**Attendance:** Avery Konda President

Kavisha Shah Vice President Administration

Hellena Baechler Vice President Athletics

Jake Chevrier Vice President Internal Relations

Cassandra Ecclestone Vice President Marketing

Hunter Markle Vice President External

Paulo Cardosa Vice President Social

Christina Meredith Manager of Student Leadership

Amiee Conklin Director

Samuel Halloran Director

Priyank Padhar Director

Yolanda Bethencourt Director

**Regrets**:

Smilepreet Kaur Director

1. Call to Order:

**Motion number (y/m/d/#):** 2016/08/18/01

**BIRT** GCSA opens today’s meeting to at 5:14 PM

**Mover: Jake**

**Seconder: Cassandra**

**For: 9**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**

**Motion Carried:** Unanimous

1. Quorum Check:
2. Acceptance of Agenda:

**Motion number (y/m/d/#):** 2016/08/18/02

**BIRT** GCSA Approve Today’s Agenda

**Mover: Yolanda**

**Seconder: Sam**

**For: 9**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**

**Motion Carried:** Unanimous

1. Acceptance of Minutes :

**Motion number (y/m/d/#):** 2016/08/18/03

**BIRT** GCSA approves minutes dated August 11th, 2016

**Mover: Priyank**

**Seconder: Cassandra**

**For: 9**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions: 0**

**Motion Carried:** Unanimous

1. Guest Speakers:
2. New Business:
3. On-going Business:

Other youth and community partners will also be supporting with the fund raiser

Great opportunity for current and future student

Suggestion to put $ 25,000.00 from reserves

Helps avoid risk, accelerate project, and still we can help with fund raisers

Since council changes every year, this will help establish a relation

Commitment can be established; since upcoming councils might not feel comfortable and can revoke the commitment.

Comes from reserves and not from any allotted budget and hence will not affect regular GCSA functioning

The cause is very justified and required for the betterment of students

Christina: With increasing mental health issues, it is a vital cause

Sam: Contribution is worthwhile so long as we have funds, with a suggestion of lending money without interest

Hunter: Mandatory to partner a fundraising event in return of the donations and increase volunteering opportunities: e.g. dance, prom for patients

Priyank: Not comfortable with enforcing this on the next council, educating them is important; however it depends upon them if they want to take it or not.

Hellena: Volunteering opportunities are good however privacy issues might be a concern, interest free loans is good, however since RVH is government funded institute, repayment procedure could be something difficult to figure out.

Jake: Explaining student body the reason for the donation is a key for transparency and it is also their money and also what are we going to do to bring the money back.

Cass: Donating money into the community is necessary for future students. However, with the amount and donating it upfront might not showcase council as a considerate one and can bounce back

Hunter: Focus on combating the stigma and doing recreational events. It will help current students. It affects every student directly and indirectly.

Paulo: Looking volunteers from right department is the key. GCSA club where we can dress up and surprise and make victimized student happy and later grow the project

Christina: We should also focus on mitigating the root cause of mental health also. It is really easy to give money; it is difficult to focus on eliminating them.

Sam: Do a survey and ask students what stressed them most.

Priyank: Donation stands for full financial support and not something that needs to be paid back, it is our responsibility.

Paulo: Meeting with Catherine Drea to set up and design such surveys

Sam: Survey – top 10 things that stressed you

Jake: Internal Audits another good way to combat it. Contact mental health board and do surveys and audits.

Christina: Quality Assurance Board audits the college. Faculty surveys are done, we can ask the head person to give a briefing about it. We should have this in a written format and presented to senior leadership team before going ahead with it. Also being mindful of the coming expenditure

Jake: Understanding how budget works is important, we need facts and sheets to understand if we can afford it or not. If enrollment rates are going to be low, our expected budget will also be low.

Hunter: Emphasis is on fund raising, despite of our donation, we will contribute back.

Sarah Ingram will be contacted and Mental Health coordinator for more education, surveys and much more.

Yolanda: How students will benefit? Direct or indirect?

Jake: Helping solve problem at young age can help future students at right time.

Hunter: Mental health meeting with GCSA council just to generate ideas.

Avery: The motion will be passed after consultation with Senior Leadership Team.

**Motion number (y/m/d/#):** 2016/08/04

**BIRT** GCSA will provide a donation to RVH for a total/maximum of $ 25,000.00

for the Child and Youth Mental Health Program. This will be a onetime payment during the 2016-17 term, and will be withdrawn from GCSA reserve.

**Tabled for August 25th, 2016 GCSA Meeting.**

1. Next Meeting: August 25th, 2016 at 4:00 PM in K323.
2. Adjournment:

**Motion number (y/m/d/#):** 2016/08/05

**BIRT** GCSA adjourns today’s meeting at: 6:25 PM

**Mover: Kavisha**

**Seconder: Hunter**

**For: 9**

**Against: 0**

**Abstentions:** 0

**Motion Carried:** Unanimous