



society of graduate & professional students
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 27

AGENDA

Society of Graduate and Professional Students' Council

Local 27 of the Canadian Federation of Students

Tuesday, April 10th, 2012, 5:30pm

McLaughlin Room, JDUC

1. Presentations

2. Adoption of the Agenda & Minutes

MOTION

04/10/12:1

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT the agenda for the April 10th, 2012 Council Meeting be adopted.

MOTION

04/10/12:2

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

BIRT the minutes for the SGPS General Meeting of March 27th, 2012 be accepted.

3. Executive and Speaker Reports

- a. President – Matthew Scribner (report attached)
- b. VP Graduate – Becky Pero (report attached)
- c. VP Professional – Annie Clifford (no report)
- d. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Matthew Shultz (report attached)
- e. VP Finance & Services – Jillian Burford-Grinnell (report attached)
- f. Speaker – Eric Rapos (report attached)

MOTION

04/10/12:3

Moved: Annie Clifford (vpp@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Executive and Speaker Reports be accepted.

4. Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

- a. Graduate Student Senator – Terry Bridges (no report)
- b. Graduate Student Trustee – Benjamin Grant (no report)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
 - i. Social Commissioner – Abdullah Abunafeesa (no report)
 - ii. Communications Commissioner – Sean Richards (report attached)
 - iii. Equity Commissioner: Robin Westland (report attached)
 - iv. International Students’ Affairs Commissioner: Vacant (no report)
- e. Other Reports
 - i. Equity Coordinator – Aliya Kassam (no report)
 - ii. International Students’ Affairs Coordinator: Holly McIndoe (no report)
 - iii. Sustainability Coordinator – Samantha Tavenor (no report)
 - iv. Athletics Coordinator – Meaghan Frauts (report attached)
 - v. Logistics Coordinator – Chris Groten (no report)
 - vi. Planning Coordinator – Cassandra Kuyvenhoven (no report)
 - vii. Rector – Nick Francis (no report)
 - viii. Chief Returning Officer – Mikhail Kellawan (report attached)
 - ix. Departmental Reports

MOTION

04/10/12:4

Moved: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

BIRT the Senator, Board of Trustees, Commissioner, Committee and Other Reports be accepted.

5. Question Period/Departmental Issues

6. Business Arising From the Minutes

MOTION

04/10/12:5

Moved:

Seconded:

WHEREAS the CRO performed unsatisfactorily, especially in regards to advertising the nominations period and the voting period; and

WHEREAS the CRO did not prepare a report to council following the executive election and referendum; and

WHEREAS the CRO did not prepare a motion to ratify the results of the executive election and referendum; and

WHEREAS the CRO is directly responsible to council; and

WHEREAS the CRO is paid by stipend at the end of their term based on performance,

BIRT SGPS Council agrees that \$300 of Mikhail Kellawan's honoraria for CRO be withheld.

MOTION

04/10/12:6

Moved: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

Whereas the SGPS General Meeting approved the creation of an ad hoc committee for the policy review for overseeing Officers of Council, and

Whereas the SGPS General Meeting determined that the composition of the ad hoc committee would be determined at the April Council Meeting,

BIRT that <insert name here> serve as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for Policy Review Concerning Overseeing of the Officers of Council;

BIRFT that the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Policy Review Concerning Overseeing of the Officers of Council will be: <insert desired number of names here>.

MOTION

04/10/12:7

Moved: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Whereas graduate departments at Queen’s are increasingly using progress reports to document students’ movement through degree requirements and thesis research;

Whereas consistent and clear communication between graduate students and supervisors, and/or supervisory committees, and/or graduate departments is essential to the academic success of Masters and PhD candidates;

Whereas progress reports offer one method for students to communicate with supervisors and/or committees, and vice-versa; and

Whereas graduate students may also be evaluated according to the information supplied by the student and the supervisor and/or committee in progress reports; then

BIRT SGPS Council approve the addition of P.X Policy Reports, as seen in Appendix 1, to SGPS Policy.

BIFRT the policy be shared with the School of Graduate Studies and graduate student departments;

BIFRT the SGPS advocate on behalf of any student whose progress report is unjustly used against them;

7. Main Motions

MOTION

04/10/12:8

Moved: Becky Pero (vpg@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Jillian Burford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Whereas in 1994, the Ontario government disqualified international students from the Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP); and

Whereas international students must now pay private health insurance fees through the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) that are more than \$650 a year, and students with two or more dependents can be required to pay nearly \$3,000 a year in mandatory hospital insurance fees; and

Whereas in some instance such fees have increase by more than 30 per cent in a single year; and

Whereas international students already pay tuition fees that are more than double when compared to fees charged to domestic students for the same education; and

Whereas Ontario's 38,000 international students pay provincial taxes and contribute \$2 million to the provincial economy each year, but do not receive health care like all Ontario residents;

Whereas the SGPS Council has previously expressed concern regarding this issue; therefore

BIRT Council endorses a letter (as seen in Appendix 2), addressed to Principal Woolf, to encourage his awareness and more active involvement on the issue of health care costs for international students, and to further advocate for the extension of OHIP to international students.

BIFRT the SGPS International Team meet with Principal Woolf and present a copy of the letter.

MOTION

04/10/12:9

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council Elect <insert name here> as the SGPS Chief Returning Officer (CRO) for the 2012-2013 term.

MOTION

04/10/12:10

Moved: Matthew Scribner (president@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Matthew Shultz (vpcca@sgps.ca)

BIRT SGPS Council Elect <insert name here> as the SGPS Speaker for the 2012-2013 term.

8. Other Business

9. Notice of Motions & Announcements

- a. Reports and Motions for the next SGPS Council Meeting are due on Tuesday May 1st, 2012.
- b. The next SGPS Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8th, 2012.

10. Adjournment

MOTION

04/10/12:11

Moved: Jillian Buford-Grinnell (vpfs@sgps.ca)

Seconded: Terry Bridges (senator@sgps.ca)

BIRT the SGPS Council Meeting be adjourned.

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Attached:

March GM Minutes

April Reports

April Attendance