



Agenda

January 17, 2017 - 5:30pm

Robert Sutherland Room, John Deutsch University Centre

The Society of Graduate and Professional Students recognizes the traditional and ancestral territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations on whose lands we gather on today.



Presentations

None.



Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes

- A. Adoption of the Agenda** **MOTION 01/17/17:1**
BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Agenda for the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting.
- B. Adoption of the Council Minutes (December Council)** **MOTION 01/17/16:2**
[SEE ATTACHED MINUTES]
BIRT SGPS Council adopt the Minutes for the December 13th, 2016 Council Meeting.



Executive & Speaker Reports

- A. Executive Reports**
- a. President – Saba Farbodkia (report attached)
 - b. VP Graduate – Sebastian Gorlewski (no report submitted)
 - c. VP Professional – Kishan Lakhani (report attached)
 - d. VP Finance & Services – Stuart Clark (no report submitted)
 - e. VP Campaigns & Community Affairs – Anastasiya Boika (report attached)
- B. Speaker Report**
- a. Speaker – Jennifer Williams (report attached)
- C. Approval** **MOTION 01/17/17:3**
BIRT SGPS Council approve the Executive and Speaker Reports.



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Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports

- A. **Senator Report** – Graduate Student Senator – Ciara Bracken-Roche (report attached)
- B. **Trustee Report** – Graduate Student Trustee – Adam Ali (no report)
- C. **Commissioner Reports**
 - a. Athletics Commissioner – Lindsay Ruitter (report attached)
 - b. Equity & Diversity Commissioner – Tahseen Chowdhury (report attached)
 - c. International Students Affairs Commissioner – Chiedza Pasipanodya (report attached)
 - d. Social Commissioner – Yann Grand-Clement (report attached)
- D. **Committee Reports**
- E. **Other Reports**
 - a. University Rector – Cam Yung (oral report)
 - b. Chief Returning Officer – Vacant

F. **Approval**

MOTION 01/17/17:4

BIRT SGPS Council approve the Senator, Trustee, Commissioner, Committee & Other Reports.



Question Period & Departmental Issues



Business Arising from the Minutes

A. **SGPS Chief Returning Officer**

MOTION 01/17/17:5

BIRT SGPS Council elect Anne Macgregor as the Chief Returning Officer for the remainder of the 2016-17 year.



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Main Motions

A. **(New) Motion to Council – Election Petition Numbers Housekeeping**
MOTION 01/17/17:6

BIRT Policy P.1.2.4.e.b.i.3 Establishing, Increasing and Renewing Student Activity Fees is amended to read:

*A petition that specifies the Fee to be established and bears the signatures of at least **100** ordinary Society members, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in B.10 and P.9, delivered to the CRO;*

From what is currently written:

*A petition that specifies the Fee to be established and bears the signatures of at least **7.5%** of ordinary Society members, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in B.10 and P.9, delivered to the CRO;*

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BIFRT this policy takes effect immediately and is not grandfathered in.



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B. SGPS Elections & Student Fee Referendum 2017

MOTION 01/17/17:7

BIRT SGPS Council approve the following SGPS Elections & Student Fee Referendum dates, fees, and nomination package.

Election & student fee referendum dates:

Wednesday, January 18th - Nominations Opens (9:30am)
Wednesday, January 25th - Advertisement of Uncontested Positions (noon)
Wednesday, February 1st - Nominations Close (3:00pm)
Thursday, February 2nd - Special Council Meeting 5:30pm-6:00pm (approx.) McLaughlin Room, JDUC for referendum questions approval
Friday, February 3rd - All Candidates Meeting (3pm - McLaughlin Room, JDUC)
Saturday, February 4th - Campaign Period Begins (at 12:00 AM)
Wednesday, February 15th - All Candidates Debate (5:30pm - MacCorry B201)
Wednesday, February 15th - Campaign Period Ends (at 11:59 PM)
Thursday, February 16th - Voting Begins
Friday, February 17th - Voting Ends (at 4:00 PM)

Campaign Spending Limits:

P.9.8.f: "The maximum amount that can be spent on campaign activities by any candidate or by the referendum committees on one side of a referendum question is \$100. All funds spent by candidates will be reimbursed to the candidate by the SGPS at the conclusion of the campaign. No reimbursement will be given to referendum committees."

Election nomination package:

Please find attached the (**revised**) election package for the 2017 SGPS elections.

Student fee referendum nomination package:

Please find attached the referendum package for the 2017 SGPS student fee referendum.



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VIII.

Other Business

A. Discussion: SGPS Mental Health & Resources Survey Questions

Please see below a message from Deba Hafizi – Research Assistant in the SGPS regarding the Graduate Level Mental Health Survey. The first portion of this message is a blurb that will appear at the beginning of the survey. The second portion are five questions that they would like your feedback on.

The SGPS is conducting a Graduate Level Mental Health Survey, in order to gain a better understanding of the mental health status and well being at the graduate level and the resources that can be provided to help optimize mental well-being. Your answers to this survey will help us understand how to improve existing resources and if new resources need to be implemented for graduate students at Queen's. Your answers will remain anonymous and confidential. This survey will take about 5 to 10 minutes of your time. Thank you for your participation.

12. Which of the following resources and services have you used in the past academic year. Select all that apply

- Health Services
- Counselling Services
- SGPS Student Advisor program
- SGPS Student Handbook
- Expanding Horizons Workshops
- SGS Habitat portal
- Student Wellness Services
- Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgender Youth Line
- Good2Talk: Post-Secondary Student Mental Health Helpline



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13. Of the resources and services utilized how satisfied were you with your overall experience

	Very not satisfied	Not satisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N/A
Health Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Counselling Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SGPS Student Advisor Program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SGPS Student Handbook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expanding Horizons Workshops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SGS Habitat Portal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student Wellness Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lesbian, Gay, Bi and Transgender Youth Line	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good2Talk: Post-Secondary Student Mental Health Helpline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Comment on how you think that these resources can be improved

Example "Good2talk: more accessible hours"

15. What resources and services (not already mentioned) do you feel would help to optimize mental well-being as a Graduate or Professional Student?

16. In your opinion..

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Having a Fall Reading Week be conducive to mental well-being at the Graduate level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Is there anything we have not asked about that you would like to comment on ?



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Notices of Motion & Announcements

- A. The SGPS Winter General meeting will be on February 15th at 5:30pm (location **MacCorry B201**)
- B. The next Council meeting will be February 28th at 5:30 PM (location **Walter Light Hall 201**). Motions for the January Council meeting are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, February 21st.



Adjournment

A. **Adjournment**

Motion 01/17/17:8

BIRT this meeting of SGPS Council be adjourned.