to a councilor on campus. However, McMaster have been always proud of their mental health coverage, nevertheless, they cut grad students out. Comparing to other universities, university of Victoria for instance provides councilor service on campus for grad students. Grad school can put a lot of stress on grad students, he hopes this could be solved quickly.

• Ashley added that they are discussing this with the MSU as she believes lack of services an issue. Upon a successful referendum the MSU has agreed to allow the GSA access as of May 2017. Natalie added that she brought the issue up at CAGS, she mentioned that the GSA lost mental health services, and there should be something mandated despite students pay for this services or not. But, people from all over Canada right now are paying for this services. This is something the GSA’s have to deal with on the provincial and federal level. Marguerite commented that the GSA is relying on the university goodwill to having the best proposal, she suggested to discuss at the finance committee having an alternate plan the GSA could use through their insurance provider, then we could look for alternatives for comparison.

• Ashley mentioned that she and Colette had asked the insurance provider to increase the psychological benefit, to cover $100 per visit to annual maximum of $400 per year. This will increase the fee between $1.31 to $1.40 as annual increase per student. The GSA is currently in negotiations of EAPs with 3 different providers, that will range from $5 to $15 per students. There is also legal protection for $28 annually per student. She received the survey results from StudentCare, the results show students interested to have legal services. Students can call and speak with a lawyer, there is also coverage if students get sued, taking in consideration this addition of services will increase the health premium.

• Sasha commented that there is a need to lobby provincial government in order to mandate the university to do the aforementioned. Natalie explained that this has been discussed in previous meeting, and will be discussed further, as a lot of students are in need for mental health services on campus.
4.2.4.2 GSA Summer Leagues Committee

- No new business

GSA Clubs Committee

- The three following clubs have applied for recognition. They meet all the criteria included in the GSA Operating Policies and we are asking they be recognized by Council.

- The Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) It has 14 members, including Executives. It offers additional educational opportunity in computational fields to all students, regardless of their departmental affiliations. SIAM is committed to bring to the GSA an interdisciplinary approach in Scientific Computing, which embraces several disciplines such as Math, Engineering, Psychology, etc.

- The Health Sciences Graduate Student Federation (HSGSF) represents students from all graduate programs within the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS). The Club has been developed to facilitate opportunities for students to further enrich their graduate experience by organizing a variety of events ranging from monthly coffeehouses to academic seminars.

- The club provides unique opportunity for collaboration amongst graduate students within the Faculty of Health Sciences. There is also an effort to achieve an interdisciplinary approach to academic collaboration.

- The Gilbrea Student Group: This is an interdisciplinary group of graduate students who share an interest in improving the lives of older adults by linking research, education, policy, and practice with local, national, and global initiatives. The aim of the club is to achieve innovation and interdisciplinary approaches to the study of aging. They aim to create an open and supportive environment for graduate students across all disciplines who have a common interest in aging research. The members can benefit from receiving different information regarding career opportunities, conferences, guest lectures, and networking opportunities with faculties and peers.

Motion to approve the above mentioned 3 clubs; first by Rodrigo, seconded by Lucia, all in favour motion carried.

4.2.4.3 Health & Dental Committee

- No new business

4.2.5 FRC reports

4.2.5.1 International

Vi mentioned the following:

- They are working on the following:
  - Organizing January’s New Graduate Student Orientation (in collaboration with SGS) on Jan 11, 2017 (noon - 2:30 pm)
  - Setting up the graduate module (in collaboration with IGSAG) in Macinsiders website (a student-run online community for MAC students)
  - Organizing Immigration Seminar with Elizabeth Long (accredited immigration lawyer) in February or March.
4.2.5.2 Business

- No new business

4.2.5.3 Engineering

Hanie and Mohamed sent the following report:

- EGS will be responsible to give the Dean’s travel award to graduate students from the engineering department.
- EGS is preparing a letter to the Dean of Graduate Studies and ask for improvements in office spaces for Engineering students.
- EGS is increasing the number of representatives from 2 to 3 for every department and changing the bylaws accordingly.
- Latex workshops were held in December with two groups of 25 people

4.2.5.4 Health Sciences

- No new business

4.2.5.5 Science

Sarah sent the following report:

- SAM’s Alumni Social will be held in February
- Exit surveys for MOLE have been reviewed and 3 courses are offered in the winter term (Elementary Python Programming for Scientists, Applied Spatial Statistics, Population Growth and Aging)
- SAM is working on hosting a welcome back potluck with EGS

4.2.5.6 Humanities

- No new business

4.2.5.7 Social Sciences

Marguerite sent the following report:

- This past month, she has done some background research for committees i.e. bylaws and finance. After CUPE bargaining wrapped up in late December, she has been eager to focus on how to address the mental health situation for non-TA graduate students while avoiding the exacerbation of graduate student poverty -- which is a real issue for many people in the social sciences. In that regard, she has been connecting with various stakeholders such as OPIRG McMaster and our VP Services to get as much context-specific information as possible and look at our most feasible options for sustainable and protected mental health services that are transparent and fairly administered.

5.0 In camera

- No new business

6.0 HSR fee

- Natalie mentioned that the GSA has been negotiating our fee with the HSR. Historically grad student pays more in HSR fees, because during summer they use HSR services more than undergraduates. Ashley added that grad students pay 195% of a one-month adult pass; however, under grad pay 145%. This year the GSA is discussing this percentage with HSR in hopes of getting a better rate. HSR was originally trying to increase the fees immensely, however, they
lack analytics to rational it because the HSR doesn’t tack how many times students use the service. HSR has offered the Presto pass for September, they will charge $5 for the card itself, the card will have the students picture (so the conversation says so far). We are continuing to discuss this as putting a picture on will cost more and the GSA also will need to work with the university constrains as photos are private material.

- Sasha commented that he would like to share his experience from university of Victoria. The university and the students share one seat on the board of director of the public transit at city of Victoria, he recommended to implement the same idea, to have a seat at the board of director of the HSR, in which that seat is for 1 grad student representative.

- Ashley mentioned the following number is the result for the current negotiation with HSR:
  - 2017/2018 155% annual $227.44
  - 2018/2019 160% annual $244.99
  - 2019/2020 165% annual $263.18

- Ashley mentioned that HSR had a deficit, and as a lot of other services they are increasing their fees to offset it. They are interested to work with the GSA, so the GSA is trying to provide different options, for example allowing part time and visiting students to opt in, and allowing students the option to opt-out of the system, however, this option will increase the HSR rates. Nevertheless, the opt out from the public transit option is available within other universities. The GSA’s having a meeting tomorrow with HSR, she will bring back the summary of the meeting to the next Council meeting.

### 7.0 GSA Fee

- Natalie mentioned that the GSA will have to give the university the potential fee increases by the end of January. The GSA is suggesting up to 4% increase for the GSA fee and continuing annually without having to go to a referendum, this discussion will be in the Bylaws committee, to add the 4% increase in the GSA Bylaws. Marguerite mentioned that 4% is more than the rate of inflation of past years. The GSA doesn’t need to approve an increase with inflation, it could be put as zero or no increase. However, it could be within the CPI increase. Ashley explained that they did a list of what students will get in return of the increase, there is a budget provided with this list. Natalie added that this fee increase is a GSA fees and not a university fees, i.e. the increase is coming to the GSA. The fee increase is to help in the following:
  - Increase the office assistant budget, in order to have more hours to assist larger number of grad students.
  - The Executive now have to be paid as for ESA in accordance with CRA regulations, that increasing the burden on the GSA.
  - Travel has increased for advocacy, e.g. going to in campus meetings, HSR, Health and Dental, and meeting with other GSAs, all this cost are paid with the GSA.
  - The GSA CRO pay increased. This position wasn’t get paid well in the past years. the CRO is requested to develop Bylaws, and referendums. This increase in order to pay the CRO by referendums or election.
  - Insurance for clubs and additional insurance for the organization as mandated by the university. The university has mandated that the GSA should go from 5 million coverage to 10 million, so that’s about $3500 increase.

- This is why CPI doesn’t work for the GSA, 1% or 2% increase will not cover the above-mentioned increases. Also, being able to put it up to 4%, doesn’t mean it has to increase by 4%
every year. The discussion comes to councils table to decide up to 4%, then it has to pass at the AGM.

- Marguerite disagreed to the point of allowing 4% increase without going to a referendum, as fee increase shouldn’t be without grad students consent. She recommended the increase to be within CPI. Ashley explained that a lot of universities does that also, they increase fee by 4-5% annually, instead of increasing a significant amount every 5 years. In addition, CPI doesn’t speak to how much things are actually costing us. Natalie added that there is a lot of things that couldn’t be in our budget if we were only to increase by CPI, for example, there is essential day to day business that potentially need to expand, and advocacy is something that the students seem to want and to do this will be additional money.

- sasha asked would the 4% increase in the bylaws be mandatory? Natalie answered that it will be up to 4%, and this will go the Bylaws, when Bylaws approves it, it will go to AGM. Then Council can approve up to 4% every year without having a referendum. He asked if the GSA has a formal plan and a mechanism for the Council, to represent how the 4% increase will be used wisely. Ashley mentioned that every single penny is written in the budget, a lot of new initiatives e.g. Clubs, Light Up The Night and Homecoming, which the Council is interested in, has a cost of approximately $12,500, these initiatives CPI can’t cover alone. The other issue is legal matter. The executive pay. The executives are paid honorariums; however, this is something that could be viewed negatively by CRA. Nonetheless, she noted the budget goes to finance committee, council, and AGM to ensure all levels agree with any proposed changes before implementation.

- sasha mentioned that having the budget goes through discussion and committees, is a good practice and necessary, however, it is democratic to allow grad students to vote to the fee increase or not. Taking away the fees increase from the referendum is against democracy.

- Marguerite added that increasing up to 4% will make students say why you are modifying and going above CPI, however, a good justification of the increase is fine but with the consent of the grad students.

- Sara mentioned that 4% is an acceptable increase, as it is almost $2, however, increasing by $10 or $20 is significant, and will concern grad students more.

- Sasha commented that he agrees to have $10 increase through a referendum, rather than 4% increase without a referendum.

- Ashley highlighted that the accountability will still be at an AGM, there is multiple items to be discussed this year and fees must be submitted to the university by Jan 31st 2017.

- Natalie explained that by Jan 31st, the GSA will have to give the university a list of what the GSA fees will be (pending referendum). Essentially all the potential fees that could be added on has to be sent by the end of the month.

The Council voted on the following items for further exploration or no for referendum:

- **SoBi Fees** 5 against 4
- **HSR Fees** 9 against 0
- **Peruse legal protection** 2 against 0
- **Psychology enhancement** 10 against 0
- **EFAP** 7 against 4
- **GSA fee for next year** 9 against 0
- **OGSA** 5 against 1
8.0 **DBAC fee and business proposal**

- Ashley mentioned that for the capital/building fee there is 2 options:
  - Option A: $59.10/year increase to capital/building fee DBAC/pulse expansion only
  - Option B: $118.50 per year increase to capital/building fee for DBAC/Pulse expansion + Student Activity Building
- Both would come with the elimination of the pulse user fee which is $177/year.
- Rodrigo commented that the DBAC fee is a great project, however, the amount of money they are asking grad students to invest is a lot. He recommended to explore more, as there are many gyms around the campus that are a lot cheaper. He proposed to ask if there is a possibility to have a third option. He added that the Council needs to look into what students are paying in terms of operating cost and what they are getting in return.
- Ashley mentioned that she will put the DBAC fee on the fee schedule, noting that there will be a referendum, in case the GSA received a third option, so the university would be aware of this fee.
- The Council agreed to tabling the legal protection, and SoBi to the subcommittee to decide if the GSA will peruse them.

9.0 **Environmental scan**

- Council agreed to table item for next agenda.

10.0 **Light Up The Night**

- Ashley mentioned that the GSA is interested in a joint venture with MSU for the Light Up The Night event. She has been in contact with MSU, they are interested of having the GSA part of the committee.
- This initiative focuses on mental health; last year 700 grad students attended.

**Motion** to approve $2500 to be put towards Light Up The Night initiative; first by Lucia, seconded by Sara, 6 in favor 5 abstention, motion carried.

11.0 **Letter of support for OpenSyllabus application for SPICES grant**

- Natalie mentioned that Arun is applying for the SPICES grant in order to help in creating the repository of graduate student syllabi. He requested that the GSA provide him with a letter of support, which essentially says that the GSA is in the process of putting together the working plan to execute the creation of an open syllabus repository in tandem with other willing stakeholders on campus.
- Ashley mentioned that Arun can generate a letter with the working plan, and Council members can sign off.

**Motion** to approve and support this initiative and approve the letter Arun generates; first by Marguerite, seconded Angela, by all in favour, motion carried.

12.0 **Vacancies and nominations**

12.1 **Humanities nominations**

- Egan Curran
12.2  FRC International
  Lyia Niu

Motion to accept these 2 nomination and have them as elected FRC for Humanities and International, first by Marguerite, second by Zaher, all in favor, motioned carried.

13.0  New business

Adding consent to act as FRC

- Marguerite mentioned that she disagrees with the language written, specifically the part that states “I will not use my position/title for personal purposes or purposes not sanctioned by the Council, including to speak with the McMaster University administration”. She mentioned that FRC’s need to be able to do their job, and that includes representing their faculties without the entire Council being on board with every single initiative. Ashley mentioned that this document was written by the GSA lawyers using the GSA Bylaws, and according to the Bylaws the FRC position is to represent the interests and concerns of its member students at Council meetings. (Bylaws: Article V point 5. iii Responsibilities of Faculty of Associations). In saying that, FRC’s are not to represent the GSA with any McMaster administration, because this will be considered undermining the whole process, if the GSA did not agree with the thought, etc. For example, if FRC Engineering disagreed with the Environmental scan, and started talking to people that the GSA doesn’t agree with the environment, but on the other hand FRC science started talking with people that the GSA agrees. This shows the Council is not united as one team. The point is to bring the issues to the Council and Council does motions and collectively decides the GSA’s position.

- Natalie highlighted Executive and FRC’s can meet with anybody within the university for any issue, however, they should say that they don’t represent the GSA in this context. For instance, if a FRC disagrees with what the Council decides, he/she can’t go and represent the GSA and request a meeting to discuss the item, as this will be considered using the title to be able to voice her/his opinion for personal advantage or gain.

- Ashley commented that many Council members have dual leadership roles, for instance student could have a role as an FRC and SAM, so if he goes to meeting and saying I am SAM rep he is talking for SAM, or GSA rep, then he is talking for the GSA. In the past what has happened is that someone asks for a meeting saying they are GSA X, Y, and Z and with the administration, but in a few hours we have had scheduled meetings, so the administration was confused as to why there were two meetings occurring with the same organization. This comes to weaken the GSA and reflect that the GSA is divided.

- Natalie explained if the point to be discussed is a GSA activity and the FRC member wants to use his/her title, then Council should be on board with it.

- Sara asked if FRCs are allowed to represent their faculty in a situation. For instance, they say that they don’t represent the GSA at this context. Ashley mentioned the whole point of the administration is that they section their bodies, so for instant if this Council says the GSA is going to bring XYZ to a referendum, and if an FRC doesn’t agree with the point, and started talking as an FRC of the faculty, this means he/she putting his/her own agenda instead of the Council, and this undermines the whole process, because different people will be saying different things. However, holding their hat as SAM rep, that person has every right to discuss with SAM how they disagree and for SAM to form a position.

- Vi commented this is a little bit confusing for her, as she works with many faculties, and currently working mainly with SGS, so when they do work together, they put it on as “organized
by SGS and iGSA.” Ashley mentioned that iGSA is the same idea as representing SAM. It gets easier because you are representing a very specific body, and you come to Council first for discussion, and from there you go about the council’s mandate.

**Motion** to accept the policy FRC consent to act as FRC to council form; first by Sara seconded by Lucia, 8 in favour, 1 opposed, 2 abstentions, motion carried

14.0 **Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm first by Lucia, seconded by Sara, all in favour, motion carried.

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Lucia Lee, VP External                      Date                      Recorder                      Date