

AGM Minutes Sept 25 2013

Chair: Mikayla Wujec
Minutes: Marc Rowley

1. *Welcome and Background on 'What is the Sustainability Action Fund?'*
2. *Presentation of Jeff Riley's Annual Report*

Last year the SAF:

- employed 22 students
- got GSA to support SAF with a fee levy by referendum
- launched the Sustainability Curriculum Project
 - Targeting professors
 - Goal is to have every student take at least one sustainability related course
- supported 27 projects last year

A chart was presented (see accompanying PowerPoint) showing SAF spending 2007-2013. Presenter Mikayla remarked a growing emphasis on sustainable development literacy, and a declining emphasis on recycling/waste (though she underlines the SAF is working to change this)

3. *Motions*

Pens handed out to all voting members
Majority vote will be conducted by show of hands

Motion 1: To approve last year's AGM minutes

Minutes from last year are presented on a handout.

Vote

Moved by Marc
2nd by Catherine

Yea: 23 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 2 (no absentions noted)
Motion passes

Marc raises a point of order following the vote, that we do not have quorum. Mikayla, the meeting chair, decides to move forwards nonetheless. (*NB: Quorum, at the start of this meeting, was fixed at 20. A change to the bylaws that would increase quorum to 30 was proposed in Motion 4, but did not pass. A subsequent Motion increased quorum to 21. According to SAF bylaws, quorum is based on the number of*

people who sign in at the beginning of the meeting (30, in this case), and not the number of people who vote on a given motion. According to SAF bylaws, this meeting had quorum in its entirety, points of order concerning quorum are thusly irrelevant, but preserved for completeness of our records.)

Motion 2: To approve last year's budget

Discussion:

Daniel Dabora gives presentation stating we undergo an audit every year.

Daniel presents this year's detailed budget (see attached presentation).

- Question- why is our rollover budget line item smaller than last year's?
- Answer (Daniel)- we are engaged in spending as much of our budget as possible because it is funded by students, and we want to make sure they get the maximum amount of services that they've paid for
- Question- what is the main difference between this year's budget and last year's?
- Answer (Mikayla)- Our HR is a lot stronger now, so with a larger staff we are able to support more events (Mikayla gives details on bike tour and Ecovillage tour as example)

Daniel states that the budget has been approved by the outgoing board of directors and the finance committee.

- Question Why do we have such a large rollover (amount of funds which are carried forward from last year)?
- Answer (Daniel): We approve funding in one year, but often expense them the year later, leading to a large rollover

Vote

Moved by Marc

2nd by Catherine

Yea: 26 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 1 (Ben Prunty)

Motion passes

Point of Order (Marc) we still don't have quorum. Daniel responds- we will note 30 people signed in, we will send the vote to the governance committee to determine if it's binding. (Per bylaws, the vote is binding, as 30 people signed in to the meeting. See above note).

Motion 3: To approve 2013-14 auditors

Daniel recommends we stay with our current auditors Amstence and Mackenzie who charge us \$2800, the next lowest quote we received was \$5000.

- Question: how did we find them?
- Answer (Daniel): other student associations recommended them

Vote

Moved by André

2nd by Chris

Yea: 19 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 2 (Justin Occhinero)

Motion passes

Motion 4. To approve changes to our bylaws

Bylaw changes (see detailed version in PowerPoint):

- 1) addition of 2 new board members for community at large (eg. alumni, staff)
- 2) Increase quorum for AGM to 30
- 3) Increase quorum for board meetings to 7 and committee meetings (up to 3)
- 4) Added 6 new annexes
 - a. Board duties and responsibilities
 - b. Board officers
 - c. Management duties and responsibilities
 - d. Conflict of interest policies
 - e. Media relations policy
 - f. Political activity policy

Motion to approve all changes by Sandro. Faisal interjects asks if we really want to increase quorum to 30, seeing as we have less than 30 people in the room. Sandro's motion not seconded.

Vote

Motion by Mikayla to keep quorum at 20

Marc seconds

Yea 22 Nay 0 Abstentions 0

Motion passes

Vote

Motion by Catherine to increase quorum to 21

Marc seconds

Yea 19 abstain 4 (no abstentions noted) nay 0

Motion passes

Vote

John motions to approve all other bylaw updates

Jessica seconds

Yea 24 abstain 0 nay 0

Motion passes

Motion 5: to approve board of directors

Adding GSA reps and Community Members

- Question: Board is not elected by members at large, but by constituent organizations: how do we choose these organizations?
- Answer (Mikayla) They are the largest, plus Sustainable Concordia are considered for expert advice

Vote

John motions to approve Board

Jessica 2nd

Yea: 22 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 3 (John from CSU, Justin from ASFA, Loïc from CASA)

Motion passes

Motion 6: To elect members at large (2)

2 candidates, Kristifer Szabo and Kristina Millet are in attendance. 3rd Liam

Blackwell not present due to work commitment

Each member in attendance can vote for 2 candidates

Mikayla reads all the bios

Vote is taken. Results to be announced once certified by Board.

4. Adjournment